

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 24<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2018 at 9:01 a.m., at the Aitkin Library, with the following members present: Board Chair Anne Marcotte, Commissioners J. Mark Wedel, Laurie Westerlund, Don Niemi, Bill Pratt, County Administrator Jessica Seibert and Administrative Assistant Sue Bingham.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Motion by Commissioner Niemi, seconded by Commissioner Wedel and carried, all members voting yes to approve the July 24, 2018 agenda.

**APPROVED  
AGENDA**

**AITKIN COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
July 24, 2018**

**HEALTH & HUMAN  
SERVICES BOARD**

**Attendance**

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 24<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2018, at 9:01 a.m. as the Aitkin County Health & Human Services Board, with the following members present: Board Chair Anne Marcotte, Commissioners Laurie Westerlund, J. Mark Wedel, Don Niemi, and Bill Pratt. Others present included: County Administrator Jessica Seibert, Health & Human Services Director Cynthia Bennett, Accounting Supervisor Carli Goble, Financial Assistance Supervisor Jessi Goble, Public Health Supervisor Erin Melz, Assistant to the County Administrator Sue Bingham, and Guests: Joell Miranda/H&HS Advisory Committee Member, Tiffany Stenglein/Office of Congressman Rick Nolan, Brielle Bredsten/Aitkin Independent Age, and Bob Harwarth/Citizen.

**Agenda**

Motion by Commissioner Pratt, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to approve the July 24, 2018 Health & Human Services Board agenda.

**Minutes**

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve the June 26, 2018 Health and Human Services Board minutes.

**Bills**

Carli Goble, Fiscal Supervisor, presented the bills to the board and noted nothing unusual.

Motion by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve the bills.

**Health & Human Services Director Report, Cynthia Bennett H&HS Director  
Legislative Update**

The 2017-2018 Legislative Session adjourned Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. Several proposals were rolled into the omnibus bill which was vetoed by the Governor. This was positive in some respects and unfortunate in others. Proposals that MACSSA supported that were vetoed included:

1. MNChoices reform
2. The ability for counties to appeal the regional treatment center determination of "hospital level of care"

- 3. Expansion of telemedicine and the ability to bill Medical Assistance for this service
- 4. Elder Care
- 5. Opioid Stewardship Program

Proposals that MACSSA did not support that were vetoed:

- 1. Work requirements for those individuals who are on Medical Assistance. A state released report indicated that the fiscal impact to counties to implement this proposal would be 121.3 million dollars in 2020 and 162.6 million in 2021.

Other significant occurrences:

Mental Health bonding bill was passed with 28.1 million dedicated for behavioral health crisis facility grants and 30 million in appropriations bonds to the MN Housing Finance Agency to support development of permanent housing options for individuals with behavioral health needs.

**Leadership Leverage Sessions at LLCC**

- 1. Cynthia is facilitating the sessions
- 2. The sessions are focused on practical skill development VS philosophy and theory
- 3. Ten staff are participating
- 4. Nine sessions total, one every three weeks
- 5. Staff attending are very appreciative and grateful that Aitkin County Leaders and Commissioners are supportive of this training

**Carli Goble, Accounting Supervisor**

**Financial Reports**

- 1. June 2018 – On track
- 2. Out of Home Placement (OHP) – We are half of where we were last year
- 3. Residential Treatment Center (RTC) – YTD 2018 paid out \$194,960 compared to \$96,735 in 2017
- 4. Overall Budget – On track

**Committee Reports**

**Lakes & Pines Update – Commissioner Niemi**

Discussed audit, and Live Well at Home transportation

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

Next Meeting – August 28, 2018

Break: 9:38 a.m. to 9:55 a.m.

Motion by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Pratt and carried, all members voting yes to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: A) Correspondence File: July 10, 2018 to July 23, 2018; B) Approve County Board Minutes: July 10, 2018; C) Approve County Board Minutes – Emergency Meeting: July 16, 2018; D) Approve Commissioner Warrants: General Fund \$180,434.25, Road & Bridge \$295,896.47, Health & Human Services \$7,867.18, Trust \$18,402.59, Forest Development \$1,361.92, Long Lake Conservation Center \$4,524.43, Parks \$28,171.01 for a total of \$536,657.85 E) Approve Auditor Warrants – Government Center Addition: Debt Service \$129,427.56; F) Approve Auditor Warrants – Sales & Use Tax: General Fund \$617.58, Road & Bridge \$842.11, State \$8,528.50, Trust \$10.16, Long Lake

**HHS BOARD  
ADJOURNS**

**BREAK**

**CONSENT  
AGENDA**

Conservation Center \$121.20, Parks \$317.05 for a total of \$10,436.60; G) Adopt Resolution: LG230 Off-Site Gambling – Isle Lions Club; H) Approve Application to Make Retail Sales of Cigarette & Other Tobacco Products : Dollar General Store – City of McGregor; I) Approve Temporary 3.2 Malt Liquor License – August 25, 2018; J) Approve Temporary 3.2 Malt Liquor License – November 9, 2018; K) Appoint Bruce Groulx to the East Central Regional Library Board

