



# Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

**Requested Meeting Date:** April 28, 2020

**Title of Item:** Timber permits extensions

<input type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY	<b>Action Requested:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft)	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing* <small>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</small>
<b>Submitted by:</b> Rich Courtemanche		<b>Department:</b> Land
<b>Presenter (Name and Title):</b> Rich Courtemanche - Land Commissioner		<b>Estimated Time Needed:</b>
<b>Summary of Issue:</b>  <p>Aitkin County timber sale contracts require that second extensions be approved by the County Board. The winter of 2019-2020 has been problematic due to unfrozen ground conditions. Despite efforts from the loggers, the following timber permits are not complete and the loggers are requesting a second extension.</p> <p>Permit #13751, Ron Beckman</p> <p>As precedent, on March 15, 2019 and March 10, 2020, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners granted second extensions on timber sales due to adverse weather that required the logger to pay for the permit bond and the permit balance in full and giving the loggers two years additional years to complete harvesting.</p> <p>The forester/land manager and the County Land Commissioner are in favor of granting extensions with the same conditions for these sales expiring in March 2020.</p>		
<b>Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:</b> FYI, the State DNR has granted free one year extensions on all timber sales expiring in 2020. Only Itasca County is offering this policy from the Forested Counties.		
<b>Recommended Action/Motion:</b> Approve the second timber sale extension requests requiring paying for the timber sale in full (no penalty).		
<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.