

AITKIN COUNTY BOARD

November 8, 2022

<p>The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 8th day of November 8, 2022 at 9:07 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 November 8, 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 Napstad and carried, all members voting yes to approve the Consent Agenda as follows.</p>	<p>Consent Agenda</p>
<p>A) Correspondence File October 25, 2022 to November 7, 2022 B) Approve October 25, 2022 County Board Minutes C) Approve Electronic Funds Transfers D) Approve Commissioner Vouchers: General \$182,955.83, Reserves \$105,031.38, Road & Bridge \$82,723.41, HHS \$31,025.70, Trust \$18,596.16, Forest Development \$26,454.28, Taxes & Penalties \$230.00, LLCC \$11,769.12, Parks \$28,331.36, COVID \$13,333.33 for a total of \$500,450.57. E) Approve Auditor's Vouchers – R&B Contracts: Road & Bridge \$102,850.81 for a total of \$102,850.81. F) Approve Auditor's Vouchers – School Advance 10.25.22: Townships \$1,746,301.30 for a total of \$1,746,301.30. G) Approve Auditor's Vouchers – Auditor Warrant 10.28.22: General \$833.00, Road & Bridge \$232,800.00 for a total of \$233,633.00. H) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections – Participant Fees September & October: \$1,261.35 for a total of \$1,261.35. I) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections – Electronic Chargeback 10.20.2022: Taxes \$1,743.00 for a total of \$1,743.00. J) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections – FSA Claims and State General Tax Advance: General \$61.12, State \$844,295.78 for a total of \$844,356.90. K) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections – Returned NSF Check: General \$330.00 for a total of \$330.00. L) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections – ELAN Paid 10.13.22: General \$-900.68, HHS \$653.3, Trust \$199.98, LLCC \$47.27 for a total of \$0.00. M) Approve Manual Warrants – FSA Claims 10.27.22: General \$10.33 for a total of \$10.33. N) Approve Manual Warrants – FSA Claims 11.01.22: General \$1,500.72 for a total of \$1,500.72. O) Approve Manual Warrants – MN Care Tax 4th Quarter: HHS \$111.05 for a total of \$111.05. P) Approve Fire Protection Contract – Town of Ball Bluff Q) Approve Village Pump Tobacco License R) Approve Easement Transfer S) Adopt Resolution: Accept Bid for Construction of CDBG McGrath Broad Band Project T) Adopt Resolution: Search & Rescue Donation – Mille Lacs Trails</p>	

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- U) Adopt Resolution: Accept Engineering Firm – CDBG McGrath Broadband Project
- V) Approve Affidavit for Duplicate of Lost Warrant – AFSCME People, AFL -CIO
- W) Adopt Resolution: Borg Repurchase Tax-Forfeited Land
- X) Adopt Resolution: Award Contract 20229
- Y) Adopt Resolution: LG220 Permit – Up North Riders ATV
- Z) Adopt Resolution: Search & Rescue Donation – Tamarack Sno-Flyers

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voted to approve – Fire Protection Contract – Town of Ball Bluff.

Fire Protection Contract – Town of Ball Bluff

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voted to approve – Village Pump Tobacco License.

Village Pump Tobacco License

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voted to approve – Easement Transfer.

Easement Transfer

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voted to adopt resolution: Accept Bid for Construction of CDBG McGrath Broadband Project:

Resolution #20221108-134 Accept Bid for Construction of CDBG McGrath Broadband Project

WHEREAS, Vantage Point Engineering and Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative, Broadband partner for the McGrath Project (CDBG-CV Broadband Grant CARE-21-0011-O-FY21) accepted bid for the construction of fiber and conduit facilities for this project AND

WHEREAS, Sealed bids were opened at 1:00 PM on October 6, 2022 with a total of 7 bids received. AND

WHEREAS, Vantage Point Solutions reviewed the bid from Hanco Utilities, Inc. and have found no issues or concerns with the bid pricing. Therefore, VPS recommends the acceptance of the low bid from Hanco Utilities, Inc. AND

WHEREAS, Economic Development staff and Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative reviewed the documents and agree to accept the bid from Hanco Utilities, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Aitkin County accepts the bid from Hanco Utilities, Inc. for construction of fiber and conduit facilities for the CDBG-CV McGrath Broadband Project.

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voted to adopt resolution: SR Donation – Mille Lacs Trails:

Resolution #20221108-135 SR Donation – Mille Lacs Trails

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:

Mille Lacs Trails, Inc. \$2500.00

<p>B. That the repurchase of said land by me will promote and best serve the public interest because:</p> <p>I will be able to keep land for my family and raise my children where I was raised. Will continue to keep up on it.</p> <p>and WHEREAS, the Applicants have made payment of all delinquent taxes of properties</p> <p>and WHEREAS, this board is of the opinion that said applications should be granted for such reasons,</p> <p>NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the application of Jonathan Borg 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.</p> <p>Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voted to adopt resolution: Award Contract 20229</p> <p>WHEREAS, Contract No. 20229 is for construction of C.P. 001-090-041, and</p> <p>WHEREAS, sealed bids were opened for this project at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, October 24, 2022 with a total of three bids received, and</p> <p>WHEREAS, Ferguson Aggregate and Crushing, Alexandria, MN was the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$432,500.</p> <p>NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Ferguson Aggregate and Crushing be awarded Contract 20229.</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the chairperson of the Aitkin County Board and the Aitkin County Auditor are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a contract on behalf of Aitkin County with said low bidder upon presentation of proper contract documents.</p> <p>Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voted to adopt resolution: LG220 Permit – Up North Riders ATV:</p> <p>BE IT RESOLVED, The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners agrees to approve the Application for Exempt Permit – Form LG220 – of the Up North Riders ATV Club Inc., at the following location – Fisherman’s Bay, which has an address of 50933 State Highway 65, McGregor, MN 55760 – Workman Township. (Note: Date of activity for Raffle – October 7th, 2023)</p> <p>Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voted to adopt resolution: SR Donation – Tamarack Sno – Flyers:</p>	<p>Administrator Updates</p> <p>Board Discussion</p> <p>Adjourn</p>
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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:

Tamarack Sno-Flyers	\$6,000.00
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WHEREAS, the terms or conditions of the donations, if any, are as follows:

Tamarack Sno-Flyers	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.

Jessica Johnson – Talon Metals Community Outreach & Government Relations Manager presented a Talon Metals Mine Update.

Jon Aga – Executive Director of the Lakes Area United Way introduced himself and the United Way.

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Wetselund and carried, all members voted to approve Community Grant Program Awards.

Mark Jeffers – Economic Development Coordinator with Stacy Cluff – MLEC presented a Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative Broadband Update.

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voted to Award Professional Audit Services Contract to CliftonLarsonAllen for a one-year agreement.

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

- Fema Calls
- Audit RFP
- Teamster Negotiations
- Regional MACA Call

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voted to approve Operation Green Light.

The Board discussed: Fisheries, Extension, MRC, Mississippi Headwaters, Negotiations, AIS, McGregor Airport, HHS Advisory, Audit Committee, Aitkin Airport.


Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voted to close meeting under MN Statute 13D.03 Subd.1(b) Labor Negotiations at 11:48 p.m.

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Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voted to reopen meeting at 12:26 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 p.m. until Tuesday, November 22, 2022 at the Aitkin County Government Center.



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



Jessica Seibert
County Administrator