

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 12th day of February, 2019 at 9:01 a.m., at the Aitkin Public 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 Pratt, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve the February 12, 2019 amended agenda. Agenda Item 4B – Land Commissioner Update, was added and Agenda Item 6C – Organizational Structure Update, was removed.

**APPROVED
AGENDA**

Motion by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: A) Correspondence File: January 22, 2019 to February 11, 2019; B) Approve County Board Minutes: January 22, 2019; C) Approve Electronic Funds Transfers: \$1,623,002.18; D) Approve Fire Protection Contract – City of McGrath; E) Adopt Resolution: MN Housing Finance Agency’s Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program; F) Approve Motor Pool Vehicle Purchase; G) Approve Consumption & Display Permit – Larson’s Barn; H) Approve Consumption & Display Permit – Minnewawa Sportsmen’s Club; I) Adopt Resolution: LG220 Exempt Permit – Lawler Area Community Club; J) Adopt Resolution: LG220 Exempt Permit – Wealthwood Rod and Gun Club; K) Adopt Resolution: Repurchase Application – Partners in Action (PIA); L) Adopt Resolution: Set Public Hearing Date for Land Classification; M) Approve Personnel Policy Update – Lifelock; N) Approve Appointment to HHS Advisory Committee; O) Approve Auditor Warrants – 2018 Nov/Dec Apportionment: Agency \$405,036.19; P) Approve Auditor Warrants – Period 3 Tax Overpays: Taxes & Penalties \$9,811.83; Q) Approve January Manual Warrants: General Fund \$207,178.40, Road & Bridge \$186,296.55, Health & Human Services \$31,322.95, State \$104,335.84, Trust \$14,876.57, Forest Development \$8,470.00, Long Lake Conservation Center \$18,140.19 for a total of \$570,620.50; R) Approve February 8, 2019 Commissioner Warrants: General Fund \$287,288.25, Road & Bridge \$21,073.84, Special Revenue \$19,943.64, Health & Human Services \$20,461.05, Trust \$81,143.77, Forest Development \$1,734.00, Taxes & Penalties \$322.00, Capital Project \$3,954.86, Long Lake Conservation Center \$5,410.52, Parks \$89,404.51 for a total of \$530,736.44

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

Under the consent agenda, motion for a resolution by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to adopt resolution – Minnesota Housing Finance Agency’s Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program:

July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2021

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, State of Minnesota, has been authorized to undertake a program to provide assistance to low-income families and youth to prevent homelessness; and

WHEREAS, Lakes and Pines Community Action Council, Inc. has developed an application as an Administering Entity for the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency’s Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance program; and

WHEREAS, Lakes and Pines Community Action Council, Inc. has demonstrated the ability to perform the required activities of the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency’s Family

**RESOLUTION
20190212-010
MINNESOTA
HOUSING
FINANCE
AGENCY’S
FAMILY
HOMELESS
PREVENTION
AND
ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM**

Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Lakes and Pines Community Action Council, Inc. is hereby authorized as an entity to be charged with the administration of funds made available through the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency's Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program, in the County of Aitkin.

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to approve budgeted Motor Pool purchase of two 2019 AWD Chevrolet Equinoxes from Brandl Chevrolet at a cost of \$23,870 each, with trade-ins of two 2014 Ford Escapes for \$17,500 combined, for a total price of \$30,240, plus taxes and fees.

**MOTOR POOL
VEHICLE
PURCHASE**

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to approve the following Application for Consumption & Display (Set up) Permit:

**CONSUMPTION
& DISPLAY
PERMIT –
LARSON'S BARN**

Larson, Leonard and Kathy, d/b/a Larson's Barn – Workman Township

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to approve the following Application for Consumption & Display (Set up) Permit:

**CONSUMPTION
& DISPLAY
PERMIT –
MINNEWAWA
SPORTSMEN'S
CLUB**

Minnewawa Sportsmen's Club Inc., d/b/a Minnewawa Sportsmen's Club – Shamrock Township

Under the consent agenda, motion for a resolution by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to adopt resolution – LG220 Exempt Permit – Lawler Area Community Club:

**RESOLUTION
20190212-011
LG220 EXEMPT
PERMIT –
LAWLER AREA
COMMUNITY
CLUB**

BE IT RESOLVED, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners agrees to approve the Application for Exempt Permit – Form LG220 – of the Lawler Area Community Club, at the following location – Jackson's Hole, which has an address of 36232 Kestrel Avenue, MN 55760 – Salo Township. (Note: Date of activity for Raffle – April 13, 2019)

