

AITKIN COUNTY BOARD

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May 8, 2018

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 8th day of May, 2018 at 9:02 a.m. with the following members present: Board Chair Anne Marcotte, Commissioners J. Mark Wedel, Laurie Westerlund, Don Niemi, Bill Pratt, County Administrator Jessica Seibert and Confidential Office Assistant Melissa Voitalla.

CALL TO ORDER

Motion by Commissioner Neimi, seconded by Commissioner Wedel and carried, all members voting yes to approve the below additions to the April 24, 2018 amended agenda. Jessica Seibert, County Administrator - added agenda item 3E Government Center Updates, and Anne Marcotte, Board Chair – added agenda item 3F Enbridge

APPROVED AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Pratt and carried, all members voting yes to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: A) Correspondence File: April 24 – May 7, 2018; B) Approve County Board Minutes: April 24, 2018; C) Approve Commissioner Warrants: General Fund \$110,180.37, Road & Bridge \$41,771.76, Health & Human Services \$1,282.99, Debt Service \$29,175.00, Trust \$3,301.55, Forest Development \$1,912.50, Parks \$317.92 for a total of \$187,942.09 D) Accept \$300 Donation to Aitkin County STS from Logan Township; E) Approve Annual Brat Sale; F) Adopt Resolution: Region V+ Adult Mental Health Initiative; G) Adopt Resolution: 2017 Federal Boating Supplemental Equipment Grant Agreement; H) Adopt Resolution: Snowmobile/Ski Trail State GIA Funding; I) Adopt (2) Resolutions: Towards Zero Deaths

CONSENT AGENDA

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Pratt and carried, all members voting yes to approve the American Legion Annual Brat Sale on the Courthouse lawn on May 25, 2018.

ANNUAL BRAT SALE

Under the consent agenda, motion for a resolution by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Pratt and carried, all members voting yes to adopt resolution – Region V+ Adult Mental Health Initiatives:

WHEREAS, the Aitkin County Board is increasingly seeing the impacts of ongoing reductions in state and federal funding for serious mental illness in our community and the resulting increased rates of serious mental illness in child protection cases and in incarcerations in the county jail at rates three to six times higher than the general population;

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REGION V+ADULT
MENTAL HEALTH
INITIATIVE**

WHEREAS, the net effect of these changes is the increasing criminalization of serious mental illness, which reflects an actual change from one kind of institutionally-based care for serious mental illness in which appropriate psychiatric treatment and programming elements were provided in a residential setting to an institutionalized residential setting that is ill-equipped to do the same, which we believe to be a worse system than what we had with the state hospitals;

WHEREAS, without the appropriate treatment and services, people with mental illnesses continue to cycle through the criminal justice system, often resulting in tragic outcomes for these individuals and their families;

WHEREAS, Region V+ Adult Mental Health Initiative (Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison,

Aitkin, Todd and Wadena Counties) takes pride in its responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare, and safety of its residents in efficient and cost-effective ways;

WHEREAS, Region V+ Adult Mental Health Initiative will offer a regional Comprehensive Re-Entry Program in partnership with other key stakeholders that will safely reduce the number of adults with mental illnesses in jails by connecting them to community-based treatment and services.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, THAT THE AITKIN COUNTY BOARD, does hereby sign on to the development of our Comprehensive Re-Entry Program as a regional project of the Adult Mental Health Initiative to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in our county jails. We resolve to: Apply for funding through the National Joint Powers Alliance to begin our regional efforts around safely reducing the number of people with mental illnesses in jails; and Collect and review prevalence numbers and assess individuals' needs to better identify adults entering jails with mental illnesses and their recidivism risk, and use that baseline information to guide decision making at the system, program, and case levels; and Examine treatment and service capacity to determine which programs and services are available in the county for people with mental illnesses and co-occurring substance use disorders, and identify state and local policy and funding barriers to minimizing contact with the justice system and providing treatment and supports in the community; and Develop a plan with measurable outcomes that draws on the jail assessment and prevalence data and the examination of available treatment and service capacity, while considering identified barriers; and Create a process to track progress using data and information systems, and to report on barriers and successes.

