

<p>The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 14th day of June, 2022 at 9:01 a.m. at the Aitkin Government Center with the following members present: Board Chair J. Mark Wedel, Commissioners Donald Niemi, Ann Marcotte, Brian Napstad, Laurie Westerlund, County Administrator Jessica Seibert, and Administrative Assistant Brittany Searle.</p>	<p>Call to Order</p>
<p>Motion made by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all voting yes to approve the June 14th, 2022 agenda.</p>	<p>Approved Agenda</p>
<p>There was no Citizens' Public Comment</p>	<p>Citizens' Public Comment</p>
<p>Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve the Consent Agenda as follows.</p>	<p>Consent Agenda</p>
<p>A) Correspondence File May 24, 2022 to June 13, 2022; B) Approve May 24, 2022 County Board Minutes; C) Approve Electronic Funds Transfers \$5,907,556.01; D) Approve Commissioner Vouchers: General Fund \$105,152.98, Reserves Fund \$10,189.20, Road & Bridge \$219,350.49, HHS \$6,392.99, State \$360.00, Trust \$14,644.98, Forest Development \$7,397.92, LLCC \$3757.69, Parks \$20,337.10 for a total of \$387,583.35; E) Approve Auditor's Vouchers – Postage and Motor Pool: General Fund \$3,731.50, for a total of \$3,731.50; F) Approve Auditor's Vouchers – School Advance Payments: Townships/Cities/ARDC/Ambulance \$2,703,594.71, for a total of \$2,703,594.71; G) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections – Camping Refund and Returned Payments: Taxes & Penalties \$2,072.00, Parks \$60.00, for a total of \$2,132.00; H) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections – ELAN Paid 05.26.2022: General Fund -\$2,540.81, Road & Bridge \$658.00, HHS \$1,342.46, Trust \$540.35, for a total of \$0.00; I) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections – Participant Fees May 2022: General Fund \$682.35, for a total of \$682.35; J) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections – Camping Refund and Returned Payments: Taxes & Penalties \$5,790.00, Parks \$60.00, for a total of \$5,850.00; K) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections – FSA Claims 40239422: General Fund \$354.44, for a total of \$354.44; L) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections – Returned Check and NSF: Taxes & Penalties \$96.00, for a total of \$96.00; M) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections – FSA Claims 40249948: General Fund \$120.76, for a total of \$120.76; N) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections – ELAN Paid 05.06.2022: General Fund -\$611.02, Road & Bridge \$54.14, HHS \$134.55, Trust \$199.98, Forest Development \$44.12, LLCC \$1.74, Parks \$176.49 for a total of \$0.00; O) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections – MTG Reg and Deed Tax May 2022: General Fund \$.08, State \$83,861.11 for a total of \$83,861.19; P) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections – Camping refund 06.07.2022: Parks \$70.00, for a total of \$70.00; Q) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections – Credit Card Fees May 2022 and Returned Payment: Taxes & Penalties \$115.00, LLCC \$382.89 for a total of \$497.89; R) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections – Returned Check and NSF 05.31.2022:</p>	

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Taxes & Penalties \$1,197.00, for a total of \$1,197.00;
S) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections – State General Tax, May 2022: State \$1,310,189.60, for a total of \$1,310,189.60;
T) Approve Community Corrections Sobriety Court Grant Renewal;
U) Adopt Resolution: Search & Rescue Donation-Turner Township;
V) Adopt Resolution: Temporary On-Sale Liquor License-Aitkin Fire Department Relief ;
W) Adopt Resolution: 2022 State of MN Boat & Water Safety Grant Agreement;
X) Adopt Resolution: 2022 State of MN Federal Supplemental Boating Safety Patrol Grant;
Y) Adopt Resolution: Liquor License-On, Off and Sunday Sale Liquor License for 2022-The Sandy Beaver;

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voted to approve – Community Corrections Sobriety Court Grant Renewal.

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voted to adopt resolution: Search & Rescue Donation: Turner Township.