Under the consent agenda, motion for a resolution by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to adopt resolution – LG220 Exempt Permit – Wealthwood Rod and Gun Club:

**RESOLUTION
20190212-012
LG220 EXEMPT
PERMIT –
WEALTHWOOD
ROD AND GUN
CLUB**

BE IT RESOLVED, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners agrees to approve the Application for Exempt Permit – Form LG220 – of the Wealthwood Rod & Gun Club, at the following location – Wealthwood Rod & Gun Club, which has an address of 23573 420th Place, Aitkin, MN 56431 – Hazelton Township. (Note: Date of activity for Raffle – October 5, 2019)

Under the consent agenda, motion for a resolution by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to adopt resolution –

Repurchase Application – Partners in Action (PIA):

WHEREAS, Partners in Action (PIA) of Minnesota, the owners at the time of forfeiture, has made and filed an application with the County Auditor for the repurchase of the hereinafter described parcel of tax forfeited land, in accordance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 282.241, of amended, which land is situated in the County of Aitkin, Minnesota and described as follows, to-wit:

Quadna Mountain Vacation Club First Addition, Lot 2 Block 1
Property ID: 57-1-087800

and WHEREAS, said applicant has set forth in his application that:

- a. Hardship and injustice has resulted because of forfeiture of said land, for the following reasons, to-wit:
 Mr. Gerber and I believed that PIA of Minnesota had sold this parcel to Mr. Gerber in 2005. That parcel was apparently left out of the sale. Mr. Gerber has made significant improvements to the property. He properly and lawfully removed an old foundation and filled in several large holes. He has invested significant time and expense into this project. I request to be allowed to redeem this parcel so I can convey it to Mr. Gerber.
- b. The repurchase of said land by me will promote and best serve the public interest, because:
 Mr. Gerber purchased many smaller parcels near this parcel from PIA of Minnesota in 2015. It is beneficial to bring this parcel into Mr. Gerber's ownership so that the many small parcels in this area are unified in common ownership.

and WHEREAS, this board is of the opinion that said application should be granted for such reasons,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the application of Partners in Action (PIA) of Minnesota for the purchase of the above described parcel of tax forfeited land be and the same is hereby granted and the County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to permit such repurchase according to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 282.241, as amended.

Under the consent agenda, motion for a resolution by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to adopt resolution – Set Public Hearing Date for Land Classification:

WHEREAS, MN Statue 282.01 allows the County Board to classify tax-forfeited lands either to be retained in public ownership for public benefits or returned to private ownership, and

WHEREAS, MN Statute 282.01 requires that a public hearing be held to receive comments and recommendations about the pending classifications.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners hereby sets a public hearing for May 14, 2019 at 10:00 AM at the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners Meeting to be held at the Aitkin Public Library for the classification of the

**RESOLUTION
20190212-013
REPURCHASE
APPLICATION –
PARTNERS IN
ACTION (PIA)**

**RESOLUTION
20190212-014
SET PUBLIC
HEARING DATE
FOR LAND
CLASSIFICATION**

following parcels of tax-forfeited lands.

