



# Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

## 6B

Agenda Item #

**Requested Meeting Date:** February 8, 2022

**Title of Item:** Economic Development Impact Report

<input type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY	<b>Action Requested:</b> <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing*
<b>Submitted by:</b> Mark Jeffers		<b>Department:</b> Administration
<b>Presenter (Name and Title):</b> Mark Jeffers, Economic Development Coordinator		<b>Estimated Time Needed:</b> 10 minutes
<b>Summary of Issue:</b> <p>Staff has established a quarterly economic development impact report. The intention is to introduce this document and discuss the process for ongoing reports.</p>		
<b>Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:</b>		
<b>Recommended Action/Motion:</b>		
<b>Financial Impact:</b> <i>Is there a cost associated with this request?</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <i>What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$</i> <i>Is this budgeted?</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>Please Explain:*</i>		

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



# 2021 IMPACT REPORT

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

BUSINESS CONNECTS

ON TRACK

22

7 PRIORITIES TO INVOKE CHANGE

UNIQUE BUSINESSES SERVED

## NOTABLES

- Aitkin County was awarded the CDBG-CV Broadband Grant, \$4.8 Million
- Staff submitted grant application for NTIA Broadband Grant- decision pending
- Staff Completed and adopted 2021-2025 Strategic Plan
- Staff reformed the Business Development & Recreation Grant
- Staff assisted with ARPA process for Aitkin County
- Staff assisted with County Cares small business grant- COVID
- Staff worked with City of Tamarack through Strategic Plan RFP Process
- Non-traditional Lenders Luncheon held in Aitkin County
- Established relationships with all ISP's
- Staff led County cohort for Blanding CBR Accelerate Program- Broadband Project

## STAFF COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Chair of the Aitkin Chamber Economic Development Committee
- Member of the City of Aitkin Planning & Zoning Commission
- Elected to Northspan Board of Directors
- Elected to Iron Range Economic Alliance Board of Directors
- Member of MMFCU Advisory Council
- Member of the Board of Directors for Aitkin Chamber of Commerce
- Moderated the Aitkin Chamber Legislative Luncheon June/2021