

AITKIN COUNTY BOARD – BUDGET HEARING

December 5, 2017

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 5th day of December, 2017 at 6:07 p.m. in the County Boardroom 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. The following Department Heads were also present: County Auditor Kirk Peysar, County Assessor Mike Dangers, County Attorney Jim Ratz, County Engineer John Welle, County Recorder Mick Moriarty, Sheriff Scott Turner, County Treasurer Lori Grams, Environmental Services Director Terry Neff, and Land Commissioner Mark Jacobs.

Mark Wedel, Board Chair welcomed everyone, gave a brief explanation of what to expect during the Budget Hearing, and noted that the final levy will be adopted at the December 19, 2017 County Board meeting.

Jessica Seibert, County Administrator presented information on Aitkin County's 2018 proposed budget, including:

- Understanding Property Tax Statements (Video)
- 2018 Budget & Levy
- Proposed Tax Statement
- Projected County Property Tax Statement
- Revenues & Expenditures
- Staffing
- Fund Balance

Diane Landstad, Nordland Township and Sharon DeWitt, Palisade voiced their concerns about the increases on their 2018 proposed property taxes, but acknowledged that the majority of their increases were not due to Aitkin County's proposed 2018 levy.

Board Chair J. Mark Wedel thanked everyone for their comments and for attending the Budget Hearing.

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 pm.

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

Jessica Seibert, County Administrator

CALL TO ORDER

**BOARD CHAIR
COMMENTS**

**2018 BUDGET
AND LEVY
PRESENTATION**

PUBLIC COMMENT

THANKS

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