



# Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

**Requested Meeting Date:** 12 October 2021

**Title of Item:** Adopt Internet Domain: aitkincountymn.gov

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input 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) <i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing*
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<b>Submitted by:</b> Chris Sutch	<b>Department:</b> IT
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<b>Presenter (Name and Title):</b> Chris Sutch, IT Manager	<b>Estimated Time Needed:</b> 5 Minutes
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**Summary of Issue:**

Adopt Internet domain name of aitkincountymn.gov

The US Federal Government is encouraging all Government bodies to adopt a .gov domain name to clearly identify our Internet presence as belonging to an official government source. Currently through the end of 2021 registration is free. Future renewals will most likely have fees associated. There will be ancillary fees to finalize the migration of the domain name - while not specifically budgeted, IT's existing budget will be able to cover these minimal expenses.

Some of these would be DNS server hosting, SSL certificates, addition of aitkincountymn.gov as email alias.

IT would maintain the existing co.aitkin.mn.us domain in parallel.

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

hyphens are allowed but not recommended. aitkincountymn.gov is the suggested format by MN IT leadership & Dotgov program. Alternatives could be aitkin-county-mn.gov, aitkincounty-mn.gov, aitkincounty.gov aitkin.gov would probably be rejected due to the City sharing the name.

**Recommended Action/Motion:**

Approve application for aitkincountymn.gov domain name.

**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:*



## AITKIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Fax: 218-927-7374

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.Gov Domain Registration  
c/o Verisign, Inc.  
12061 Bluemont Way  
Reston, Virginia 20190

To the .gov Program:

As authorizing authority for Aitkin County, I request that responsibility for the domain name aitkincountymn.gov be delegated to my municipality.

As an organization Aitkin County serves the Taxpayers of Aitkin County, in elections, Taxes and other municipal matters. The mission of .gov is to easily identify those organizations. Aitkin County would migrate our email domain and web presence from co.aitkin.mn.us to aitkincountymn.gov

In order to obtain and maintain aitkincountymn.gov, Aitkin County will meet the general and specific requirements for federal agencies, found at <https://home.dotgov.gov/registration/requirements/>

The following will be listed as contacts for aitkincountymn.gov which Aitkin County will keep up to date in the .gov registrar.

**Administrative Contact**

Jessica Seibert  
County Administrator  
307 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NW, Room 310  
Aitkin, MN 56431  
218-927-7276  
[Jessica.seibert@co.aitkin.mn.us](mailto:Jessica.seibert@co.aitkin.mn.us)

**Technical Contact**

Christian Sutch  
IT Manager  
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Aitkin, MN 56431  
218-927-7318  
[Chris.sutch@co.aitkin.mn.us](mailto:Chris.sutch@co.aitkin.mn.us)

**Security Contact**

[support@co.aitkin.mn.us](mailto:support@co.aitkin.mn.us)  
218-927-3993

I understand if I wish to retire aitkincountymn.gov, I must submit a written request to [registrar@dotgov.gov](mailto:registrar@dotgov.gov)

Sincerely,

J. Mark Wedel  
Aitkin County Board Chair