WHEREAS, Aitkin County is generally authorized to accept donations of real and personal property with a 2/3 majority vote pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 465.03 for the benefit of its citizens.

WHEREAS, the following persons and entities have offered to contribute the cash amounts set forth below to the county:

Turner Township	\$500.00
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WHEREAS, the terms or conditions of the donations, if any, are as follows:

Turner Township	Aitkin County Search and Rescue
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WHEREAS, all such donations have been contributed to the county for the benefit of its citizens, as allowed by law.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners finds that it is appropriate to accept the donations offered.

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voted to adopt resolution: Temporary On-Sale Liquor License: Aitkin Fire Department Relief Association

BE IT RESOLVED, The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners agrees to approve the following Temporary On-Sale liquor licenses, for the periods from 7/6/22-7/9/22 and 8/4/22-8/6/22.

**Community
Corrections
Sobriety Court
Grant Renewal**

**Resolution
#20220614-075 SR
Donation: Turner
Township**

**Resolution
#20220614-076
Temporary On-
Sale Liquor
License Aitkin
Fire Department
Relief Association**

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Temporary ON Sale:

Aitkin Fire Department, d/b/a **Aitkin Fire Dept. Relief Assn.** – Aitkin Township, at Aitkin County Fairgrounds – 632 MN Ave N (designated fenced in area only), Aitkin, MN

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voted to adopt resolution: 2022 State of MN Boat & Water Safety Grant Agreement;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners approve the Fiscal Years 2022 State of Minnesota Annual County Boat & Water Safety Grant Agreement on file in the Office of the County Auditor and authorize the Aitkin County Sheriff's Office, County Board Chair and County Administrator to sign the agreement in the amount of \$20,903.00 for the term of January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voted to adopt resolution: 2022 State of MN Federal Supplemental Boating Safety Patrol Grant;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners approve the 2022 State of Minnesota Federal Supplemental Boating Safety Patrol 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 \$5,500.00 for the term of May 13, 2022 through September 5.

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voted to adopt resolution: Liquor License: On, Off and Sunday Sale Liquor License for 2022: The Sandy Beaver

BE IT RESOLVED, The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners agrees to approve the following liquor license for a period from July 1, 2022 thru December 31, 2022:

“ON”, “OFF” and “SUNDAY” Sale:

Maverick Beaver Investments LLC, d/b/a **The Sandy Beaver** – Workman Township
This establishment has an address of 51866 224th Place, McGregor, MN 55760

Chairman Mark Wedel – Representative Dave Lueck Appreciation

Dave McMillan, LLCC Manager – provided Long Lake Conservation Update

Dennis Thompson, Land Commissioner – provided Mille Lacs ATV Trail Update

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members present voted to approve Side-by-Side Purchase.

**Resolution
#20220614-077
2022 State of MN
Boat & Water
Safety Grant
Agreement**

**Resolution
#20220614-078
2022 State of MN
Federal
Supplemental
Boating Safety
Patrol Grant**

**Resolution
#20220614-079
Liquor License:
On, Off and
Sunday Sale
Liquor License for
2022: The Sandy
Beaver**

**Dale Lueck
Appreciation**

LLCC Update

**Mille Lacs ATV
Trail Update**

**Side-by-Side
Purchase
Administrator
Updates**

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members present voted to approve Award Child Care Facilities Grants.

Award Child Care Facilities Grants

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members present voted to approve Award Business Development & Recreation Grants.

Award Business Development & Recreation Grants

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members present voted to approve FRF Request-Community Grant Program.

FRF Request-Community Grant Program

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members present voted to approve Community Grant Program-Approval to Administer Program.

