



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: 2/9/16

Title of Item: Community Corrections

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY	Action Requested: <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>
Submitted by: Nathan Burkett		Department: Administration
Presenter (Name and Title): Nathan Burkett, County Administrator		Estimated Time Needed: 20 min
Summary of Issue: See attached memo		
Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:		
Recommended Action/Motion: Provide Direction to the County Administrator.		
Financial Impact: 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 <i>Please Explain:</i>		

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TO: County Board
FROM: Nathan Burkett
CC: Liz DeRuyck
DATE: 2/4/16
RE: Community Corrections Options



As a result of the dissolution of CMCC, the County Board has directed staff to prepare as though we will continue as a Community Corrections Act (CCA) county, and to also be prepared to become a County Probation Office (CPO) county.

The purpose of this agenda item is to request direction and to recommend a change in course. The reason that this is necessary is that the Minnesota Department of Corrections (DOC) has requested that we inform them of Aitkin County's chosen delivery model for corrections by March 1, 2016 (statute would actually require April 1, 2016).

Because of DOC's request, we are not able to shift on the fly during or after the legislative session. If we choose to remain a CCA county, we must opt in now. Because the CCA statute still has the requirement for a minimum population of 30,000, we cannot opt in to CCA without a partner.

I recommend that we choose to stay as a CCA county. For this reason I recommend that we approach other existing CCA Joint Powers organizations and other counties to request their assistance.

1. Engage in a memorandum of understanding stating that they will agree to allow Aitkin County to join them in joint powers as of July 1, 2016 in the event we are not able to obtain a change in the legislation.
2. Agree in principle to strongly consider Aitkin County's preferred joint powers structure, whereby the relationship is primarily a "pass through" type of relationship which allows Aitkin County management, and the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners to govern the budget, policies and personnel of the Aitkin County probation staff.