Board of County Commissioners
Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: October 25, 2022

Title of Item: Selling tax-forfeited parcels online through Public Surplus

☑ REGULAR AGENDA	**Action Requested:**	☐ Direction Requested
☐ CONSENT AGENDA	☑ Approve/Deny Motion	☐ Discussion Item
☐ INFORMATION ONLY	☐ Adopt Resolution (attach draft)	☐ Hold Public Hearing*
		provide copy of hearing notice that was published

Submitted by:
DJ Thompson

Department:
Land

Presenter (Name and Title):
DJ Thompson, Land Commissioner

Estimated Time Needed:
10 Minutes

Summary of Issue:

The Land Department has a very difficult time selling some parcels of tax-forfeited land. After the auction, tracts are available over-the-counter for a period of 90 days. Parcels that have been on the auction numerous times can be purchased any time. We currently have 2 such parcels. Sale prices have been reduced and we still cannot seem to sell these particular tracts. Several other Land Departments, including Itasca and St. Louis, have utilized the services of Public Surplus to sell tax-forfeited land via an on-line auction format. We would like to explore and utilize this option for parcels that have been on the auction at least three times. On-line auctions are allowed under 282.01, Subd. 13.

Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:
Continue selling tax-forfeited parcels via in-person auctions.

Recommended Action/Motion:
Pass motion to allow the Land Department to sell tax-forfeited parcels on-line through Public Surplus.

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:*

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