



# Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: 8/14/2018

Title of Item: Data Cloud Solutions MobileAssessor

- REGULAR AGENDA
- CONSENT AGENDA
- INFORMATION ONLY

**Action Requested:**

- Approve/Deny Motion
- Adopt Resolution (attach draft)

- Direction Requested
- Discussion Item
- Hold Public Hearing\*

*\*provide copy of hearing notice that was published*

**Submitted by:**

Mike Dangers

**Department:**

County Assessor

**Presenter (Name and Title):**

Mike Dangers, County Assessor

**Estimated Time Needed:**

15 minutes

**Summary of Issue:**

Please see attached memo for details.

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

**Recommended Action/Motion:**

Approve the purchase of MobileAssessor. Actual payments to be made through Minnesota Counties Information Systems.

**Financial Impact:**

Is there a cost associated with this request?

Yes

No

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

Is this budgeted?  Yes

No

Please Explain:



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## MEMO

August 8, 2018

To: County Board of Commissioners  
Jessica Seibert, County Administrator

From: Mike Dangers, County Assessor

Re: Data Cloud Solutions Mobile Assessor

Data Cloud Solutions, LLC is a private company based out of Springfield, Ohio that provides software for property assessment. They have a unique product called MobileAssessor that is a mobile interface for Computer Aided Mass Appraisal (CAMA) systems. In other words, they provide an efficient way for staff appraisers to use an iPad in the field with our existing CAMA system. The web address with a description of the product and marketing material can be found here at: [camacloud.com/mobile-assessor.aspx](http://camacloud.com/mobile-assessor.aspx)

Our staff appraisers currently use Apple iPads in the field to collect data and have done this for years. The current system and process that we use needs improvement. Appraisers take notes, update sketches, and take photos on the iPads and then later enter the data into the county computer system when they get back to the office. This is a manual process that isn't much faster than using paper.

MobileAssessor enables the appraisers to directly enter data into the county's system from anywhere. It doesn't require a wireless signal to work. It should greatly improve the efficiency of the data collection process. It also allows our county to make an upgrade to our technology without scrapping our existing MCIS CAMA and Tax systems. Other counties are spending far more to switch to completely new systems that promise similar results.

At the September 13, 2016 County Board meeting, the Board approved a testing agreement with Data Cloud Solutions to allow Minnesota Counties Information Systems (MCIS) to test this software with our system. These tests were conducted at Carlton County using the same system as Aitkin County. Those tests were successful.

After the completion of the tests, and after input from the county assessors in the 12 MCIS counties, the MCIS Board decided to move forward with implementing MobileAssessor across the organization. This will likely start happening in early 2019.

The costs of this product are estimated to be \$29,925 for the one-time startup fee and then about \$13,917 per year thereafter. Part of the \$13,917 is labor cost of MCIS staff due to additional time dedicated to supporting this product.

There is \$34,400 currently reserved for use for this project. That amount will cover the entire startup fee and part of the annual cost for the first year.

I request that the Aitkin County Board approve the purchase of this product to improve the property assessment. Please contact Mike with any questions.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following sums of money be levied against the tax capacity of the Unorganized Townships of Aitkin County, for the year collectible 2017 for Cemetery (Revenue):

Unorganized Township Cemetery:	
Shovel Lake Cemetery	
51-27	\$600
52-27	\$600
Hebron Cemetery	
50-25	\$1,500

**RESOLUTION  
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2017  
UNORGANIZED  
CEMETERY**

Under the consent agenda, motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to appoint Kevin Stromberg of Spencer Township to fill the Board of Adjustment vacancy in District 1 for the remainder of the term expiring December 31, 2016 and for a three year term to expire on December 31, 2019.

**APPOINTMENT  
TO BOARD OF  
ADJUSTMENT**

Motion by Commissioner Niemi, seconded by Commissioner Westerlund and carried, all members voting yes to approve Data Cloud Solutions, LLC Testing Agreements between Data Cloud Solutions (DCS), Minnesota Counties Information Systems (MCIS), and Member Counties: 1. Data Access and Use Agreement, and 2. Data Confidentiality Agreement.

**DATA CLOUD  
SOLUTIONS**

The request for a new boiler system for Health & Human Services Building was remanded to the Facilities Committee and will be revisited at the next Board meeting.

**HEALTH &  
HUMAN  
SERVICES  
BOILER SYSTEM**

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members voting yes to approve Plat of Sunset Harbor Addition and to authorize Board Chair's signature on the documents.

**PLAT OF SUNSET  
HARBOR  
ADDITION**

Motion by Commissioner Niemi, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voting yes to approve Highway Department purchase of two John Deere Motor 670G Graders from RDO Equipment Co. for a total of \$416,418.00.

**MOTOR  
GRADERS FOR  
HIGHWAY DEPT**

Matt Lueck from Mud Rhythm Racing Series requested assistance from the Board for maintenance and improvement to the Aitkin racetrack. The Board consensus was that this request should be brought back to the Board after the clean up event scheduled on September 24<sup>th</sup> has been completed, and that the Fairboard should be present.

**MUD RHYTHM  
RACING SERIES**

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voting to schedule the 2017 Budget Hearing at 6:05 p.m. on Tuesday, December 6, 2016.

**2017 BUDGET  
HEARING**