

<p>The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 23rd day of February, 2010 at 10:19 a.m. with the following members present: Chairperson Paul Bailey, Commissioners Galen “Tweet” Tveit, Brian Napstad, Laurie Westerlund, J. Mark Wedel, County Administrator Patrick Wussow, and Deputy Recorder Sue Bingham.</p>	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p>
<p>Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Wedel and carried, all members voting yes to approve the February 23, 2010 amended agenda. Added 3.5 for Land Department, Resolution - Federal Recreation Trail Grant – Phase 2 of the Northwoods Regional ATV/OHV Trail System.</p>	<p>APPROVED AGENDA</p>
<p>Motion by Commissioner Tveit, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to acknowledge the February 9, 2010 County Board minutes and the February 9, 2010 Committee of the Whole minutes.</p>	<p>ACKNOWLEDGE MINUTES</p>
<p>Motion by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voting yes, to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: A) Correspondence File: February 9, 2010 – February 22, 2010; B) Approve County Board Minutes: January 26, 2010; C) Approve Auditor Warrants for Sales & Use Tax: General Fund \$404.16, Road & Bridge \$1,069.31, Health & Human Services \$19.24, State \$7,949.50, Trust \$7.15, Forest Development \$-0.15, Long Lake Conservation Center \$75.57 for a total of \$9,524.78; D) Approve Out-Of-State Travel Request for Joseph Majerus, Land Department; E) Approve MN State Auditor – 2009 Audit Contract; F) Approve Fire Protection Contract – City of McGrath for Unorg 45-24 G) Approve Fire Protection Contract – City of Hill City for Unorg 1-27, 52-25 and 52-57; H) Approve Renewal of Consumption & Display Permit for Hidden Meadows Campground on Blind Lake; I) Approve Resolution for Exempt Permit – LG220 Wealthwood Rod & Gun Club; J) Approve Resolutions for Grant-in-Aid Trail Applications: Federal Recreation – Tamarack SnoFlyers Club; Capital – Mille Lacs Trails Club, Aitkin Sno Drifters Club & Tamarack SnoFlyers Club; K) Approve Filling Committee Opening – Park Commission, District 1; a) Commissioner Warrants: General Fund \$238,710.96, Road & Bridge \$49,563.93, Health & Human Services \$447.66, Ditch \$200.00, State \$85.00, Trust \$2,523.33, Forest Development \$13,355.25, Long Lake Conservation Center \$4,946.72 for a total of \$309,832.85; b) Manual Warrants: General Fund \$17,414.13, Road & Bridge \$58,004.14, Health & Human Services \$389.79, State \$110,922.28, Long Lake Conservation Center \$220.25 for a total of \$186,950.59; c) Exempt Permit – LG220 – Long Lake Conservation Center.</p>	<p>CONSENT AGENDA</p>
<p>Motion by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Napstad, and carried, all members voting yes to approve the following Renewal of Consumption & Display (Set Up) Permit: Danny J. Volk, dba Hidden Meadows Campground on Blind Lake – Unorg 48-27 Township</p>	<p>SET UP PERMIT HIDDEN MEADOWS</p>
<p>Under the consent agenda a motion for a resolution by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voting yes to approve the exempt permit – form LG220 – Wealthwood Rod & Gun Club.</p>	
<p>BE IT RESOLVED, The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners agrees to approve the Application for Exempt Permit – Form LG220 – of the Wealthwood Rod & Gun Club, at the following location – Wealthwood Rod & Gun Club, which has an address of 23573 420th Place, Aitkin, MN 56431 – Hazelton Township. (Note: Date of activity for Raffle – September 25, 2010)</p>	<p>RESOLUTION 022310-17 EXEMPT PERMIT LG220 WEALTHWOOD ROD & GUN CLUB</p>

Under the Consent Agenda, Commissioner Wedel offered the following resolutions, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voting yes to approve the following Grant-in-Aid Trail Application for Tamarack SnoFlyers Groomer:

