



# Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

**Requested Meeting Date:** January 26, 2016

**Title of Item:** Aitkin County CARE Funding

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY	<b>Action Requested:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing* <small>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</small>
<b>Submitted by:</b> Nathan Burkett		<b>Department:</b> Administration
<b>Presenter (Name and Title):</b> County Administrator		<b>Estimated Time Needed:</b>
<b>Summary of Issue:</b> <p>Background: The county received an informal request from Aitkin County CARE for additional funding, the purpose of which was to increase the position of executive director of Aitkin County CARE to a full time position/increase the compensation/ and/or improve benefit offerings.</p> <p>The County Administrator, Commissioner Westerlund, and HHS Director met with Aitkin County Care Board representatives to discuss how the County might help Aitkin County CARE. The options discussed (all subject to county board approval) were: (a) increase the County contribution to CARE (b) allow Aitkin County CARE to utilize the County's health plan (c) establish a FT county position, contract with FTE for county employee to serve as executive director.</p> <p>Aitkin County CARE is important to Aitkin County because it serves the senior population, which is growing and will continue to grow according to demographic estimates for at least the next 20 years. The services that CARE provides allow seniors to remain in their homes longer, which saves county time, county dollars and taxpayer dollars in general. There are several services that CARE provides that, in the event CARE no longer provided them the County must accept responsibility for. Typically, CARE can provide these services at a lower cost overall, and a lower cost to taxpayers than Aitkin County can.</p> <p>The Aitkin County CARE Board is meeting between agenda publication and the Board meeting to discuss their options, and their preferences. More information will be made available to the Board as soon as possible.</p>		
<b>Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:</b> Direction as to how to proceed to assist Aitkin County CARE.  Approve Appointment of Commissioner Westerlund to CARE Board as representative of the County Board.		
<b>Recommended Action/Motion:</b>   		
<b>Financial Impact:</b> Is there a cost associated with this request? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$ Is this budgeted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No      Please Explain:		