

Aitkin County Transportation Alternatives Discussion

There were 13 applicants vying for \$900,000 in federal funds for 2021. Applications were for scenic rest area improvements, paved trails, and sidewalks associated with Safe Routes to School. There was one application from a community in Aitkin County, a paved trail proposed by the City of Aitkin ("Tank Trail").

The Transportation Alternatives Task Force met on February 9, 2017 to review and score the applications and make their funding recommendations to the Area Transportation Partnership. The Aitkin trail project was not recommended for funding, although it did score quite well.

The projects recommended for funding are both paved trails. \$600,000 has been recommended to be awarded to the Minnesota DNR to construct the Gitchi-Gami State Trail from the eastern terminus of a significant trail segment at Ski Hill Road to Lutsen Town Center. The Task Force liked that the project connected an existing lengthy trail to existing businesses.

The City of Deer River in Itasca County has been recommended to receive \$300,000 in 2021 to construct a paved trail between the High School and the athletic fields north of town. This project was part of a Safe Routes to School effort, but also connects well with neighborhoods.

ARDC is committing to the County and the City of Aitkin that we will work with you to ensure an application to next year's process is the best it can be. If desired, ARDC will, with MnDOT's approval, dedicate a significant portion of FY 2018's Regional Transportation Advisory Committee's planning grant to facilitating a Master Plan for the Aitkin Tank Trail. There would be no cost to the City and County for this planning process. The Master Plan will also improve the trail's chances to get other funding, including the Greater Minnesota Parks and Trails Commission's grants and MnDNR sources. Examples of Master Plans that ARDC has completed can be found at:

<http://www.arrowheadplanning.org/mtbcookcounty/Cook%20County%20Mountain%20Bike%20Trail%20Master%20Plan.pdf>

<http://www.arrowheadplanning.org/mtblakecounty/Lake%20County%20Mountain%20Bike%20Trail%20System%20Master%20Plan%20FINAL.pdf>

<http://www.arrowheadplanning.org/BigFallsCampground/Big%20Falls%20Municipal%20Campground%20Master%20Plan%202016.pdf>



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**MONTHLY STATEMENT OF BUSINESS TRANSACTED IN
OFFICE OF COUNTY RECORDER, AITKIN COUNTY
February 2017**

NATURE OF BUSINESS TRANSACTED	FEES RECEIVED
COUNTY RECORDER FEES	\$40.00
MISC RECEIPTS	
COPIES & C/COPIES	\$1,680.30
NOTARY	\$40.00
TORRENS	\$46.00
TORRENS ASSURANCE	*** 9.2031 \$3.00
COUNTY GENERAL FUND	\$5,640.50
STATE TREASURY GENERAL FUND	*** 9.2036 \$4,105.50
LAND RECORDS COMPLIANCE FUND (UNALLOC)	1-100-195-5529 \$4,301.00
RECORDER TECHNOLOGY FUND	1-100-196-5529 \$3,910.00
COUNTY WELL CERTIFICATE	\$67.50
STATE WELL CERTIFICATE	*** 9.2027 \$382.50
COUNTY DEATH CERTIFICATE	\$340.00
STATE DEATH SURCHARGE	*** 9.2022 \$456.00
COUNTY BIRTH CERTIFICATES	\$287.00
STATE BIRTH SURCHARGE	*** 9.2022 \$140.00
CHILDREN'S SURCHARGE	*** 9.2024 \$105.00
LEGISLATIVE SURCHARGE (144.226 SUBD 3 (b))	*** 9.2036 \$350.00
TOTAL DEPOSIT OF CASH OR CHECKS TO THE AITKIN COUNTY TREASURER	\$21,894.30

RECORDING DONE FOR WHICH NO PAYMENT WAS RECEIVED

VETERANS HONORABLE DISCHARGES	
AITKIN COUNTY	
AITKIN CO ROAD & BRIDGE	\$46.00
OTHERS	\$92.00
TOTAL	\$138.00

Michael T. Moriarty

 Michael T. Moriarty, Aitkin County Recorder

By *Deb C Hoppe, deputy* *2/28/17*

 Deputy DATE

Documents Recorded for Month: 398
 Documents Recorded for Year: 780

Previous Year Statistics
Documents Recorded for Month: 391
Documents Recorded for Year: 1
Last Year's Monthly Deposit: \$21,497.20

