

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 8th day of March, 2016 at 9:05 a.m. with the following members present: Chairperson J. Mark Wedel, Commissioners Laurie Westerlund, Don Niemi, and Brian Napstad. Commissioner Anne Marcotte was absent. County Administrator Nathan Burkett, and Administrative Assistant Sue Bingham were also present.

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried (4-0 Marcotte absent), all members voting yes to approve the March 8, 2016 agenda.

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried (4-0 Marcotte absent), all members voting yes to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: A) Correspondence File: February 23, 2016 to March 7, 2016; B) Approve County Board Minutes: February 23, 2016; C) Approve Consumption & Display Permit – Hidden Meadows Campground; D) Adopt Resolution: LG220 Exempt Permit The Ruffed Grouse Society; E) Approve Affidavit for Duplicate of Lost Municipal Order or Warrant: Cheryl Bruss, Warrant #65834, dated 1-15-2016, in the amount of \$37.00; F) Accept \$100.00 Donation to STS from Aitkin Public Utilities Commission; G) Approve Donation of Two Out-of-Service Light Bars to Crow Wing County Mounted Patrol from Aitkin County Sheriff's Office; H) Approve Vehicle Purchase – Sheriff's Office; I) Approve Recycling Agreement Extensions; J) Approve Commissioner Warrants: General Fund \$89,002.28; Road & Bridge \$59,278.42; Special Revenue \$13,121.10; Trust \$3,205.95; Forest Development \$8,231.88; Agency \$2,875.51; Long Lake Conservation Center \$9,405.79; Parks \$4,639.34 for a total of \$189,760.27.

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried (4-0 Marcotte absent), all members voting yes to approve the following Renewal of Consumption & Display (Set-up) Permit:

Danny J. Volk, d/b/a Hidden Meadows Campground on Blind Lake – Unorg 48-27 Twp.

Under the consent agenda, motion for a resolution by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried (4-0 Marcotte absent), all members voting to adopt resolution – LG220 Exempt Permit The Ruffed Grouse:

BE IT RESOLVED, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners agrees to approve the Application for Exempt Permit – Form LG220 – of the Ruffed Grouse Society / Aitkin Chapter, at the following location – The Landing, which has an address of 170 Southgate Drive, Aitkin, MN 56431 – Aitkin Township. (Note: Date of activity for Raffle – September 15, 2016)

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried (4-0 Marcotte absent), all members voting yes to approve the budgeted purchase of the following vehicles for the Sheriff's Office:

- Three (3) 2016 Ford Interceptors (Taurus) from Ranger GM at \$24,204.00 ea.
- One (1) 2016 Ford Utility (SUV) from Nelson Auto Center for \$27,179.55

CALL TO ORDER

**APPROVED
AGENDA**

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

**CONSUMPTION &
DISPLAY
(SET-UP) PERMIT
HIDDEN
MEADOWS**

**RESOLUTION
20160308-0xx
LG220 EXEMPT
PERMIT THE
RUFFED GROUSE**

**NEW VEHICLE
PURCHASE –
SHERIFF'S
OFFICE**

<p>Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried (4-0 Marcotte absent), all members voting yes to approve one year extensions to the recycling agreements with Garrison Disposal and J&H Transfer, ending December 31, 2017.</p>	<p>RECYCLING AGREEMENT EXTENSIONS</p>
<p>Representatives from MnDOT District 1 in Duluth, and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) discussed their programs with the Board.</p>	<p>MnDOT & TAP PRESENTATION</p>
<p>John Welle, County Engineer reviewed the 2016 Summary of Contracts for Highway Construction and Maintenance. Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried (4-0 Marcotte absent), all members voting yes to approve the 2016 Summary of Contracts for Highway Construction and Maintenance.</p>	<p>2016 SUMMARY OF CONTRACTS FOR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT</p>
<p>Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried (4-0 Marcotte absent), all members voting yes to accept the Ordinance Committee's recommendation to establish an annual license fee of \$500 for a combination wine/strong beer license, and to adopt resolution – Combination Wine/Strong Beer License:</p>	<p>WINE/STRONG BEER LICENSE</p>
<p>WHEREAS, M.S. 340A.404 Subd 5 authorizes the Board of Commissioners to adopt an ordinance enabling establishments who hold both an On-Sale Wine License and On-Sale 3.2 Beer License to sell intoxicating malt liquor at on-sale without an additional license, and</p>	<p>RESOLUTION 20160308-0XX COMBINATION WINE/STRONG BEER LICENSE</p>
<p>WHEREAS, in accordance with M.S. 375.51, a Public Hearing was held on July 14, 2015 regarding adoption of said ordinance.</p>	
<p>NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of Aitkin County, Minnesota, approves an ordinance enabling a holder of an On-Sale Wine License and On-Sale 3.2 Beer License and whose gross receipts are at least 60 percent attributable to the sale of food, to sell intoxicating malt liquor at a fee as established by the County Board.</p>	
<p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this ordinance is to become effective upon publication and approval by the County Attorney.</p>	
<p>On Tuesday, February 9, 2016 a Public Hearing was held for Riverwood Healthcare Center Refinancing Project. The request is for Riverwood Healthcare Center to use Aitkin County's bank qualified, tax-exempt bonding authority for a portion of their refinancing project. After further discussion at today's meeting, the County Board noted that we may have our own need for bonding in order to address security and facilities. Motion by Commissioner Niemi, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried (4-0 Marcotte absent), all members voting to deny the request and proposed resolution.</p>	<p>RIVERWOOD HEALTHCARE CENTER REFINANCING PROJECT</p>
<p>Nathan Burkett, County Administrator updated the Board on the most recent developments concerning Community Corrections. At the March 22nd County Board meeting the Board will decide whether Aitkin County will contract with Department of Corrections (DOC) for probation services, establish a County Probation Office (CPO), or</p>	<p>COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS</p>

enter into a Joint Powers Agreement under MN Statute Chapter 401 and continue on as a Community Corrections Act (CCA).

The Board reported on the following: State General Tax Meeting at Sunrise Café, ATV, NE Waste Advisory Committee, Economic Development, CARE Board, Aitkin Airport, Historical Society, and Sobriety Court.

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried (4-0 Marcotte absent), all members voting yes to adjourn the meeting at 12:26 p.m. until Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

**COMMITTEE
UPDATES**

ADJOURN

J. Mark Wedel, Chairperson
Aitkin County Board of Commissioners

Nathan Burkett, County Administrator