

AITKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 22, 2025 9:00 a.m. Government Center Board Room

Regular Session Minutes

1.A CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wedel called the meeting to order at 9:00 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
	County Administrator	
April Kellerman	Administrative Assistant	Present

1.B PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1.C APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to: Approve the agenda, as amended.

RESULT:

APPROVED (5 TO 0)

MOVER: SECONDER: Commissioner Travis Leiviska

Commissioner Bret Sample

Adding item 6F

1.D Citizens Public Comment - None

2 CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to: Approve the Consent Agenda.

RESULT:

APPROVED (5 TO 0)

MOVER:

Commissioner Michael Kearney

SECONDER:

Commissioner Bret Sample

A) Correspondence File-

April 8, 2025 - April 21, 2025

B) Approve County Board Minutes-

April 8, 2025

C) Approve Electronic Funds Transfers

Total \$1,215,695.92

D) Approve Auditor Vouchers-

Auditor Warrants 04.04.25

General \$6,390.00	R&B \$12,127.70	Total \$18,517.70
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E) Approve Auditor Vouchers-

Auditor Warrants - HHS 04.04.25

General \$30.10	HHS[\$47.313.69	Total	\$47,343.79

F) Adopt Resolution-

Search & Rescue Donation - Pliny Township

G) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections-

ELAN 03.27.25

R&B \$225.97	General \$4	4,814.07	Forest	\$628.08	LLCC	\$326.56
					Total	\$5,994.68

H) Approve Commissioner's Vouchers

Commissioner Warrants 04.11.25

General	\$328,345.09	Reserves	\$4,687.55	R&B	\$29,358.22	HHS	\$422.99
State	\$28,259.71	Trust	\$6,160.55	Forest	\$5,857.95	LLCC	\$6,906.94
Parks	\$37,442.36	COVID	\$11,945.63			Total	\$459,386.99

I) Approve Auditor Vouchers-

Auditor Warrants - Sales. Use and Diesel Tax 04.14.25

General	\$99.04	R&B	\$668.73	Trust	\$36.99	LLCC	\$52.72
Parks	\$163.40					Total	\$1,020.88

J) Adopt Resolution-

LG220 Application for Exempt Permit - Moose-Willow Sportsman Club

K) Approve Auditor Vouchers-

Auditor Warrants - HHS 04.11.25

HHS	\$74,304.07			Total	\$74,304.07

L) Adopt Resolution-

App for Temporary On Sale Liquor License - Jacobson Community Center

M) Adopt Resolution-

LG220 Application for Exempt Permit - Sherwood Forest Owners Association

N) Approve-

Fire Protection Contract - City of Aitkin

O) Approve-

Lake County Power Utility Easement

P) Approve-

Mastic Patch Trailer Equipment Purchase

Q) Adopt Resolution-

Application for Grant-in-Aid Funds for Snowmobile and Ski Trails

R) Approve-

JPA with Wagner Township

S) Adopt Resolution-

Final Contract Payment #20242

T) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections-

Manual Warrants 04.14.25

General \$3,406.20	State \$61,969.21	LLCC \$367.16	Total	\$65,742.57
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Regular Agenda

3A Dennis Thompson – Land Commissioner

Informational Only

Summary of 2024 Apportionment

RESULT: INFO MOVER:

INFORMATIONAL ONLY

SECONDER:

3B Dennis Thompson – Land Commissioner

Informational Only

2024 Campground Summary

RESULT: MOVER:

SECONDER:

INFORMATIONAL ONLY

3C Dennis Thompson – Land Commissioner

Informational Only

Lake Land Sale Summary

RESULT: MOVER: **INFORMATIONAL ONLY**

SECONDER:

4A Kathleen Ryan – County Auditor

Informational Only

1st Quarter 2025 Budget Review

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

MOVER: SECONDER:

5A Carli Goble - Health & Human Services Fiscal Supervisor

Informational Only

H&HS Quarter 1 2025 Fiscal Report

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

MOVER: SECONDER:

6A Jim Bright - Facilities Coordinator

Motion to:

Approve Going out for HHS bids

RESULT: APPROVED (5 TO 0)

MOVER: Commissioner Bret Sample

SECONDER: Commissioner Travis Leiviska

Consensus to include Bids in papers distributed in districts 4 & 5

Jim Bright - Facilities Coordinator

Motion to:

Approve Widseth proposal for B3 requirements

RESULT: APPROVED (5 TO 0)

MOVER: Commissioner Laurie Westerlund SECONDER: Commissioner Bret Sample

6C Jim Bright – Facilities Coordinator

Motion to:

Approve Contract with Contegrity Group

RESULT: APPROVED (5 TO 0)

MOVER: Commissioner Laurie Westerlund SECONDER: Commissioner Bret Sample

as amended contingent upon changing point of contact to John Welle

6D Jim Bright – Facilities Coordinator

Motion to:

Approve Going out for roofing bids

RESULT: APPROVED (5 TO 0)

MOVER: Commissioner Michael Kearney
SECONDER: Commissioner Travis Leiviska

Consensus to include Bids in papers distributed in districts 4 & 5

6E Jim Bright – Facilities Coordinator

Motion to:

Approve Quote from Mcguire Mechanical for replacement of the Jail kitchen freezer and cooler

RESULT: APPROVED (5 TO 0)

MOVER: Commissioner Laurie Westerlund SECONDER: Commissioner Travis Leiviska

6F Jim Bright – Facilities Coordinator

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Facilities Committee Update

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

MOVER: SECONDER:

7A Mark Jeffers

Informational Only

County/Administration related Updates

Interim Administrative team updating the Board weekly, Employee Appreciation Lunch, Strategic Plan press release, ATV Alliance meeting, county podcast

8A Board of Commissioners

Informational Only

Commissioner Committee Reports

Facilities Committee, Arrowhead Counties Association, Community health/public health, Aitkin County CARE Board, Northwoods ATV Club Meeting, Aitkin County Association of Townships meeting, East Central Regional Library Board, Aquatic Invasive Species meeting, Hill Lake Township meeting, AEOA, ARDC, Palisade Township meeting, Aitkin Airport Commission

Motion to Adjourn

Motion made at 11:08 a.m.

MOVER: Commissioner Laurie Westerlund
SECONDER: Commissioner Travis Leiviska
Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 13, 2025

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

John Welle County Engineer