WHEREAS, the Tamarack SnoFlyers are applying for a Federal Recreational Trail Program grant for purchasing a 2011 Tucker to groom snowmobile trails in the Aitkin County area,

AND WHEREAS, Aitkin County contracts with the Tamarack SnoFlyers to groom approx. 147 miles of snowmobile trails in Aitkin County through the Grants in Aide snowmobile trail funds,

AND WHEREAS, Aitkin County feels that no undue environmental impact will be created by the purchase of a new groomer,

THEREFORE, be it resolved, that Aitkin County supports the Tamarack SnoFlyers Snowmobile Club’s application for the \$63,748.69 Federal Recreational Trail Program grant, and recognizes the matching requirement on this grant which will be the club’s responsibility.

The fiscal agent for this grant will be the Aitkin County Land Department, Mark Jacobs, Land Commissioner, at 209 2nd St. NW Room 206 Aitkin, Mn. 56431.

**RESOLUTION
022310-18
GRANT-IN-AID
TRAIL
APPLICATION
FOR TAMARACK
SNOFLYERS
GROOMER**

Under the Consent Agenda, Commissioner Wedel offered the following resolutions, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voting yes to approve the following Grant-in-Aid Trail Application for Mille Lacs Trails Snowmobile Club:

WHEREAS, Aitkin County contracts with individual clubs to maintain the snowmobile trails in Aitkin County, and

WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Trails Snowmobile Club has identified major trail work including brushing, removing stumps and trimming limbs on their 105 miles of snowmobile trails that should be done for safety reasons, and

WHEREAS, the trail work is in excess of normal trail maintenance,

THEREFORE, be it resolved, that Aitkin County hereby supports the application for the capital improvement project for the Mille Lacs Trail Snowmobile Club.

**RESOLUTION
022310-19
GRANT-IN-AID
TRAIL
APPLICATION
FOR MILLE LACS
TRAILS
SNOWMOBILE
CLUB**

Under the Consent Agenda, Commissioner Wedel offered the following resolutions, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voting yes to approve the following Grant-in-Aid Trail Application for Aitkin Sno Drifters Snowmobile Club:

WHEREAS, Aitkin County contracts with individual clubs to maintain the snowmobile trails in Aitkin County, and

WHEREAS, the Aitkin Sno Drifters Snowmobile Club has identified a bridge that needs replacing on the trail near the Waukenabo Lake area as the present bridge is in poor repair and for safety purposes, should be replaced rather than just repaired, and

WHEREAS, the replacement of this bridge is in excess of normal trail maintenance,

**RESOLUTION
022310-20
GRANT-IN-AID
TRAIL
APPLICATION
FOR AITKIN SNO
DRIFTERS
SNOWMOBILE**

THEREFORE, be it resolved, that Aitkin County hereby supports the application for the capital improvement project for the Aitkin Sno Drifters Snowmobile Club.

Under the Consent Agenda, Commissioner Wedel offered the following resolutions, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voting yes to approve the following Grant-in-Aid Trail Application for Tamarack SnoFlyers Trail Improvement:

WHEREAS, Aitkin County contracts with individual clubs to maintain the snowmobile trails in Aitkin County, and

WHEREAS, the Tamarack SnoFlyers Snowmobile Club has identified major trail work including brushing, removing stumps and trimming limbs on their 147 miles of snowmobile trails and has identified areas where the work is required for trail safety,

WHEREAS, the trail work is in excess of normal trail maintenance,

THEREFORE, be it resolved, that Aitkin County hereby supports the application for the capital improvement project for the Tamarack SnoFlyers Snowmobile Club

Under the consent agenda a motion for a resolution by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voting yes to approve Exempt Permit – LG220 – Long Lake Conservation Center

BE IT RESOLVED, The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners agrees to approve the Application for Exempt Permit – Form LG220 – of the Long Lake Conservation Foundation, at the following location – Minnesota National Golf Course, which has an address of 23247 480th St., McGregor, MN 55760 – Workman Township. (Note: Date of activity for Raffle – August 15, 2010)

Motion for a resolution by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Tveit and carried, all members voting yes to approve the resolution for Federal Recreation Trail Grant - Phase 2 of the Northwoods Regional ATV/OHV Trail System (formerly known as “the 70-Mile Trail.”)

