



# Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

**Requested Meeting Date:** July 10, 2018

**Title of Item:** Local Government Subscriptions to Aitkin County GIS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA	<b>Action Requested:</b>	<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*

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

The County Board passed a motion to restrict access to the taxpayer name search function at the February 13, 2018, Board meeting. This restriction was made to the free public-facing LINK GIS website. Please see the attached meeting minutes and the memo from that meeting.

Since this change, a township has contacted me regarding a subscription to the LINK GIS website. We currently have several subscribers that pay \$180 per year to access the subscription site. The subscription site allows taxpayer name search. All of the subscribers are private businesses that perform real estate related services.

There is a Minnesota Statute that requires governments to share GIS data with other government agencies at no cost. However, it does not specify what format the GIS data should be in when it's provided.

Since we have a subscription service up and running, we could provide the data to the townships and cities at no additional cost other than staff time.

**Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:**

We may provide this data to other local governments in formats other than a website.

**Recommended Action/Motion:**

Please pass a motion to allow townships and cities within Aitkin County free subscriptions to the LINK GIS subscription website.

**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:*

<p>The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018 at 9:02 a.m. with the following members present: Board Chair Anne Marcotte, Commissioners J. Mark Wedel, Laurie Westerlund, Bill Pratt, County Administrator Jessica Seibert and Administrative Assistant Sue Bingham. Commissioner Don Niemi was absent.</p>	<p><b>CALL TO ORDER</b></p>
<p>Motion by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Pratt and carried, all members present voting yes to approve the February 13, 2018 amended agenda. Agenda Item 3A) FSC Certification Presentation, was removed.</p>	<p><b>APPROVED AGENDA</b></p>
<p>Motion by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Pratt and carried, all members present voting yes to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: A) Correspondence File: January 23, 2018 to February 12, 2018; B) Approve County Board Minutes: January 23, 2018; C) Approve Commissioner Warrants: General Fund \$121,479.98, Road &amp; Bridge \$27,250.83, Special Revenue \$215.39, Health &amp; Human Services \$1,296.86, State \$58.65, Trust \$6,963.81, Forest Development \$690.96, Agency \$3,031.30, Long Lake Conservation Center \$3,229.29, Parks \$14,452.42 for a total of \$178,669.49; D) Approve January Manual Warrants: General Fund \$23,448.99, Road &amp; Bridge \$15,234.41, Health &amp; Human Services \$1,856.28, Debt Service \$3,543.14, State \$117,159.91, Trust \$55.30, Taxes &amp; Penalties \$1,134.00, Long Lake Conservation Center \$648.27 for a total of \$163,080.30; E) Approve Affidavit for Duplicate of Lost Warrant: Hawkinson Sand and Gravel, Check #72900 dated 11-17-2017 in the amount of \$1602.04; F) Approve 2018 Countywide Fee Schedule; G) Approve Purchase of Two Vehicles – Motor Pool; H) Accept (2) Checks for Financial Support to Sobriety Court: 1. \$100 from City of Tamarack, 2. \$100 from City of Hill City; I) Approve Change in Taxpayer Name Search on Aitkin County GIS; J) Adopt Resolution: Reaffirming Petty Cash Funds; K) Adopt Resolution: Form LG220 – Up North Riders ATV Club Inc.; L) Adopt Resolution: Form LG220 – Lawler Area Community Club</p>	<p><b>CONSENT AGENDA</b></p>
<p>Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Pratt and carried, all members present voting yes to approve Motor Pool purchase of 2018 AWD Chevrolet Traverse from Brandl Chevrolet for \$28,465 and 2018 Ford Taurus from Aitkin Motors for \$21,251 for a total of \$49,716 plus taxes and fees.</p>	<p><b>MOTOR POOL VEHICLE PURCHASE</b></p>
<p>Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Pratt and carried, all members present voting yes to approve changing the search options on the Aitkin County GIS to not allow public taxpayer name search, effective immediately.</p>	<p><b>AITKIN COUNTY GIS SEARCH OPTIONS</b></p>
<p>Under the consent agenda, motion for a resolution by Commissioner Wedel, seconded by Commissioner Pratt and carried, all members present voting yes to adopt resolution – Reaffirming Petty Cash Funds:</p>	
<p><b>BE IT RESOLVED</b>, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners reaffirms the following change funds.</p>	<p><b>RESOLUTION 20180213-010</b></p>



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<b>Submitted by:</b> Mike Dangers		<b>Department:</b> County Assessor
<b>Presenter (Name and Title):</b>		<b>Estimated Time Needed:</b>
<b>Summary of Issue:</b>  <p>The free public-facing Aitkin County Geographic Information System (GIS) currently allows all users the ability to search for parcel data using taxpayer name. This functionality has concerned law enforcement and other staff due to the ease by which any user, including criminals, can search for data on the GIS.</p> <p>Many counties in Minnesota do not allow this functionality. Please see the attached page for a copy of a map that shows which counties allow this type of search capability. Dan Haasken, GIS Coordinator, recently surveyed counties to create this map to enable the Board to make a more informed decision on this matter.</p> <p>A group consisting of Sheriff Scott Turner, Attorney Jim Ratz, Administrator Jessica Seibert, Assessor Mike Dangers, and GIS Coordinator Dan Haasken, met on several occasions to discuss and consider alternatives regarding this topic. We have come to a consensus and request that the County Board pass a motion to direct County Staff to not allow the public the ability to search for data on the GIS system using taxpayer name. There are several other search methods available that would not be affected by this change.</p> <p>Please contact any members of the group with questions.</p>		
<b>Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:</b>		
<b>Recommended Action/Motion:</b> Please pass a motion to change the search options on the Aitkin County GIS to not allow public taxpayer name search effective immediately.		
<b>Financial Impact:</b> Is there a cost associated with this request? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" 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>		

Legally binding agreements must have County Attorney approval prior to submission.

# Does your County Allow Searching by Owner or Taxpayer Name in a Free Public Facing Web Application?