Community Grant Program-Approval to Administer Program

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voted to adopt resolution – Redevelopment Grant-Approval to Submit Grant;

Redevelopment Grant-Approval to Submit Grant

BE IT RESOLVED that Aitkin County on behalf of Forgotten Heroes Ranges & Retreat act as the legal sponsor for project(s) contained in the Redevelopment Grant Program to be submitted on June 15, 2022, and that Mark Jeffers is hereby authorized to apply to the Department of Employment and Economic Development for funding of this project on behalf of Aitkin County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Aitkin County has the legal authority to apply for financial assistance, and the institutional, managerial, and financial capability to ensure adequate project administration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the sources and amounts of the local match identified in the application ARE COMMITTED to the project identified.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Aitkin County has not violated any Federal, State or local laws pertaining to fraud, bribery, graft, kickbacks, collusion, conflict of interest or other unlawful or corrupt practice.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon approval of its application by the state, Aitkin County may enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota for the above referenced project(s), and that Aitkin County certifies that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulation as stated in all contract agreements.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Mark Jeffers is hereby authorized to execute such agreements as are necessary to implement the project(s) on behalf of the applicant.

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members present voted to approve July 1, 2022 Open Range Scale Modification: MOAS, Resolutions, LLCC Scale.

July 1, 2022 Open Range Scale Modification: MOAs, Resolutions, LLCC Scale

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Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members present voted to approve Updated Job Classification Investigator/Patrol Sergeant.

Updated Job Classification Investigator/ Patrol Sergeant

Motion by Commissioner Niemi, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members present voted to Ratify LELS 2021-2023 Agreement.

Ratify LELS 2021-2023 Agreement

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members present voted to close the meeting under MN Statute 13D.03 Subd.1(b) Labor Negotiations at 2:00 p.m.

Closed Session Under Statute 13D.03 Subd.1(b) Labor Negotiations

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, second Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members present voted to reopen the meeting at 3:04 p.m.

Reopen Meeting

Jessica Seibert, County Administrator updated the Board on the following:

Administrator Updates

- OPIOD Webinar
- Attend District 1 MTG
- Economic Development Meeting
- HSEM Meeting
- DH Meetings
- Negotiations-mediation

The Board discussed AMC, Mille Lacs Watershed, Budget Committee, Historical Society, Northern Counties Land Use Coordinating Board, Extension, Mississippi Headwaters, East Central Regional Library, McGregor Airport, NRAC.


Board Discussion

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to adjourn the meeting at 3:35 p.m. until Tuesday, June 28th, 2022 at the Aitkin County Government Center.

Adjourn



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



Jessica Seibert
County Administrator

**BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION
JUNE 22, 2021
AITKIN COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER**

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 14th day of June, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. at Aitkin County Government Center with Auditor Kirk Peysar, County Assessor Mike Dangers, County Commissioners Ann Marcotte, J. Mark Wedel, Laurie Westerlund, Don Niemi, and Brian Napstad. County Administrator Jessica Seibert, Administrative Assistant Brittany Searle and County Attorney James Ratz were also present.

Staff present – Lori Tibbetts, Stacy Westerlund, Kip Studaker, and Ben Mowers

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, to approve BAE agenda.

Oath, Introduction and General Information

The following requests were discussed:

Joseph Novak

04-0-029500, 04-0-029600, 04-0-029700

Summary of Issue: Valuation increase of 29.5% between the 2021 and 2022 assessments. Owner does not believe that the property would sell for the estimated market value. Significant portion of the good usable land cannot be access from the road due to large bog area. Owner was present to speak.

Action: Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Auditor Peysar and carried. All voted no change as recommended by the County Assessor.

Richard Vigstol on behalf of Jovanae Hauschild

29-0-035100

Summary of Issue: Owner believes value is too high.

Action: Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried. All voted no change as recommended by the County Assessor.

Robert A and Breanne Johnson

05-0033502

Summary of Issue: The subject property is a homestead residence consisting of 12.53 deeded acres and part of an agricultural operation. This parcel is not in the same ownership as the adjoining agricultural parcels and does not qualify for agricultural class on its own since it has less than 10 acres of productive ag use. The owners have partial ownership in the adjoining parcels. County staff viewed the partial ownership to be sufficient to reach 10-acre minimum ag production at the Clark township meeting and agreed with the classification change to agricultural homestead.