#	PIN #	LEGAL	Sec.	Twp.	Rge.	Classification Recommendation
1	01-0-037201	(NE-NE) LOT 3, (NW-NE) LOT 2, SW NE, AND (SE-NE) LOT 5 LYING SLY OF RD ROW AS IN DOC 385158	18	47	27	non-conservation
2	01-1-152900	RIVERSIDE POINT 2ND ADDITION, LOT 68	25	136	25	conservation
3	01-1-153000	RIVERSIDE POINT 2ND ADDITION, Lot 69	25	136	25	conservation
4	09-0-031708	0.52 AC G LOT 1 AS IN DOC 356347	19	46	25	non-conservation
5	19-0-038100	2.15 AC S&W OF R/W IN SE NW IN B26 D P536	22	49	25	conservation
6	20-1-063100	COUNTY AUDITORS PLAT OF SWATARA, LOT 2 BLK 4	20	51	26	non-conservation
7	20-1-063300	COUNTY AUDITORS PLAT OF SWATARA, LOT 4 BLK 4	20	51	26	non-conservation
8	20-1-063400	COUNTY AUDITORS PLAT OF SWATARA, LOT 5 BLK 4	20	51	26	non-conservation
9	20-1-063500	COUNTY AUDITORS PLAT OF SWATARA, LOT 6 BLK 4	20	51	26	non-conservation
10	26-0-044000	1 AC IN NW NW LESS .48 AC HY	27	46	23	non-conservation
11	27-1-072101	LAWLER, LOTS 11 & 12 BLK 8	19	47	22	non-conservation
12	29-1-082900	INDIAN PROTAGE, LOT 11 BLK 9	20	49	23	non-conservation
13	29-1-083000	INDIAN PROTAGE, LOT 12 BLK 9	20	49	23	non-conservation
14	29-1-083100	INDIAN PROTAGE, LOT 13 BLK 9	20	49	23	non-conservation
15	29-1-086800	INDIAN PROTAGE, LOT 4 BLK 11	20	49	23	non-conservation
16	29-1-086900	INDIAN PROTAGE, LOT 5 BLK 11	20	49	23	non-conservation
17	29-1-087000	INDIAN PROTAGE, LOT 6 BLK 11	20	49	23	non-conservation
18	29-1-088400	INDIAN PROTAGE, LOT 20 BLK 11	20	49	23	non-conservation
19	29-1-088500	INDIAN PROTAGE, LOT 21 BLK 11	20	49	23	non-conservation
20	29-1-180400	SHESEBE POINT, LOT 375	21	49	23	non-conservation
21	29-1-180500	SHESEBE POINT, LOT 376	21	49	23	non-conservation
22	29-1-244000	SHESEBE POINT THIRD ADDITION, LOT 10 BLK 18	27	49	23	non-conservation
23	29-1-244100	SHESEBE POINT THIRD ADDITION, LOT 11 BLK 18	27	49	23	non-conservation
24	29-1-257400	SHESEBE POINT THIRD ADDITION, LOT 6 BLK 24	27	49	23	non-conservation
25	29-1-271000	SHESEBE POINT THIRD ADDITION, LOT 1 BLK 33	27	49	23	non-conservation
26	29-1-271100	SHESEBE POINT THIRD ADDITION, LOT 2 BLK 33	27	49	23	non-conservation
27	29-1-283700	SHESEBE POINT THIRD ADDITION, LOT 5 BLK 40	27	49	23	non-conservation

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28	29-1-289000	SHESEBE POINT THIRD ADDITION, LOTS 3 & 4 BLK 44	27	49	23	non-conservation
29	30-1-062500	EASTLAKE, LOT 3 BLK 10 EVERGREEN BEACH, OUTLOT B	20	47	23	non-conservation
30	52-1-040200	LYING NW OF TWP RD	13	49	27	non-conservation
31	57-0-003002	LOT 6 LESS 0.72 AC PLAT PART OF NW SW LYING W & N	23	52	26	non-conservation
32	57-0-003107	OF CO RD # 82 PART OF SW SW LYING W & N	24	52	26	non-conservation
33	57-0-003108	OF CO RD #82 QUADNA MOUNTAIN VACATION CLUB FIRST ADD,	24	52	26	non-conservation
34	57-1-088400	OUTLOT A QUADNA MOUNTAIN VACATION CLUB FIRST ADD,	23	52	26	non-conservation
35	57-1-088500	OUTLOT B QUADNA MOUNTAIN LODGE	26	52	26	non-conservation
36	57-1-088900	CONDO NUMBER 4, AU 120 QUADNA MOUNTAIN LODGE	23	52	26	non-conservation
37	57-1-089000	CONDO NUMBER 4, AU 121 QUADNA MOUNTAIN LODGE	23	52	26	non-conservation
38	57-1-089100	CONDO NUMBER 4, AU 122 QUADNA MOUNTAIN LODGE	23	52	26	non-conservation
39	57-1-089200	CONDO NUMBER 4, AU 123 QUADNA MOUNTAIN LODGE	23	52	26	non-conservation
40	57-1-089300	CONDO NUMBER 4, AU 124 QUADNA MOUNTAIN LODGE	23	52	26	non-conservation
41	57-1-089400	CONDO NUMBER 4, AU 125 QUADNA MOUNTAIN LODGE	23	52	26	non-conservation
42	57-1-089500	CONDO NUMBER 4, AU 126 QUADNA MOUNTAIN LODGE	23	52	26	non-conservation
43	57-1-089600	CONDO NUMBER 4, AU 127 QUADNA MOUNTAIN LODGE	23	52	26	non-conservation
44	57-1-089700	CONDO NUMBER 4, AU 130 QUADNA MOUNTAIN LODGE	23	52	26	non-conservation
45	57-1-089800	CONDO NUMBER 4, AU 131 QUADNA MOUNTAIN LODGE	23	52	26	non-conservation
46	57-1-089900	CONDO NUMBER 4, AU 132 QUADNA MOUNTAIN LODGE	23	52	26	non-conservation
47	57-1-090000	CONDO NUMBER 4, AU 133 QUADNA MOUNTAIN LODGE	23	52	26	non-conservation
48	57-1-090100	CONDO NUMBER 4, AU 134 QUADNA MOUNTAIN LODGE	23	52	26	non-conservation
49	57-1-090200	CONDO NUMBER 4, AU 135 QUADNA MOUNTAIN LODGE	23	52	26	non-conservation
50	57-1-090300	CONDO NUMBER 4, AU 136 QUADNA MOUNTAIN LODGE	23	52	26	non-conservation
51	57-1-090400	CONDO NUMBER 4, AU 137 QUADNA MOUNTAIN LODGE	23	52	26	non-conservation
52	57-1-090500	CONDO NUMBER 4, AU 140 QUADNA MOUNTAIN LODGE	23	52	26	non-conservation
53	57-1-090600	CONDO NUMBER 4, AU 141 QUADNA MOUNTAIN LODGE	23	52	26	non-conservation
54	57-1-090700	CONDO NUMBER 4, AU 142	23	52	26	non-conservation