WHEREAS, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners supports the grant application made to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the Federal Recreation Trail Program. The application is to construct Phase 2 of the Northwoods Regional ATV/OHV Trail System (formerly known as “the 70-Mile Trail”),

WHEREAS, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners recognizes the fifty (50) percent match requirement for the Parks and Trails Legacy Grant Program,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, if Aitkin County is awarded a grant by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Aitkin County agrees to accept the grant award, and may enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota for the above referenced project. Aitkin County will continue the role of fiscal agent for the multi –County project. Aitkin County will comply with all applicable laws, environmental requirements and regulations as stated in the

CLUB

**RESOLUTION
022310-21
GRANT-IN-AID
TRAIL
APPLICATION
FOR TAMARACK
SNOFLYERS
TRAIL
IMPROVEMENT**

**RESOLUTION
021610-16 EXEMPT
PERMIT LLCF**

**RESOLUTION
022310-22
FEDERAL
RECREATION
TRAIL GRANT -
PHASE 2 OF THE
NORTHWOODS
REGIONAL
ATV/OHV TRAIL
SYSTEM**

grant agreement, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Aitkin County hereby assures the Northwoods Regional ATV/OHV Trail System will be maintained for a period of no less than 20 years.

Pat Scollard, Sentence to Service Coordinator, presented to the Board the STS 2009 Year In Review Report.

Kirk Peysar, County Auditor, reviewed with the Board the 2009 Year End Budget.

Motion by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voting yes to approve the following tourism grant recommendation to Aitkin Area Chamber of Commerce for \$2,850.00

Motion by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Napstad with all members voting yes to approve the request for the use of Court House property for a public gathering “Tea Party” for Bill Maxfield on April 15, 2010 from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. per the following agreed upon provisions:

- 5 -50 Gallon Trash Receptacles
- 2 Port-a-Potties
- No Grilling or fire
- 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. time frame
- No Pets/Alcohol
- \$500 Bond/ Cash Escrow
- Cover Employee Costs
- Provide Water
- 3 Fire Extinguishers on Hand

Patrick Wussow, County Administrator, presented a personnel committee recommendation to fill the Road & Bridge Accountant Supervisor position. John Welle, County Engineer, addressed the concerns and need to fill the position. Motion by Napstad, seconded by Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to approve the staff recommendation to fill the Account Supervisor position.

Another recommendation was brought to the board to fill the Administrator’s Administrative Assistant position. Patrick Wussow, County Administrator, addressed the concerns and need to fill the position. Motion by Tveit, seconded by Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to approve the staff recommendation to fill the Administrative Assistant position.

During the meeting, the Board heard updates on the following committees: i) CHS, ii) Arrowhead Co, iii) ARDC, iv) Lakes and Pines, v) Snake River, vi) CMCC, vii) DAC, viii) HRA, ix) Ball Bluff Twp, x) BWSR, xi) BMC, xii)AEOA, xiii) MHB, xiv) Park Board, xv) Trails Committee, xvi) Nemojet, xvii) Forest Advisory, xviii) AMC.

STS 2009 YEAR IN REVIEW REPORT

2009 YEAR END BUDGET REVIEW

TOURISM GRANT APPROVAL

APPROVE USE OF COURTHOUSE PROPERTY FOR TEA PARTY ON APRIL 15TH

AUTHORIZE FILLING POSITIONS

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Motion by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to adjourn the meeting at 12:20 p.m. until Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURN

Paul Bailey, Chairperson
Aitkin County Board of Commissioners

Patrick Wussow, County Administrator