Action: Motion by Commissioner Niemi, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried. All voted no change as recommended by the County Assessor.

Stephen Diehl

29-0-066501

Summary of Issue: Owners believes the value of residence is too high for the condition it is in.

Action: Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried. All voted to apply -15% depreciation for the foundation issues and keep assessors' recommendation to change effective age from 70 to 65. Which would change the Estimated Market Value to \$148,200.

Jonathon Dagen

09-0-047701

Summary of Issue: Owner has a private appraisal for financing purposes. It is dated February 23, 2021 with an appraisal value of \$630,000. Owner wasn't present.

Action: Motion by Auditor Peysar, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried. All voted to maintain the current assessment value.

Patrick & Luann Corcoran

07-0-010102

Summary of Issue: The value is too high for the area. Peony Avenue is a private road and not maintained by the county, and will never be (including snow plowing, fire service, etc.)

Action: Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried. All voted to approve assessor recommendations as presented.

Patrick & Luann Corcoran

07-0-010105, 07-01-015808

Summary of Issue: The value is too high for the area. Peony Avenue is a private road and not maintained by the county, and will never be (including snow plowing, fire service, etc.)

Action: Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried. All voted to approve assessor recommendations as presented.

Patrick & Luann Corcoran

07-01-15802

Summary of Issue: The value is too high for the area. Peony Avenue is a private road and not maintained by the county, and will never be (including snow plowing, fire service, etc.)

Action: Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried. All voted to approve assessor recommendations as presented.

Daniel & Lydia Crouser

07-0-010002

Summary of Issue: A neighbor appeal their value. Upon review of the quality adjustments on Taylor Lake because of the neighbor's appeal, the appraiser is recommending this parcel receive a larger quality discount to equalize parcels around the lake.

Action: Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried. All voted to approve assessor recommendations as presented.

Bernie & Jenna Thuening (Tuning Florida Enterprises LLC)

09-0-065300

Summary of Issue: Owners do not feel that their property could sell for the estimated market value.

Action: Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried. All voted to approve Estimated Market Value to \$398,400.00.

Elizabeth Larson

56-1-168303

Summary of Issue: Owner feels value increase too high.

Action: Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried. All voted to approve assessor recommendations as presented.

Maureen DeSutter

56-1-173900

Summary of Issue: Changed due to appeal of neighbor

Action: Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried. All voted to approve updated assessor's recommendation for Estimated Market Value of \$102,300.00.

Judy Straugh

56-1-174100

Summary of Issue: Changed due to appeal of neighbor

Action: Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried. All voted to approve assessor recommendations as presented.

Michael and Denise Hoffman

11-1-125000

Summary of Issue: Owners feel the value is too high, partially due to damage to their siding from removal of an overhang.

Action: Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried. All voted to approve updated Estimated market Value of \$523,600.00.

Robert Weber

21-0-014600

Summary of Issue: Owner feels value increase too high.

Action: Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried. All voted to approve updated Estimated Market Value of \$279,286.00.

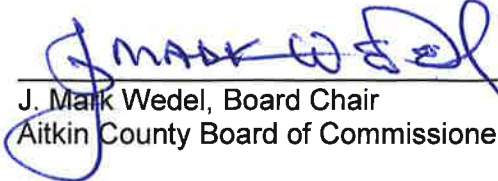
Ann Kutt

35-1-084700

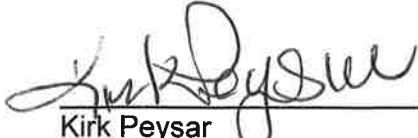
Summary of Issue: Very large increase to value in one year of 45.3%. owner's daughter stated that property was listed for sale in 2021. Information available online shows the property was listed for \$430,000 and later reduced to \$425,000

Action: Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried. All voted to approve updated Estimated Market Value of \$386,700.00 for reduction on foundation.

Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Auditor Peysar and carried, all members voting yes to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m.


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

ATTEST:


Kirk Peysar
Aitkin County Auditor

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