

<p>The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 14th day of December, 2010 at 6:06 p.m. with the following members present: Chairperson Paul Bailey, Commissioners Laurie Westerlund, J. Mark Wedel, and Galen “Tweet” Tveit. Commissioner Brian Napstad was not present. Also present were County Administrator Patrick Wussow, County Auditor Kirk Peysar, H&HS Director Tom Burke, Environmental Services Director Terry Neff, Sheriff Scott Turner, County Treasurer Lori Grams, County Recorder Diane Lafferty, County Engineer John Welle, County Attorney Jim Ratz, Economic Development Coordinator Ross Wagner, MIS Coordinator Steve Bennett and Administrative Assistant Sue Bingham.</p>	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p>
<p>Patrick Wussow, County Administrator explained how the budget is developed for the purpose of Budget & Levy meeting.</p>	<p>EXPLANATION OF BUDGET PROCESS</p>
<p>Kirk Peysar, County Auditor presented information on Aitkin County’s 2011 budget, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Proposed programs and changes from 2010 to 2011Proposed revenuesProposed expendituresProposed effects on fund balanceCosts of wages and benefitsReasons why taxes vary from year to year	<p>BUDGET AND LEVY PRESENTATION</p>
<p>Willie Nordstrom questioned why property taxes don’t decrease when property values decrease. Gordon Prickett asked for an explanation of the tax capacity rate and also asked for an explanation of the Economic Development budget.</p>	<p>PUBLIC COMMENT</p>
<p>Kirk Peysar, County Auditor announced that the County Board will adopt the final levy tonight, December 14, 2010, after the Budget Hearing adjourns and the regular County Board meeting reconvenes.</p>	<p>ADOPTION OF FINAL LEVY</p>
<p>Motion by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Tveit and carried, all members voting yes to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 pm.</p>	<p>ADJOURN</p>
<hr/> <p>Paul Bailey, Chairperson Aitkin County Board of Commissioners</p>	
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