Under the consent agenda, motion for a resolution by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Pratt and carried, all members voting yes to adopt resolution – 2017 Federal Boating Supplemental Equipment Grant Agreement:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners approve the 2017 Boat & Water Federal Safety Grant Agreement on file in the Office of the County Auditor and authorize the Aitkin County Sheriff, County Board Chair and County Administrator to sign the agreement in the amount of \$4,246.00 for the term of March 15, 2018 through August 31, 2018.

Under the consent agenda, motion for a resolution by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Pratt and carried, all members voting yes to adopt resolution – Snowmobile/Ski Trail State GIA funding:

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

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FEDERAL
BOATING
SUPPLEMENTAL
EQUIPMENT
GRANT
AGREEMENT**

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SNOWMOBILE/SKI
TRAIL STATE GIA
FUNDING**

contract with the County for maintaining trails during the 2018-2019 winter season;
and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, THAT THE AITKIN COUNTY BOARD, 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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Aitkin county Trail Administrator be authorized to contract for the 2018-2019 winter season for the development, maintenance, and grooming of the aforementioned trails with each of the corresponding interested clubs.

Under the consent agenda, motion for a resolution by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Pratt and carried, all members voting yes to adopt resolution – Towards Zero Deaths:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Aitkin County Board supports the Toward Zero Deaths Coalition.

Under the consent agenda, motion for a resolution by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Pratt and carried, all members voting yes to adopt resolution – Towards Zero Deaths Fiscal Agent Agreement:

WHEREAS, That Towards Zero Deaths enter into a grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, for traffic safety projects during the period from October 1,2018 through September 30, 2019.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Kirk Peysar, Aitkin County Auditor, is hereby authorized to execute such agreements and amendments as are necessary to implement the project on behalf of Toward Zero Deaths and to be the fiscal agent and administer the grant.

Merritt Bussiere, Community Economics Educator, with the Center for Community Vitality at the University of Minnesota Extension office did a presentation on the results of the Local Option Sales Tax review.

Maureen Mishler provided an update to the board on the Aitkin County CARE.

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TOWARDS ZERO
DEATHS**

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TOWARDS ZERO
DEATHS FISCAL
AGENT
AGREEMENT**

**LOCAL OPTIONS
SALES TAX
PRESENTATION**

**AITKIN COUNTY
CARE**

Jessica Seibert, County Administrator discussed the following topics with the board:

- Progress of the Government Center Project
- 2018 1st Quarter Budget Review
- 2019 Budget Parameters

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

Anne Marcotte, Board Chair requested that Enbridge be discussed at the May 22, 2018 Board Meeting and a proposed resolution offering Board support be presented.

ENBRIDGE

Break: 10:31 am to 10:46 am

BREAK

Motion for a resolution by Commissioner Wedel seconded by Commissioner Pratt and carried, all members voting yes to adopt resolution – Public Service Recognition Week:

WHEREAS, the week of May 7 through 13, 2018 has been designated “Public Service Recognition Week”

RESOLUTION 20180508-035 – PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in celebration of Public Service Recognition Week, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners would like to express their sincere gratitude and send a heartfelt thank you to each of the hardworking, dedicated employees of Aitkin County. The Board is proud of our passionate, excellence-driven team of professionals who serve our citizens and guests well every single day, providing quality services and efficient resource management.

The board discussed: McGregor airport meetings, Mille Lacs Watershed, Aitkin County Care Board, Mille Lacs Fisheries, MRC, Enbridge, Clean Water Legacy Bill 4269, No net loss policy, Budget Committee, Organizational Study, Aitkin Airport, AIS, Horse barn, Palisade Community Comprehensive Plan, White House Invite.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Motion by Commissioner Wedel seconded by Commissioner Pratt and carried, all members voting yes to adjourn the meeting at 11:22 a.m. until Thursday May 10, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Boardroom for the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

ADJOURN

Anne Marcotte, Board Chair
Aitkin County Board of Commissioners

Jessica Seibert, County Administrator