



AITKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

November 12, 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 9:01 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	Absent
Michael Kearney	District #5	Present
David Minke	County Administrator	Present
April Kellerman	Administrative Assistant	Present

1.B PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1.C APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to: Approve the agenda.

RESULT: APPROVED (4 TO 0)
MOVER: Commissioner Travis Leiviska
SECONDER: Commissioner Laurie Westerlund

1.D Citizens Public Comment - None

2 CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to: Approve the Consent Agenda.

RESULT: APPROVED (4 TO 0)
MOVER: Commissioner Michael Kearney
SECONDER: Commissioner Travis Leiviska

A) Correspondence File-

October 28, 2025 - November 11, 2025

B) Approve County Board Minutes-

October 28, 2025

C) Approve Electronic Funds Transfers

Total	\$4,034,921.67
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D) Approve Auditor Vouchers-

Auditor Warrants - HHS 10.24.25

HHS	\$49,391.71					Total	\$49,391.71
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E) Approve Auditor Vouchers-

Auditor Warrants - School Advances 10.24.25

Townships	\$1,780,704.09					Total	\$1,780,704.09
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F) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections-

ELAN 10.09.25

General	\$2,961.89	Reserves	\$200.00	LLCC	\$1,934.16	HHS	\$92.42
						Total	\$5,188.47

G) Approve Auditor Vouchers-

Auditor Warrants - R&B 10.31.25

R&B	\$416,553.38					Total	\$416,553.38
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H) Approve Auditor Vouchers-

Auditor Warrants - Property Tax Overpays 10.31.25

General	\$496.00	Taxes	\$19,471.42			Total	\$19,967.42
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I) Approve Auditor Vouchers-

Auditor Warrants - HHS 10.31.25

General	\$18.47	HHS	\$20,493.37	AC Collab	\$79,562.00	Total	\$100,073.84
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J) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections-

Manual Warrants - HHS 10.28.25

HHS	\$466.17					Total	\$466.17
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K) Approve Manual Warrants/Voids/Corrections-

Manual Warrants 10.31.25

General	\$656.49	State	\$820,971.43	Taxes	\$3,927.00	Total	\$825,554.92
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L) Approve Commissioner's Vouchers

Commissioner Warrants 11.07.25

General	\$185,898.27	R&B	\$54,461.85	HHS	\$1,587.11	Trust	\$21,086.17
Forest	\$92,658.56	Taxes	\$362,142.34	LLCC	\$7,409.46	Parks	\$20,849.14
COVID	\$143.88					Total	\$746,236.78

Regular Agenda

3A Pat Scollard - Sentence to Serve Coordinator**Informational Only**

STS Year in Review - Information Only

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY**MOVER:****SECONDER:****4A Chris Sutch – IT Manager****Motion to:**

Approve Darktrace Renewal - Addition of Email Protection

RESULT: APPROVED (4 TO 0)**MOVER:** Commissioner Laurie Westerlund**SECONDER:** Commissioner Travis Leiviska**5A Jim Bright – Facilities Coordinator****Informational Only**

Facilities Updates - Information Only

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY**MOVER:****SECONDER:****6A Kathleen Ryan – County Auditor****Motion to:**

Approve Statement of Work - CLA 2025 Audit

RESULT: APPROVED (4 TO 0)**MOVER:** Commissioner Michael Kearney**SECONDER:** Commissioner Laurie Westerlund**6B Kathleen Ryan – County Auditor****Motion to:**

Deny Adopting Resolution - Off Sale Liquor License OM Malmo, LLC dba Malmo Market

RESULT: FAILED (2 TO 2)**MOVER:** Commissioner Laurie Westerlund**SECONDER:** Commissioner Michael Kearney**Deny license based on traffic concerns and the fact that there are four off-sale licenses in the township already.**

Role Call Vote: Commissioner Westerlund - Aye
 Commissioner Leiviska - No
 Commissioner Kearney - Aye
 Commissioner Wedel - No

7A David Minke – County Administrator

Discussion Item

Consider Support for Repealing Minnesota's Moratorium on Nuclear Power - Discussion Item

RESULT: DISCUSSION ITEM

MOVER:

SECONDER:

8A Board of Commissioners

Informational Only

Commissioner Committee Reports

ATV Committee, Northern Counties Land Use Coordinating Board, H&HS Advisory, Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS),
Mississippi Headwaters Board

Motion to Adjourn


Motion made at 9:53 a.m.


RESULT: APPROVED (4 TO 0)

MOVER: Commissioner Laurie Westerlund

SECONDER: Commissioner Travis Leiviska

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 25, 2025


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


David J. Minke
County Administrator