



**AITKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

October 10, 2023

9:00 a.m.

Government Center Board Room

Regular Session Minutes

**1.A CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Wedel called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Attendee Name	Title	Status
J. Mark Wedel	District #1	Present
Laurie Westerlund	District #2	Present
Travis Leiviska	District #3	Present
Bret Sample	District #4	Present
Michael Kearney	District #5	Present
Jessica Seibert	County Administrator	Present
Jeff Schmitt	Administrative Assistant	Present

**1.B PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**1.C APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion to: Approve the agenda, as amended.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (5 TO 0)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Commissioner Bret Sample
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Commissioner Travis Leiviska
	Remove item 9B from agenda.

**1.D Citizens Public Comment by:**

Richard Anderson - Ditch clearing along Soo Line boundary.

**2 CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion to: Approve the Consent Agenda.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (5 TO 0)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Commissioner Bret Sample
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Commissioner Michael Kearney

**A) Correspondence File-**

September 27, 2023 - October 10, 2023

**B) Approve County Board Minutes-**

September 26, 2023

**C) Approve Electronic Funds Transfers**

<b>Total</b>	\$2,516,513.51
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**D) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections-**

Elan 9-14-2023

General	\$2,490.17	LLCC	\$186.46	HHS	\$428.45	<b>Total</b>	\$3,105.08
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**E) Approve Commissioner's Vouchers**

Commissioner Warrants 9-29-2023

General	\$1,083,595.23	State	\$15,622.00	LLCC	\$8,341.77		
R&B	\$117,592.81	Trust	\$12,277.58	Parks	\$22,446.60		
HHS	\$32,630.70	Forest Dv.	\$8,273.11	Covid R.F.	\$12,922.00	<b>Total</b>	\$1,313,701.80

**F) Approve Auditor Vouchers-**

R&B Warrants 9-29-2023

General	\$10,544.56	R&B	\$654,758.94	Tax&Pnlty	\$2,159.52	<b>Total</b>	\$667,463.02
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**G) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections-  
Manual Warrants 9-29-2023**

General	\$1,950.77	Parks	\$210.00			<b>Total</b>	\$2,160.77
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**H) Adopt Resolution-**

Repurchase Tax-Forfeited Property

**I) Approve-**

2024 Medical Examiner Contract

## Regular Agenda

3A Erin Melz – Public Health Supervisor

**Motion to:**

Approve 2023 Updated Public Health Nuisance Policy

**RESULT:** APPROVED (5 TO 0)  
**MOVER:** Commissioner Laurie Westerlund  
**SECONDER:** Commissioner Travis Leiviska

4A Dennis Thompson – Land Commissioner

**Motion to:**

Approve Renewal of Enterprise Version of ESRI GIS Software

**RESULT:** APPROVED (5 TO 0)  
**MOVER:** Commissioner Laurie Westerlund  
**SECONDER:** Commissioner Bret Sample

4B Dennis Thompson – Land Commissioner

**Informational Only**

Discussion Only – Proposed Camping Rate Increase for 2024

**RESULT:** INFORMATIONAL ONLY

5A John Welle – County Engineer

**Informational Only**

Discussion Only – 2024 Budget Capital Road Improvement Plan Presentation

**RESULT:** INFORMATIONAL ONLY

6A Jessica Seibert – County Administrator

**Informational Only**

Administrator Updates

MACA Conference (elected to Executive Board), Dave Baker Presentation, 2023 AMC/LMC Salary Survey, Regional MACA Call

6B Jessica Seibert – County Administrator

**Informational Only**

Discussion Only - Bill Brendel Revitalization Initiative Update

**RESULT:** INFORMATIONAL ONLY

7A Andrew Carlstrom – Environmental Services Director

**Motion to:**

Adopt Resolution Amendment to Zoning Ordinance - Solar Energy Systems

**RESULT:** APPROVED (5 TO 0)  
**MOVER:** Commissioner Travis Leiviska  
**SECONDER:** Commissioner Bret Sample

8A Dan Guida – County Sheriff

**Motion to:**

Approve Search and Rescue Purchase of drones

**RESULT:** APPROVED (5 TO 0)  
**MOVER:** Commissioner Travis Leiviska  
**SECONDER:** Commissioner Bret Sample

9A Andrew Carlstrom – Environmental Services Director

**Informational Only**

Public Hearing – Wealthwood RV Resort Expansion EAW

**RESULT:** PUBLIC HEARING:  
10:39 a.m. Open for public comment. Ann Hennessey commented with concerns regarding Wealthwood RV Resort Expansion. Mike Peterson of Wideseth spoke on the purpose and intent of completing an EAW. Public hearing closed at 10:51 a.m.

10A Board of Commissioners

**Informational Only**

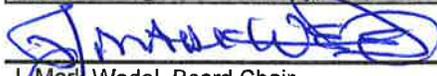
Committee Reports

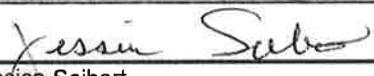
Opioid Crisis Presentation, Planning Commission, Land Department Tour, Aitkin County Opioid Settlement Sub-committee, State Capitol visit, JET, Lakes & Pines, H&HS Advisory, ECRL, Beacon, MN Rural Counties, Northern Counties Land Use Coordinating Board, Rum River 1W1P, Economic Development, Brainerd 1W1P, Aitkin Airport, AIS

**Motion to Adjourn**

Motion made at 11:26 a.m.

**MOVER:** Commissioner Laurie Westerlund  
**SECONDER:** Commissioner Travis Leiviska  
**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, October 24, 2023

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

  
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Jessica Seibert  
County Administrator

