



**AITKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

August 26, 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 8:58 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.

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

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

Ken Sizemore, Angie's Meats Owner, gives updates.

**2 CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion to: Approve the Consent Agenda.

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

**A) Correspondence File-**

August 12, 2025 - August 25, 2025

**B) Approve County Board Minutes-**

August 12, 2025

**C) Approve Electronic Funds Transfers**

<b>Total</b>	\$3,943,415.85
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**D) Approve Auditor Vouchers-**

Auditor Warrants - HHS 08.08.25

HHS	\$80,558.93					<b>Total</b>	\$80,558.93
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**E) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections-**

ELAN 07.31.25

General	\$3,775.78	Trust	\$2,233.99	R&B	\$459.94	HHS	\$641.62	
							<b>Total</b>	\$7,111.33

**F) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections-**

Manual Warrants 08.08.25

General	\$1,466.03	State	\$110,146.95	Taxes	\$78.40	LLCC	\$494.55	
							<b>Total</b>	\$112,185.93

**G) Approve Commissioner's Vouchers**

Commissioner Warrants 08.15.25

General	\$160,449.84	Reserves	\$64.08	R&B	\$71,752.18	HHS	\$3,950.90
State	\$8,483.00	Trust	\$23,470.53	Forest	\$24,624.47	Taxes	\$21,768.00
LLCC	\$4,179.04	Parks	\$23,978.95	COVID	\$1,500.00	<b>Total</b>	\$344,220.99

**H) Approve Auditor Vouchers-**

Auditor Warrants - R&B 08.15.25

R&B	\$2,699,199.75					<b>Total</b>	\$2,699,199.75
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**I) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections-**

ELAN 08.14.25

General	\$4,177.48					<b>Total</b>	\$4,177.48
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**J) Approve Auditor Vouchers-**

Auditor Warrants - HHS 08.15.25

HHS	\$58,553.39					<b>Total</b>	\$58,553.39
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**K) Approve-**

Approval of Advisory Committee Appointee

**L) Approve-**

Equipment Purchase - Audio/Video Equipment

**M) Approve-**

Mutual Aid Agreement 2025-2027 Contract No. 90509

**N) Approve Auditor Vouchers-**

Auditor Warrants - 08.22.25

General	\$9,000.00	R&B	\$336,975.43			<b>Total</b>	\$345,975.43
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**Regular Agenda**

3A Dan Guida – County Sheriff  
**Informational Only**

2026 Sheriff's Office Budget

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

4A Dennis Thompson – Land Commissioner  
**Informational Only**

2026 Proposed Land Department Budget

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

5A John Welle – County Engineer  
**Informational Only**

2026 Budget Presentation

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

6A Carli Goble - Health & Human Services Fiscal Supervisor  
**Informational Only**

2026 Presentation of Draft H&HS Budget

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

7A Jim Bright – Facilities Coordinator  
**Motion to:**

Adopt Resolution - Contract for Commissioning Services for HHS Remodel Project

**RESULT: APPROVED (5 TO 0)**  
**MOVER:** Commissioner Laurie Westerlund  
**SECONDER:** Commissioner Bret Sample  
**Resolution #** 20250826-103

8A Mark Jeffers – Economic Development Coordinator  
**Informational Only**  
ATV Economic Impact Study - Information Only

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

8B Mark Jeffers – Economic Development Coordinator  
**Informational Only**

County/Administration Related Updates  
HHS Remodel updates, AMC Fall Conference and AMC Annual Conference reminders

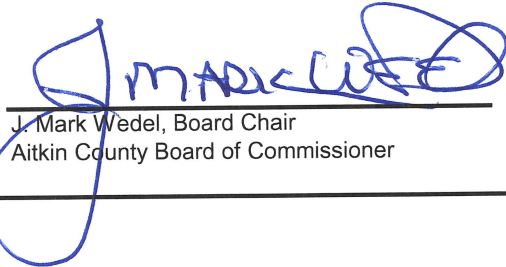
9A Board of Commissioners  
**Informational Only**

Commissioner Committee Reports  
Planning Commission, AMC Strategic Planning Retreat, Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency, Facilities, Budget Committee, AMC Demography webinar, Community Food Shelf, Aitkin Economic Development Administration

**Motion to Adjourn**


Motion made at 11:04 a.m.

**MOVER:** Commissioner Laurie Westerlund  
**SECONDER:** Commissioner Michael Kearney  
**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, September 9, 2025



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



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David J. Minke  
County Administrator