



# Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

**Requested Meeting Date:** November 26, 2019

**Title of Item:** Designating Mail Balloting for elections in unorganized towns

<input type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY	<b>Action Requested:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft) <small>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</small>	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing*
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<b>Submitted by:</b> Kirk Peysar, County Auditor	<b>Department:</b> Auditor
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<b>Presenter (Name and Title):</b> Kirk Peysar, County Auditor	<b>Estimated Time Needed:</b> n/a
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**Summary of Issue:**

Two additional townships that supported unorganized township elections are no longer available for that support. Waukenabo Township, which supported the NW P2 Unorganized Towns of (49-27, 50-27, 50-26, 50-25, & 51-25) has adopted mail balloting; Hill Lake Township, which supported the NW P1 Unorganized Towns of (52-25 and 52-27) has also adopted mail balloting.

With the majority of unorganized towns moving to mail balloting, it is further recommended that the remainder of unorganized towns be designated mail ballot precincts, those are Unorganized Town 45-24 (Jewett), Unorganized Town 47-24 (Davidson), and Unorganized Town 51-27 (LeMay)

The County Board has the authority to designate mail balloting for these unorganized towns under MN Statute 204B.45 for federal, state, county, and local elections.

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

**Recommended Action/Motion:**  
Adopt resolution designating mail balloting for the NW P1 Unorganized Towns, NW P2 Unorganized Towns, Unorganized Town 45-24, 47-24, and 51-27.

**Financial Impact:**

Is there a cost associated with this request?  Yes  No

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

Is this budgeted?  Yes  No Please Explain:

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

By Commissioner: xx

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**Mail Balloting**

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota Statute 204B.45 requires the designation of local polling places for elections annually; Two additional townships that supported unorganized township elections are no longer available for that support.

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**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners, acting on behalf of the unorganized townships in Aitkin County designate Mail Balloting for the precincts of NW P2 Unorganized Towns of (49-27, 50-27, 50-26, 50-25, & 51-25), Hill Lake Township, which supported the NW P1 Unorganized Towns of (52-25; and Unorganized Town 45-24 (Jewett), Unorganized Town 47-24 (Davidson), and Unorganized Town 51-27 (LeMay).

Commissioner xx moved the adoption of the resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote

**FIVE MEMBERS PRESENT**

**All Members Voting Yes**

**STATE OF MINNESOTA}  
COUNTY OF AITKIN}**

I, Jessica Seibert, County Administrator, Aitkin County, Minnesota do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution filed in the Administration Office of Aitkin County in Aitkin, Minnesota as stated in the minutes of the proceedings of said Board on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

Witness my hand and seal this 26<sup>th</sup> day of November 2019

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Jessica Seibert  
County Administrator