



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: July 11, 2017

Title of Item: Subscriber Access to Assessor Photos on LINK GIS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA	Action Requested:	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested
<input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item
<input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY	<input type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft)	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing*

**provide copy of hearing notice that was published*

Submitted by: Mike Dangers	Department: County Assessor
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Presenter (Name and Title): Mike Dangers, County Assessor	Estimated Time Needed: 10 minutes
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Summary of Issue:

Aitkin County has offered a premium paid subscription service on the GIS website for several years. This subscription allows a user to access items such as building square footage, sales information, and building sketches. We currently have 17 subscribers that include real estate companies, insurance companies, contractors, and appraisers. The access fee is \$180 per year.

We recently received a request to include the assessor photos as part of this service. The assessor photos database typically includes the front and rear exterior house photos and outbuilding photos. These photos are currently used by internal Aitkin County government users to help identify, value, and classify properties. This data is considered public data but has not previously been made available to the public in this type of format. Some other counties do provide these photos on a subscription basis.

Staff makes an effort to not include images of personal property or people in the database since we have no interest in these types of photos. However, we cannot exclude all instances of these images. If a property owner asks that we not take photos, then staff refrains from taking photos.

Please contact Mike with any questions.

Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:

Recommended Action/Motion:

Please pass a motion to either approve or deny access to this database by the subscribers. If the perceived benefit to the subscribers outweighs the potential security risk, then the recommendation is to approve access.

Financial Impact:

Is there a cost associated with this request? Yes No

What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$

Is this budgeted? Yes No *Please Explain:*