

# AITKIN COUNTY BOARD

March 14, 2017

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 14th day of March, 2017 at 9:02 a.m. with the following members present: Board Chair J. Mark Wedel, Commissioners Laurie Westerlund, Don Niemi, Bill Pratt, Anne Marcotte, County Administrator Jessica Seibert and Administrative Assistant Sue Bingham.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve the March 14, 2017 amended agenda. Consent Agenda Item 2J – Ratify Teamsters Supervisory Unit 2017-2018 Agreement, and Regular Agenda Item – Senator Ruud and Representative Lueck Conference Call, were removed. Senator Ruud and Representative Lueck were called into Session and will reschedule their Conference Call on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

**APPROVED AGENDA**

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Pratt and carried, all members voting yes to approve the amended Consent Agenda as follows: A) Correspondence File: February 28, 2017 to March 13, 2017; B) Approve Special Meeting Minutes: February 23, 2017; C) Approve County Board Minutes: February 28, 2017; D) Approve Commissioner Warrants: General Fund \$71,490.47, Road & Bridge \$37,725.22, Special Revenue \$12,058.45, Health & Human Services \$1,279.07, Trust \$6,032.01, Forest Development \$10,255.64, Long Lake Conservation Center \$7,040.91, Parks \$3,399.21 for a total of \$149,280.98; E) Approve Auditor Warrants - Highway Department Contract Payment: Road & Bridge \$22,764.13; F) Approve February Manual Warrants: General Fund \$14,940.72, Road & Bridge \$62.00, Health & Human Services \$8,055.83, State \$40,048.68, Forest Development \$271.36, Long Lake Conservation Center \$1,296.75 for a total of \$64,675.34; G) Approve Consumption & Display Permit - Hidden Meadows Campground; H) Approve Fire Protection Contracts with City of Hill City Fire Department; I) Accept Donations to the Veterans Office; K) Approve Quotes for ATV's - Land Department; L) Approve Affidavit for Duplicate of Lost Warrant #106373, dated January 24, 2017, to Shopko Store, in the amount of \$46.00

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Pratt and carried, all members voting yes to approve the following Renewal of Consumption & Display (Set Up) Permit:

**CONSUMPTION & DISPLAY PERMIT  
HIDDEN MEADOWS  
CAMPGROUND**

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

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Pratt and carried, all members voting to accept the following donations raised at the Cast-A-Ways Cares event for the Aitkin County Veterans Office:

**DONATIONS TO  
VETERANS  
SERVICE OFFICE**

\$ 500.00 Mille Lacs Drift Skippers Snowmobile Club  
\$ 100.00 Sandelands Realty  
\$1,920.00 from proceeds from the fund raiser  
\$2,520.00 Total

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Pratt and carried, all members voting yes to approve quotes from Farm Island Repair and Marine for the budgeted purchase of two 2017 CF Moto CForce 400

**ATV PURCHASE -  
LAND DEPT.**

ATV's at a cost of \$9,598.00 - Land Department.

John McDonald and Steve Voss, MnDOT Representatives from District 1 and 3, reviewed the proposed 2017-2021 Area Transportation Improvement Program with the Board, and Andy Hubley, ARDC, discussed the Aitkin County Transportation Alternatives Program with the Board.

**MnDOT / ARDC  
PRESENTATION**

Mark Jacobs, Land Commissioner discussed with the Board the difficulties loggers experienced due to periods of unusually warm/wet weather this season. Motion by Commissioner Niemi, seconded by Commissioner Pratt and carried, all members voting to grant a free, one-year extension on timber permits due to expire on March 15, 2017; including permits that have previously been extended.

**TIMBER PERMITS  
EXTENSION**

Curt Lugert, ANGELS Executive Director reviewed the ANGELS program with the Board and answered questions.

**ANGELS**

Sheriff Scott Turner gave a PowerPoint presentation to the Board which provided an overview of the responsibilities, functions, and partnerships of the Sheriff's Office.

**SHERIFF'S  
OFFICE  
POWERPOINT**

The Board discussed NCLUCB, Natural Resources Advisory Board, Library, Mille Lacs Watershed, CARE, Aitkin Airport, Sobriety Court, TZD, Sports & Commerce Show, and Aitkin County Emergency Preparedness.

**BOARD  
DISCUSSION**

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Pratt and carried, all members voting to adjourn the meeting at 12:24 p.m. until Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

**ADJOURN**

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J. Mark Wedel, Board Chair  
Aitkin County Board of Commissioners

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Jessica Seibert, County Administrator