

Aitkin County Board of Commissioners  
Request for County Board Action/Agenda Item Cover Sheet



To: Chairperson, Aitkin County Board of Commissioners Date: 3-6-2012

Via: Patrick Wussow, County Administrator

From: John Welle

Title of Item:

Aitkin Salt Storage Shed

Requested Meeting Date: 3-13-12 Estimated Presentation Time: 10 minutes

Presenter: John Welle

**Type of Action Requested** (check all that apply)

- For info only, no action requested
- For discussion only with possible future action
- Let/Award Bid or Quote (attach copy of basic bid/quote specs or summary of complex specs, each bid/quote received & bid/quote comparison)
- Approve/adopt proposal by motion
- Authorize filling vacant staff position
- Request to schedule public hearing or sale
- Request by member of the public to be heard
- Item should be addressed in closed session under MN Statute \_\_\_\_\_
- Approve under Routine Business
- Adopt Ordinance Revision
- Approve/adopt proposal by resolution (attach draft resolution)
- Other (please list) \_\_\_\_\_

**Fiscal Impact** (check all that apply)

- Is this item in the current approved budget?  Yes  No (attach explanation)
- What type of expenditure is this?  Operating  Capital  Other (attach explanation)
- Revenue line account # that funds this item is: 5001
- Expenditure line account # for this item is: 6600

**Staffing Impact** (Any yes answer requires a review by Human Resources Manager before going to the board)

- Duties of a department employee(s) may be materially affected.  Yes  No
- Applicable job description(s) may require revision.  Yes  No
- Item may impact a bargaining unit agreement or county work policy.  Yes  No
- Item may change the department's authorized staffing level.  Yes  No



**Supporting Attachment(s)**

- Memorandum Summary of Item
- Copy of applicable county policy and/or ordinance (excerpts acceptable)
- Copy of applicable state/federal statute/regulation (excerpts acceptable)
- Copy of applicable contract and/or agreement
- Original bid spec or quote request (excluding complex construction projects)
- Bids/quotes received (excluding complex construction projects, provide comparison worksheet)
- Bid/quote comparison worksheet
- Draft County Board resolution
- Plat approval check-list and supporting documents
- Copy of previous minutes related to this issue
- Other supporting document(s) (please list) \_\_\_\_\_

## AITKIN COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S MEMO

**TO:** Aitkin County Commissioners  
Patrick Wussow, County Administrator

**FROM:** John Welle

**DATE:** March 6, 2012

### **REGULAR AGENDA ITEM: Aitkin Salt Storage Shed**

Back in 2005, I budgeted \$160,000 for a salt storage shed at the Aitkin Area Maintenance Facility. In that same year, we constructed a steel truss/fabric roof structure on a timber wall structure at the McGregor Area Maintenance Facility. Since this type of construction was a relatively new concept in salt storage buildings, I wanted to see how this structure performed before constructing a similar structure in Aitkin. Because the structure has performed very well through the past six years, I would now like to proceed with construction of a similar structure at the Aitkin facility. The structure in Aitkin will be sized to hold 4,000 cubic yards of salt/sand mixture, which is about 30% more than the annual supply currently needed.

To accomplish construction of this structure, I propose the following:

1. I have acquired a quote for material only for a 12-foot high, 72-foot by 120-foot externally braced timber wall material from Wheeler Lumber, LLC from Bloomington Minnesota. The total quote for the material is \$90,800. I did not acquire another quote for this material, as there is no other supplier that I know of that can supply petroleum-based treated timber material. The quoted negotiated cost is a reasonable cost compared to what we paid for similar material for the McGregor facility.
2. I will also need Wheeler Lumber to supply engineered drawings of the wall structure. They propose to supply these drawings under a separate engineering services agreement for \$16,000. When available later this spring, these drawings will be used to advertise for bids to construct the wall, which is estimated to cost \$60,000.
3. Finally, I have acquired a quote from Nelson's Agri Structures from Grove City, Minnesota to supply and erect the steel truss/fabric roof structure on the timber wall structure. Nelson's Agri Structures is the local supplier for Winkler Fabric Roof Systems, which is the brand of roof that was constructed in McGregor. Having had good results to date from this structure and believing that this is one of the best fabric roof suppliers available, I would like to construct another Winkler roof, which means that only Nelson's Agri Structures can supply it. They have been very good to work with and appear to be very capable of doing the work. They have supplied a quote for \$78,450 to supply and erect this structure.

All totaled, this structure is estimated to cost \$245,250 to construct. This figure does not include sales tax on the material that will be purchased. Budgeted funds for this structure total \$250,000, including \$90,000 budgeted in 2012. I would like authorization at this time to accept the \$90,800 material quote from Wheeler Lumber, the \$16,000 engineering services agreement from Wheeler Lumber, and the \$78,450 material/installation quote from Nelson's Agri Structures.