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55	57-1-090800	QUADNA MOUNTAIN LODGE CONDO NUMBER 4, AU 143	23	52	26	non-conservation
56	57-1-090900	QUADNA MOUNTAIN LODGE CONDO NUMBER 4, AU 144	23	52	26	non-conservation
57	57-1-091100	QUADNA MOUNTAIN LODGE CONDO NUMBER 4, AU 146	23	52	26	non-conservation
58	57-1-091200	QUADNA MOUNTAIN LODGE CONDO NUMBER 4, AU 147	23	52	26	non-conservation
59	57-1-091300	QUADNA MOUNTAIN LODGE CONDO NUMBER 4, AU 162	23	52	26	non-conservation
60	57-1-091400	QUADNA MOUNTAIN LODGE CONDO NUMBER 4, AU 163	23	52	26	non-conservation
61	57-1-091500	QUADNA MOUNTAIN LODGE CONDO NUMBER 4, AU 164	23	52	26	non-conservation
62	57-1-091600	QUADNA MOUNTAIN LODGE CONDO NUMBER 4, AU 166	23	52	26	non-conservation
63	57-1-091700	QUADNA MOUNTAIN LODGE CONDO NUMBER 4, AU 167	23	52	26	non-conservation
64	57-1-091800	QUADNA MOUNTAIN LODGE CONDO NUMBER 4, AU 170	23	52	26	non-conservation
65	57-1-091900	QUADNA MOUNTAIN LODGE CONDO NUMBER 4, AU 171	23	52	26	non-conservation
66	57-1-092000	QUADNA MOUNTAIN LODGE CONDO NUMBER 4, AU 172	23	52	26	non-conservation
67	57-1-092100	QUADNA MOUNTAIN LODGE CONDO NUMBER 4, AU 173	23	52	26	non-conservation
68	57-1-092200	QUADNA MOUNTAIN LODGE CONDO NUMBER 4, AU 174	23	52	26	non-conservation
69	57-1-092300	QUADNA MOUNTAIN LODGE CONDO NUMBER 4, AU 175	23	52	26	non-conservation
70	57-1-092400	QUADNA MOUNTAIN LODGE CONDO NUMBER 4, AU 176	23	52	26	non-conservation
71	57-1-092500	QUADNA MOUNTAIN LODGE CONDO NUMBER 4, AU 177	23	52	26	non-conservation
72	57-1-092600	QUADNA MOUNTAIN LODGE CONDO NUMBER 4, AU 180	23	52	26	non-conservation
73	57-1-092700	QUADNA MOUNTAIN LODGE CONDO NUMBER 4, AU 181	23	52	26	non-conservation
74	57-1-092800	QUADNA MOUNTAIN LODGE CONDO NUMBER 4, AU 182	23	52	26	non-conservation
75	57-1-092900	QUADNA MOUNTAIN LODGE CONDO NUMBER 4, AU 183	23	52	26	non-conservation
76	57-1-093000	QUADNA MOUNTAIN LODGE CONDO NUMBER 4, AU 184	23	52	26	non-conservation
77	57-1-093100	QUADNA MOUNTAIN LODGE CONDO NUMBER 4, AU 185	23	52	26	non-conservation
78	57-1-093200	QUADNA MOUNTAIN LODGE CONDO NUMBER 4, AU 186	23	52	26	non-conservation
79	57-1-093300	QUADNA MOUNTAIN LODGE CONDO NUMBER 4, AU 187	23	52	26	non-conservation
80	57-1-093500	QUADNA MOUNTAIN LODGE CONDO NUMBER 4, C.E. & L.C.E.	23	52	26	non-conservation
81	58-1-005200	MCGRATH, LOTS 1-2 BLK 5	5	43	23	non-conservation

