



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: February 25, 2025

Title of Item: Request Public Hearing for Proposed Feedlot

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY	Action Requested: <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*
Submitted by: Andrew Carlstrom	Department: Planning & Zoning	
Presenter (Name and Title): Andrew Carlstrom, Environmental Services Director		Estimated Time Needed: 5 minutes
Summary of Issue: Aitkin County has not accepted delegation of the Minnesota feedlot permit program, and in accordance with MN Statute 116.07 Subd.7(m) is required to hold a public hearing on feedlot proposals of 300 or more animal units. Please see attached memorandum.		
Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments: N/A		
Recommended Action/Motion: Request a Public Hearing for March 11, 2025.		
Financial Impact: <i>Is there a cost associated with this request?</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input 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.

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MEMORANDUM TO AITKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE: February 25, 2025

FROM: Andrew Carlstrom, Environmental Services Director – Planning & Zoning Administrator

RE: **Future proposed feedlot of greater than 300 animal units**

Currently, Aitkin County does not regulate nor has accepted delegation of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's feedlot permit program. Mr. Ken Sizemore, who owns and operates Angie's Meats, is proposing to construct a feedlot at 28096 480th Street, Palisade, MN 56469. The feedlot is proposed to be greater than 300 animal units, but less than 500 in size.

According to MN Statute 116.07 Subd.7 (m.) it says:

“After January 1, 2001, a county that has not accepted delegation of the feedlot permit program must hold a public meeting prior to the agency (MPCA) issuing a feedlot permit for a feedlot facility with 300 or more animal units, unless another public meeting has been held with regard to the feedlot facility to be permitted.”

Aitkin County does not require feedlots in “Open” zoning to apply for a conditional use permit. If approved by the Aitkin County Board, the applicant will work with a representative from the MPCA Feedlot Program throughout the permitting process, as well as to ensure the health and safety of the environment for the proposed project.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 218-927-7342 or by email at andrew.carlstrom@co.aitkin.mn.us.