



# Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

**Requested Meeting Date:** April 14, 2020

**Title of Item:** Discussion regarding waiving property tax penalties

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA	<b>Action Requested:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested
<input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA	<input type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item
<input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY	<input type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft)	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing* <i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i>

<b>Submitted by:</b> Kirk Peysar and Lori Grams	<b>Department:</b> Auditor-Treasurer
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<b>Presenter (Name and Title):</b> Kirk Peysar and Lori Grams	<b>Estimated Time Needed:</b>
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**Summary of Issue:**

With COVID-19 and the possibility of taxpayers having difficulty paying their property taxes, several counties are considering possibly waiving or reducing penalties for delayed payment of property taxes. There is an unlikely chance that the state legislature will come out with something to address waiving or reducing penalties, leaving the decision to individual counties to decide.

Attached is a breakdown of Aitkin county's tax base and collection data.

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

**Recommended Action/Motion:**  
Consideration on developing a policy.

**Financial Impact:**

Is there a cost associated with this request?  Yes  No

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

Is this budgeted?  Yes  No *Please Explain:*

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Re: Property Taxes by categories

Aitkin County anticipates collecting nearly \$26.7 million in total property taxes for the 2020 tax year, net of property tax credits.

Agricultural properties, residential properties, and seasonal recreation properties make up 86 percent of tax dollars collected. (\$23.1 million)

Seasonal recreational properties account for the largest portion (42 percent).

The remaining 14 percent is comprised of commercial, industrial, utility, resorts/golf courses, railroad, apartments, and personal properties. (\$3.6 million).

The levies proportion out with the county comprising 55 percent. The remaining 45 percent shared by the cities/towns, schools, and the state general.

County	55%
Cities/Towns	22%
Schools	15%
State General	8%

Approximately 58 percent of property taxes are collected in the first cycle ending May 15<sup>th</sup>, 40 percent in the second cycle ending October 15<sup>th</sup>, with the remainder collected later.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Kirk Peysar  
Aitkin County Auditor

## Aitkin County

<b>Property Class</b>	<b>Net Tax Dollars</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Agriculture	\$3,208,418	12%
Seasonal Rec	\$11,234,921	42%
Residential	\$8,622,889	32%
Apartments	\$362,456	1%
Resorts/Golf Course	\$236,106	1%
Commercial	\$1,472,505	6%
Industrial	\$611,270	2%
Utilities	\$110,742	0%
Railroad	\$351,024	1%
Personal	\$430,478	2%
Other	\$20,957	0%
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$26,661,766</b>	<b>100%</b>