

Resolution #20260106-001 ESTABLISHING A MAIL/ABSENTEE/UOCAVA BOARD

WHEREAS, by ordinance or resolution, the governing body of Aitkin County is required by Minnesota Statute 203B.121 and 203B.23 to establish a ballot board to accept and reject mail, absentee and UOCAVA ballots; and

WHEREAS, this Board will bring uniformity in the processing of accepting or rejecting returned mail, absentee and UOCAVA ballots in Aitkin County; and

WHEREAS, the Mail/Absentee/UOCAVA Ballot Board would consist of a sufficient number of Election Judges as provided in Sections 204B.19 to 204B.22;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners hereby establishes a Mail/Absentee/UOCAVA Ballot Board that would consist of a sufficient number of Election Judges as provided in Minnesota Statute 204B.19 to 204B.22 to perform the task for the 2026 elections and all future elections.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners grants the County Auditor the right to add or remove Election Judges when appropriate throughout the 2026 Election season.

Adopted this 6th Day of January, 2026 By The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners.

Attest:



J. Mark Wedel
County Board Chair



David J. Minke, County Administrator
Clerk to the County Board

STATE OF MINNESOTA}
COUNTY OF AITKIN}

Resolution #20260106-002 Thomas Melton Repurchase

WHEREAS, Thomas Melton was the owner at the time of forfeiture. (Applicant)

WHEREAS, the Applicant has made and filed an application with the County Auditor for the repurchase of the hereinafter described parcel of tax-forfeited land, in accordance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 282.241, of amended, which land is situated in the County of Aitkin, Minnesota and described as follows, to-wit:

Parcel #07-0-072202
S 600 ft of W 200 ft of SE NE Sec: 33 Twp: 46 Rge: 27

WHEREAS, said Applicant has set forth in their application that:

- A. Hardship and injustice has resulted because of forfeiture of said land, for the following reasons, to-wit: I have had to deal with some health issues.
- B. That the repurchase of said land by me will promote and best serve the public interest because: Repurchase of said land by me will promote and best serve the public interest because this property has been in my family for over 50 years and until recently the taxes have been paid on this land each year in the past. Because of my health and financial problems, I got behind however I am sending the taxes due.

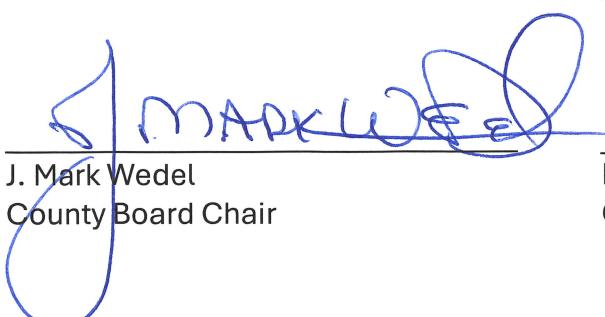
WHEREAS, the Applicant has made payment of all delinquent taxes of properties.

WHEREAS, this board is of the opinion that said application should be granted for such reasons.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the application of Thomas Melton for the purchase of the above-described parcel of tax-forfeited land be and the same is hereby granted and the County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to permit such repurchase according to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 282.241, as amended.

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Resolution #20260106-003 2026 Official County Newspaper

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Aitkin Independent Age is hereby designated by the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners as the official county newspaper in which all official business shall be published. Voyageur Press is named second publication of Financial Statement.

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Resolution #20260106-004 2026 Committee Appointments

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners makes the following committee appointments for the year 2026:

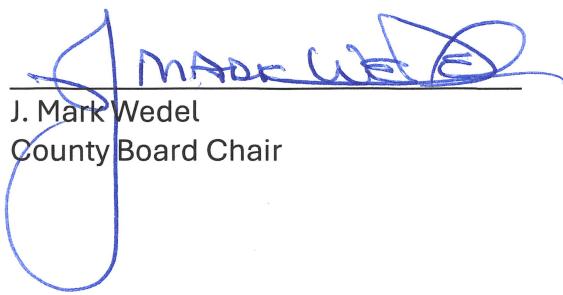
Aitkin Airport Commission (2)	J. Mark Wedel John Welle
Aitkin County Care Board	Laurie Westerlund
Aitkin County Community Corrections Advisory Board (2)	J. Mark Wedel Laurie Westerlund
Aitkin County HRA (Liaison)	Bret Sample
Anoka County JPA Advisory Board	Laurie Westerlund
Aitkin County Opioid Settlement Subcommittee	Bret Sample
Aitkin County Water Planning Task Force	J. Mark Wedel
Aitkin County HRA (Liaison)	Bret Sample
Aitkin Economic Development Administration (AEDA)	J. Mark Wedel Commissioner District 2 Commissioner District 3 Commissioner District 5 County Administrator County Engineer Environmental Services Director HHS Director J. Mark Wedel Bret Sample
AMC Delegates (7)	Michael Kearney Laurie Westerlund, Alt. Michael Kearney Travis Leiviska, Alt. Michael Kearney Travis Leiviska, Alt.
Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)	Mike Dangers
Arrowhead Counties Association (1)	Travis Leiviska Laurie Westerlund
Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency	Bret Sample
Arrowhead Regional Development Center (ARDC)	Michael Kearney Travis Leiviska, Alt.
Assessor for Unorganized Townships	
ATV Committee (2)	Michael Kearney, Alt.
Big Sandy Lake Management Plan (1+Alternate)	J. Mark Wedel
Brainerd 1 Watershed 1 Plan	Travis Leiviska J. Mark Wedel
Budget Committee 2020 (2)	

East Central Regional Library Board	Travis Leiviska Bret Sample, Alt.
Economic Development (2)	J. Mark Wedel Bret Sample
Emergency Management	J. Mark Wedel
Environmental Assessment Worksheet (2)	Michael Kearney Bret Sample
Extension Committee (2)	Michael Kearney Laurie Westerlund
Facilities/Technology Committee (2)	J. Mark Wedel Bret Sample
Fairgrounds Liaison	Jim Bright
H&HS Advisory Committee (Liaison) (2)	J. Mark Wedel Michael Kearney
Historical Society (Liaison)	Travis Leiviska
Joint County Natural Resources Board (2)	Bret Sample Dennis Thompson Michael Kearney, Alt.
Lakes & Pines (1+Alternate)	Travis Leiviska Michael Kearney, Alt.
Law Library	Travis Leiviska Michael Kearney, Alt.
McGregor Airport Commission	Bret Sample
MCIT Representative (1 + Alternate)	Laurie Westerlund David Minke, Alt.
Mille Lacs Fisheries Input Group	Laurie Westerlund
Mille Lacs Watershed (1 + Alternate)	Travis Leiviska Laurie Westerlund, Alt.
Mississippi Headwaters Board (1+Alternate)	Michael Kearney Bret Sample, Alt.
MN Rural Counties (1+Alternate)	Laurie Westerlund Travis Leiviska, Alt.
Natural Resources Advisory Committee (2)	Michael Kearney Bret Sample
NE MN Office Job Training	Travis Leiviska
Northeast MN ATP (2)	Michael Kearney John Welle Travis Leiviska, Alt.
Northeast MN Emergency Communications Board (ECB)	Travis Leiviska Dan Guida, Alt.
Northeast MN Regional Advisory Committee (RAC)	Patrice Erickson Dan Guida, Alt.

Northeast Waste Advisory Committee (NEWAC) (1+Alternate)	Bret Sample Laurie Westerlund, Alt.
Northern Counties Land Use Coordinating Board (NCLUCB) (1+Alternate)	Laurie Westerlund Michael Kearney, Alt.
Northwoods Regional Trail Alliance	Land Dept Staff, Alt.
Ordinance Committee (2)	Travis Leiviska Bret Sample
Personnel/Insurance Committee (2)	Michael Kearney J. Mark Wedel
Planning Commission	Michael Kearney Laurie Westerlund, Alt.
Rum 1W1P Policy Committee	Laurie Westerlund Travis Leiviska, Alt.
Snake River Watershed Management Board/1W1P Policy Committee	Travis Leiviska Bret Sample, Alt.
Sobriety Court	J. Mark Wedel
Solid Waste Task Force (2)	J. Mark Wedel Bret Sample
Toward Zero Deaths	J. Mark Wedel
Tri-County Community Health Services Board	Laurie Westerlund

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