Under the consent agenda, motion for a resolution by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Pratt and carried, all members voting yes to adopt resolution – LG230 Off-Site Gambling – Isle Lions Club:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners agrees to approve the Application to Conduct Off-Site Gambling - Form LG230 - of the Isle Lions Club at the following location – The White Pine Logging Show, 15489 180<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Finlayson, MN 55735 – Williams Township. (Note: Dates of activity for Pull-Tabs and Bingo – August 31, 2018 to September 3, 2018)

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Pratt and carried, all members voting yes to approve the following Application to Sell Tobacco Products for the period ending March 31, 2019:

#29 DG Retail, LLC, d/b/a Dollar General Store #18887 – City of McGregor

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Pratt and carried, all members voting yes to approve the following Temporary On Sale 3.2 Malt Liquor License for August 25, 2018:

ON Sale:  
Jacobson Community Volunteer Fire Dept., d/b/a Jacobson Volunteer Fire Dept – Ball Bluff Township

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Pratt and carried, all members voting yes to approve the following Temporary On Sale 3.2 Malt Liquor License for November 9, 2018:

ON Sale:  
Jacobson Community Volunteer Fire Dept., d/b/a Jacobson Volunteer Fire Dept – Ball Bluff Township

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Pratt and carried, all members voting yes to appoint Bruce Groulx to the East Central Regional Library Board.

Ross Wagner, Economic Development & Forest Industry Coordinator presented applications for Aitkin County Broadband Development Grant from SCI Broadband and Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative, and discussed applying for IRRRB Community

**RESOLUTION  
20180724-052  
LG230 OFF-SITE  
GAMBLING – ISLE  
LIONS CLUB**

**APPLICATION TO  
SELL TOBACCO  
PRODUCTS –  
DOLLAR  
GENERAL STORE**

**TEMPORARY ON  
SALE 3.2 MALT  
LIQUOR LICENSE  
JACOBSON  
COMMUNITY  
VOLUNTEER FIRE  
DEPT**

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VOLUNTEER FIRE  
DEPT**

**ECRL BOARD  
APPOINTMENT**

Infrastructure Grant. Motion for a resolution by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Pratt and carried, all members voting yes to adopt resolution – Aitkin County Broadband IRRRB Grant Application:

**WHEREAS**, Aitkin County has committed \$450,000 towards Broadband Fiber to the Premise (FTTP) Networks in Aitkin County by implementing the Aitkin County Broadband Development Grant, to be paid out in \$150,000 grant awards in 2017, 2018 and 2019, and

**WHEREAS**, for 2017 Aitkin County Broadband Development Grants will provide a FTTP network, servicing 610 homes and businesses, and

**WHEREAS**, Applications for 2018 would result in an additional 785 homes and businesses being eligible for a FTTP network, and

**WHEREAS**, Aitkin County seeks additional funding to assist with the implementation of additional FTTP network opportunities.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Aitkin County will apply for an IRRRB Community Infrastructure Grant for \$150,000 for a FTTP network. Should the application be successful, Aitkin County will accept the funds. The fiscal agent for this grant will be Aitkin County; Contact person, Economic Development and Forest Industry Coordinator, Ross Wagner, authorized signature and agent for Aitkin County shall be Jessica Seibert, Aitkin County Administrator, Aitkin County Courthouse, 217 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NW, Aitkin, MN 56431

Jessica Seibert, County Administrator discussed the following with the Board:

- Payment in Lieu of Taxes Class Action Lawsuit
- Strategic Planning Date
- AMC District 1 Fall Meeting Location
- 2019 Commissioner Budget

Action taken:

Motion by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve completion of the Kane County, Utah v. United States Class Action Lawsuit Opt-In Notice Form, and to authorize County Administrator Jessica Seibert to act as the contact for the lawsuit.

Motion by Commissioner Niemi, seconded by Commissioner Pratt and carried, all members voting yes to approve Strategic Planning Session on August 21, 2018 at Long Lake Conservation Center.

Motion by Commissioner Pratt, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to hold the AMC District 1 Fall meeting at Big Sandy Lodge in McGregor.

Sheriff Scott Turner gave the Board a brief update on flooding and high lake levels.

**RESOLUTION  
20180724-053  
AITKIN COUNTY  
BROADBAND  
IRRRB GRANT  
APPLICATION**

**COUNTY  
ADMINISTRATOR  
DISCUSSION  
ITEMS**

**PAYMENT IN LIEU  
OF TAXES CLASS  
ACTION LAWSUIT**

**STRATEGIC  
PLANNING**

**AMC DISTRICT 1  
FALL MEETING**

**FLOODING  
UPDATE**

The Board discussed: NEMNTAP, BSLWMP, ATV Alliance, McGregor Airport, AIS, ACAT, Planning Commission, CARE, TZD, Aitkin Airport, Snake River, and ARDC.

**BOARD  
DISCUSSION**

Anne Marcotte, Board Chair asked for a moment of silence in memory of John Walters, Aitkin County Equipment Operator.

**MOMENT OF  
SILENCE**

Motion by Commissioner Wedel seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to adjourn the meeting at 11:01 a.m. until Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in Courtroom 3 of the Aitkin County Courthouse.

**ADJOURN**

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Anne Marcotte, Board Chair  
Aitkin County Board of Commissioners

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Jessica Seibert, County Administrator