

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 14th day of April, 2020 at 9:03 a.m. at the Aitkin Government Center with the following members present: Commissioner J. Mark Wedel, County Administrator Jessica Seibert, and Administrative Assistant Angie Sahr. Attending via Webex: Board Chair William Pratt, Commissioners Laurie Westerlund, Donald Niemi, and Anne Marcotte.

Motion made by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all voting yes to approve the April 14, 2020 amended agenda. Item 4B was added – Application to Make Retail Sales of Cigarette & other Tobacco Products – Willey's Sport Shop.

There was no Citizens' Public Comment

Motion by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to approve the Consent Agenda as follows. A) Correspondence File March 25, 2020 to April 13, 2020; B) Approve March 24, 2020 County Board Minutes; C) Approve Electronic Funds Transfers \$764,697.81; D) Approve Auditor Vouchers: General Fund \$715.49, Road & Bridge \$94,882.05, Health & Human Services \$347.65, Trust \$80.62, for a total of \$96,025.81; E) Approve Auditor Vouchers – Land Dept Truck: Parks \$38,331.64; F) Approve Auditor Vouchers – Contegrity: Capital Project \$191,982.95; G) Approve Commissioner Vouchers: General Fund \$105,658.94, Reserves Fund \$4,005.15, Road & Bridge \$53,892.83, Health & Human Services \$11,904.21, State \$6,605.40, Trust \$4,748.06, Forest Development \$736.57, Capital Project \$12,851.50, Long Lake Conservation Center \$6,514.59, Parks \$24,358.67 for a total of \$231,275.92; H) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections – Elan paid 3/5/20: General Fund \$6,211.77, Road & Bridge \$19.99, Health & Human Services \$2,794.34, Trust \$536.60, Forest Development \$31.97, Capital Project \$952.87, Long Lake Conservation Center \$1,158.71 for a total of \$11,706.25; I) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections – Elan paid 3/19/20: General Fund \$5,985.01, Health & Human Services \$4,491.01, Long Lake Conservation Center \$95.56 for a total of \$10,571.58; J) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections: General Fund \$7,001.47, State \$40,903.79, Long Lake Conservation Center \$201.75 for a total of \$48,107.01; K) Approve Affidavit for Duplicate of Lost Warrant: Warrant #78877 dated June 20, 2019 to Town of White Pine for \$2,101.98; L) Approve Fire Protection Contracts; M) Adopt Resolution: Search & Rescue Donation – Pliny Township; N) Adopt Resolution: Application for Grant-in-Aid Funds for Snowmobile and Ski Trails.

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voted to approve Fire Protection Contracts

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voted to approve Resolution for Search & Rescue Donation – Pliny Township

WHEREAS, Aitkin County is generally authorized to accept donations of real and personal property with a 2/3 majority vote pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 465.03 for the benefit of its citizens.

WHEREAS, the following persons and entities have offered to contribute the cash amounts set forth below to the county:

Call to Order

Approved Agenda

Citizens' Public Comment

Consent Agenda

Fire Protection Contracts

Resolution #20200414-047 Search & Rescue Donation – Pliny Township

Pliny Township \$100.00

WHEREAS, the terms or conditions of the donations, if any, are as follows:

Pliny Township Aitkin County Search & Rescue

WHEREAS, all such donations have been contributed to the county for the benefit of its citizens, as allowed by law.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners finds that it is appropriate to accept the donations offered.

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voted to approve Resolution for Application for Grant-in-Aid Funds for Snowmobile and Ski Trails.

WHEREAS, Local units of government can apply for State aide for trail development, maintenance, grooming and administration from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources at the rate of 65% reimbursement of the cost of trail maintenance and 90% reimbursement of costs of grooming, and

WHEREAS, Aitkin County does not have the facilities to maintain the entire trail system in Aitkin County, and

WHEREAS, Snowmobile clubs have maintained these trails in the past, and wish to contract with the County for maintaining trails during the 2020-2021 winter season, and

WHEREAS, these trails benefit the winter recreation, resort, industry, and economy of Aitkin County,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Aitkin County Trail Administrator be authorized to apply for Grants in Aide assistance funds for snowmobile trail maintenance and grooming, and ski trail maintenance and grooming for the following trails.

Aitkin Sno-Drifters Trails
McGrath/Finlayson Trails
Tamarack Trails
Haypoint Trails
Palisade Trails
Mille Lacs Trails
No Achen / LLCC ski trails

Resolution #20200414-048 Application for Grant-in-Aid Funds for Snowmobile and Ski Trails

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Aitkin County Trail Administrator be authorized to contract for the 2020-2021 winter season for the development, maintenance, and

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grooming of the aforementioned trails with each of the corresponding interested clubs.
Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Wedel and carried, all members present voted to approve Application to Make Retail Sales of Cigarette & other Tobacco Products – Minnewawa Partners, LLC, d/b/a Willey's Sport Shop.

Application to Make Retail Sales of Cigarette & Tobacco Prod – Willey's Sport Shop

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Wedel and carried, all members present voted to approve Authorize Temporary Blood Donation Leave.

Authorize Temporary Blood Donation Leave

Motion by Commissioner Niemi, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members present voted to approve to Create/Fill new Accountant position in the Auditor's Office and authorize modification to the organizational structure.

Create/Fill New Accountant Position

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Wedel and carried, all members present voted to approve to Authorize the employer to continue paying its share of the LLC FSC H/L-ins premium thru 5/31/20.

Paying LLCC FSC H/L-Ins. Premiums Thru 5/31/20

Jessica Seibert, County Administrator updated the Board on the following:

County Administrator Updates

- Administrator Updates
- COVID-19 Update – Erin Melz, Public Health Supervisor

The Board discussed: Tri-County Community Health Board, MN Rural Caucus, East Central Regional Library, Northeast MN ATP.

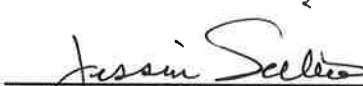
Board Discussion

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members voting yes to adjourn the meeting at 10:41 a.m. until Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at the Aitkin Government Center.

Adjourn



William Pratt, Board Chair
Aitkin County Board of Commissioners



Jessica Seibert
County Administrator