



AITKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 10, 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 8:59 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.

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

1.D Citizens Public Comment by:

Regina Fisher, Aitkin County Resident
 Tyler Stevens, City of Princeton Resident
 Kay Despard, Aitkin County Resident

2 CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to: Approve the Consent Agenda.

RESULT: APPROVED (5 TO 0)
MOVER: Commissioner Laurie Westerlund
SECONDER: Commissioner Michael Kearney

A) Correspondence File-

May 27, 2025 - June 9, 2025

B) Approve County Board Minutes-

May 27, 2025

C) Approve Electronic Funds Transfers

Total	\$7,360,690.99
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D) Approve Auditor Vouchers-

School Advances 05.23.25

Townships	\$3,616,501.33						Total	\$3,616,501.33
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E) Approve Auditor Vouchers-

Auditor Warrant - HHS 05.23.25

HHS	\$96,257.75						Total	\$96,257.75
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F) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections-

ELAN 05.08.25

HHS	\$1,037.06	General	\$3,252.57	Trust	\$358.56	LLCC	\$691.75
						Total	\$5,339.94

G) Approve-

JPA with Spalding Township

H) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections-

ELAN 05.22.25

General	\$3,952.12	Forest	\$19.16	LLCC	\$219.90	HHS	\$874.71
						Total	\$5,065.89

I) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections-

Manual Warrants 05.23.25

General	\$953.42	State	\$2,774,447.51	Taxes	\$9,155.00	Parks	\$560.00
						Total	\$2,785,115.93

J) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections-

Manual Warrants 05.30.25

General	\$1,162.91	Trust	\$8,776.69	Taxes	\$4,945.22	LLCC	\$100.00
						Total	\$14,984.82

K) Approve Auditor Vouchers-

Auditor Warrant - HHS 05.30.25

General	\$30.10	HHS	\$7,777.52	Opioid	\$72.00	Total	\$7,879.62
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L) Adopt Resolution-

LG230 Off-Site Gambling - Tamarack Sno-Flyers

M) Approve-

Separation Agreement and Release of All Claims (Highway Dept.)

N) Adopt Resolution-

EDIAM Iowa Authorization

O) Approve-

Affidavit for Duplicate of Lost Warrant

P) Adopt Resolution-

Sentence to Serve Donation - Round Lake Cemetery Asso.

Q) Approve Commissioner's Vouchers

Commissioner Warrants 06.06.25

General	\$121,258.25	Reserves	\$737.41	R&B	\$58,174.64	HHS	\$428.92
State	\$6,124.50	Trust	\$12,424.49	Forest	\$21.71	LLCC	\$9,793.14
Parks	\$7,747.43	COVID	\$9,102.50			Total	\$225,812.99

R) Approve Auditor Vouchers-

Auditor Warrant - R&B 06.06.25

R&B	\$110,832.73					Total	\$110,832.73
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Regular Agenda

- 3A Richard Miehe – MCIT Risk Management

Informational Only

MCIT Report to Members - Information Only

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY**MOVER:****SECONDER:**

- 4A Dennis Thompson – Land Commissioner

Motion to:

Approve Purchase of Bobcat attachments

RESULT: APPROVED (5 TO 0)**MOVER:** Commissioner Michael Kearney**SECONDER:** Commissioner Travis Leiviska

- 5A Andrew Carlstrom – Environmental Services Director

Motion to:

Approve Discretionary EAW - Elm Island Lake RV Park

RESULT: APPROVED (5 TO 0)**MOVER:** Commissioner Laurie Westerlund**SECONDER:** Commissioner Bret Sample**Resolution #** 20250610-072

- 6A Sarah Pratt – Health & Human Services Director
Discussion Item
Health & Human Services Annual Report - Discussion Item

RESULT: DISCUSSION ITEM
MOVER:
SECONDER:

- 7A Jim Bright – Facilities Coordinator
Motion to:
Adopt Resolution - Award contracts for HHS remodel

RESULT: APPROVED (5 TO 0)
MOVER: Commissioner Bret Sample
SECONDER: Commissioner Laurie Westerlund
Resolution # 20250610-073

- 7B Jim Bright – Facilities Coordinator
Motion to:
Adopt Resolution - Reroof of Judicial Center, Jail, HHS and Land Department

RESULT: APPROVED (5 TO 0)
MOVER: Commissioner Laurie Westerlund
SECONDER: Commissioner Travis Leiviska
Resolution # 20250610-074

- 8A Mark Jeffers – Economic Development Coordinator
Motion to:
Award Business Development & Recreation Grants

RESULT: APPROVED (5 TO 0)
MOVER: Commissioner Michael Kearney
SECONDER: Commissioner Bret Sample

- 9A Mark Jeffers
County/Administration related Updates

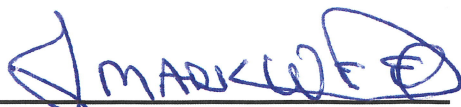
Future LLCC Foundation meeting, Reminders for upcoming events: County Administrator interviews tomorrow June 11th and District 1 Meeting on June 18th

- 10A Board of Commissioners
Commissioner Committee Reports

JET (NE MN Office Job Training), East Central Regional Library Board, Aitkin County CARE, Tri-County Community Health Services, Aitkin Airport, H&HS Advisory

Motion to Adjourn
Motion made at 10:20 a.m.

MOVER: Commissioner Laurie Westerlund
SECONDER: Commissioner Travis Leiviska
Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 24, 2025


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

John Welle
Digitally signed by John Welle
Date: 2025.06.25 06:56:55 -05'00'
John Welle
County Engineer