



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: 11/12/2025

Title of Item: STS Year in Review

☒ REGULAR AGENDA ☐ CONSENT AGENDA	Action Requested: ☐ Approve/Deny Motion ☐ Adopt Resolution (attach draft) ☐ Hold Public Hearing <i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i>	☐ Direction Requested ☐ Discussion Item ☒ Information Only
Submitted by: Sheriff Dan Guida		Department: Sheriff's Office
Presenter (Name and Title): Pat Scollard - Sentence to Serve Coordinator		Estimated Time Needed: 20 minutes
Summary of Issue: Year in Review - Sentence To Serve Program * Informational Only *		
Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:		
Recommended Action/Motion:		
Financial Impact: <i>Is there a cost associated with this request?</i> ☐ Yes ☐ No <i>What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$</i> <i>Is this budgeted?</i> ☐ Yes ☐ No <i>Please Explain:</i>		

SO FAR IN 2025, AITKIN STS CREWS AND INMATE WORKERS:

- **WORKED OVER 5,000 HOURS SAVING VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS ALMOST \$80,000 IN LABOR**
- **GAVE OFFENDERS A CHANCE TO REPAY THEIR COMMUNITY**
- **COMPLETED OVER 50 PROJECTS SAVING OUR COMMUNITY THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN LABOR**

IN 2024, AITKIN STS CREWS AND INMATE WORKERS:

- **SAVED AITKIN COUNTY ALMOST \$24,000 IN JAIL COSTS**
- **WORKED ALMOST 8,000 HOURS SAVING VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS OVER \$80,000 IN LABOR**
- **GAVE OFFENDERS A CHANCE TO REPAY THEIR COMMUNITY**

Lower jail population from 2024-2025 has correlated to a decrease in STS crew sizes. There have been several contributing factors smaller crew sizes, but mainly it seems alternative sentencing (treatment, sobriety court, etc.) is the driving force. When we haven't had an STS crew, we have been utilizing our crew leader in many other areas of operations, such as filling shifts, general assistance in the jail, transports, etc. In addition, we run our inmate worker program under the direction of STS, saving costs.

Partial list of Aitkin STS Work Projects-2025

Thank You for Your Support!

- **Shoveled and salted sidewalks around the courthouse and at various location throughout the County**
 - **Washed fire trucks and cleaned fire halls in Hill City, Palisade, and McGregor**
 - **Built picnic tables for several organizations**
 - **Installed, removed and cleaned navigation buoys on Aitkin County Lakes**
 - **Refurbished a wooden kitchen play set for McGregor Early Childhood**
 - **Shoveled out fire hydrants for the City of Aitkin**
 - **Cleaned 5 miles of roadside on Highway 169 north for Adopt-a-Highway**
 - **Removed and installed ½ mile of snow fence for Logan Twp.**
 - **Removed stickers and decals on several county cars for auction**
- **Removed, fixed, and installed Christmas lights, planted trees, and refinished benches for the City of Aitkin**

- **Mowed and trimmed at several non-profit sites**
- **Assisted the Aitkin County Historical Society with mowing and several projects**
 - **Worked Environmental Services HHW and Electronics collection**
 - **Assisted area 4H youth with fruit delivery**
 - **Built shooting stands for Wealthwood Rod and Gun Club**
 - **Assisted the MDHA with banquet set up**
 - **Cleaned the McGregor VFW several times**
 - **Assisted with Residents Encounter Christ (REC) set up in the jail**
- **Spring clean up at 15 area cemeteries, raised headstones at several more**
 - **Mowed the Big Sandy Overlook and the Big Sandy AA Club**
 - **Assisted with the VFW brat sale at the courthouse**
- **Set up for a music event and set up, supported, and cleaned up for the Aitkin County Fair**

- **Cleaned up several DNR dump sites throughout the county**
- **Delivered and picked up picnic tables for multiple events throughout the county**
 - **Set up and clean up for Riverboat Heritage Days**
- **Assisted setting up and cleaning up for the Aitkin Flyers fly-in**
- **Assisted at McGregor School installing a disc golf course**
- **Set up, supported, and cleaned up for McGregor Wild Rice Days and the McGregor Lions Corn Feed**
 - **Set up, supported, and cleaned up for the Women of Today Pumpkin Patch**
 - **Assisted setting up blood drives**
 - **Painted the STS shop**
- **Cleaned out tax forfeiture buildings in Palisade and Tamarack**
- **Removed tile and prepped walk in cooler/freezer site in the jail**
 - **Built benches for the Aitkin tennis courts**
- **Assisted the McGregor Area Clothing Closet moving**

- **Split firewood for a disabled veteran**
- **Assisted in set up for an event at the Forgotten Heroes Range**
- **Painted light poles in the City of Aitkin**
- **Cut brush in a planting area and moved a safety fence at the Aitkin School Forest**
- **Removed downed trees at the Minnewawa Sportsman's Club**
- **Restored city benches for the Aitkin Lions**