		HESPER J NEWELLS ADDITION IN MCGREGOR					
82	59-1-026200	, LOT 5 BLK 3 HESPER J NEWELLS ADDITION IN MCGREGOR, LOT 6 LESS W	31	48	23	non-conservation	
83	59-1-026301	12 FT OF N 100 FT BLK 3 TINGDALES ORIGINAL TOWNSITE OF TAMARACK,	31	48	23	non-conservation	
84	61-1-014400	LOTS 24 & 25 BLK 3	15	48	22	non-conservation	
<p>Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to approve the Personnel Policy update as presented, Article V, Section S (new) Life Lock Insurance Policy.</p>							PERSONNEL POLICY UPDATE LIFE LOCK
<p>Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to approve the appointment of Jill Godfrey to the HHS Advisory Committee, representing District 1.</p>							HHS ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT
<p>Mike Dangers, County Assessor discussed with the Board when and where to schedule the 2019 County Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting. The Board agreed to schedule it on June 25, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. Staff is checking the availability of Aitkin City Hall on that date. The final scheduling of the BAE meeting will be made at the next Board meeting.</p>							2019 BAE MEETING DISCUSSED
<p>Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Wedel and carried, all members voting yes to approve budgeted purchase of two 2019 Ford F150 4x4 (Ecoboost) from Aitkin Motors for a total of \$51,970, plus taxes and fees.</p>							VEHICLE PURCHASE – LAND DEPT.
<p>Rich Courtemanche, Land Commissioner updated the Board on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ X-Country Ski Trails <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Staff appreciated the opportunity to attend the A.B.R. Workshop in January, in Ironwood, Michigan. It was a great opportunity to learn grooming techniques for ski trails. ○ Ski By The Stars Event - February 22, 2019 ○ F.R.T.P. grant application request will be coming to Board on February 26, 2019. ➤ Legislative Update – No Child Left Inside, H.F. 133 ➤ The Minnesota Chapter of The Wildlife Society (MNTWS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Will be honoring the Aitkin County Land Department (ACLD) with the prestigious Conservation Award for 2018 ○ The ceremony is scheduled for February 20th at the DECC in Duluth. 							LAND COMMISSIONER UPDATES
<p>Penny Harms, Veterans Service Officer reviewed and discussed the 2019 Veterans Services Office Report with the Board.</p>							VSO UPDATE

Steve Hughes, District Manager Aitkin County SWCD discussed the Rum River and Snake River Watersheds with the Board. Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Pratt and carried, all members voting yes to approve Memorandum of Agreement for the Rum River One Watershed, One Plan, as presented, and to authorize signatures.

Jessica Seibert, County Administrator gave a brief update to the Board on the 2019 Legislative Session.

The Board discussed: NRAC, McGregor Airport Commission, JCNRB, McGregor City Council, Economic Development, HRA, P&Z, CARE, Human Health Board, Extension, Mille Lacs Watershed, ECRL, HHS Advisory, MHB, and Facilities.

Break: 10:33 a.m. to 10:39 a.m.

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Wedel and carried, all members voting yes to close the meeting at 10:39 a.m. under MN Statute 13D.03 Subd.1 (b) Labor Negotiations.

Motion by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Pratt and carried, all members voting yes to reopen the meeting at 11:12 a.m.

Motion by Commissioner Wedel seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to adjourn the meeting at 11:12 a.m. until Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at the Aitkin Public Library.

WATERSHED DISCUSSION

2019 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BOARD DISCUSSION

BREAK

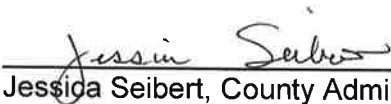
CLOSED MEETING

REOPEN MEETING

ADJOURN



Anne Marcotte, Board Chair
Aitkin County Board of Commissioners



Jessica Seibert, County Administrator