

Aitkin County Board of Commissioners
Request for County Board Action/Agenda Item Cover Sheet



To: Chairperson, Aitkin County Board of Commissioners Date: 2-4-14

Via: Patrick Wussow, County Administrator

From: Patrick Wussow, County Administrator

Title of Item:

Support Resolution – Publication Alternatives

Requested Meeting Date: 2-11-14 Estimated Presentation Time: n/a _____

Presenter: _____

Type of Action Requested (check all that apply)

- For info only, no action requested
- Approve under Consent Agenda
- For discussion with possible action
- Adopt Ordinance Revision
- Let/Award Bid or Quote (attach copy of basic bid/quote specs or summary of complex specs, each bid/quote received & bid/quote comparison)
- Approve/adopt proposal by resolution (attach draft resolution)
- Approve/adopt proposal by motion
- Authorize filling vacant staff position
- Request to schedule public hearing or sale
- Other (please list) _____
- Request by member of the public to be heard
- Item should be addressed in closed session under MN Statute _____

Fiscal Impact (check all that apply)

- Is this item in the current approved budget? Yes _____ No _____ (attach explanation)
- What type of expenditure is this? Operating Capital Other (attach explanation)
- Revenue line account # that funds this item is: _____
- Expenditure line account # for this item is: _____

Staffing Impact (Any yes answer requires a review by Human Resources Manager before going to the board)

- Duties of a department employee(s) may be materially affected. Yes No
- Applicable job description(s) may require revision. Yes No
- Item may impact a bargaining unit agreement or county work policy. Yes No
- Item may change the department's authorized staffing level. Yes No



Supporting Attachment(s)

- Memorandum Summary of Item
- Copy of applicable county policy and/or ordinance (excerpts acceptable)
- Copy of applicable state/federal statute/regulation (excerpts acceptable)
- Copy of applicable contract and/or agreement
- Original bid spec or quote request (excluding complex construction projects)
- Bids/quotes received (excluding complex construction projects, provide comparison worksheet)
- Bid/quote comparison worksheet
- Draft County Board resolution
- Plat approval check-list and supporting documents
- Copy of previous minutes related to this issue
- Other supporting document(s) (please list) _____

Provide (1) copy of supporting documentation NO LATER THAN Wednesday at Noon to make the Board's agenda for the following Tuesday. (If your packet contains colored copies, please provide (4) paper copies of supporting documentation as we do not have a color printer or copier.) Items WILL NOT be placed on the Board agenda unless complete documentation is provided for the Board packets.

Sue Bingham

From: Patrick Wussow [patrick.wussow@co.aitkin.mn.us]
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2014 9:32 AM
To: Sue Bingham
Subject: Fwd: Request for Resolutions: Support of Publication Alternatives for Local Governments
Attachments: ATT00011.docx; ATT00014.htm

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

For the February agenda

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Berentson, Beau" <bberentson@mncounties.org>
Date: January 28, 2014 9:20:30 AM CST
To: "Berentson, Beau" <bberentson@mncounties.org>
Subject: Request for Resolutions: Support of Publication Alternatives for Local Governments

AMC General Government Policy Committee members and county staff –

The Association of Minnesota Counties has long supported legislation that would provide local governments more flexibility to use websites to meet state-mandated publishing requirements.

Last session, legislation was introduced ([HF1286/SF1152](#)) that would allow (but not require) local governments to use their official websites to publish official notices, proceedings and summaries. While the bill was introduced late in the session in 2013 and not given a committee hearing, it will continue to be considered during the 2014 Legislative Session. AMC is working with the League of Minnesota Cities and other local government organizations to build support for this bill, especially in the context of Governor Dayton's call for 2014 to be an "unsession," in which the Legislature makes government "better, faster, simpler, and more efficient" while eliminating "old and outdated rules."

AMC is asking all counties to consider passing resolutions in support of H.F. 1286/S.F. 1152 so that we can show the Legislature that this is an issue with broad support across Minnesota. The League of Minnesota Cities is asking the same of its member cities.

Attached is a draft resolution, which can be edited and modified by county boards as needed. If your county chooses to pass a resolution in support of this legislation, we recommend that you share a copy of that resolution with your legislators. AMC is also interested in tracking passage of these resolutions, so please also e-mail a copy to bberentson@mncounties.org.

Thank you, and please let me know if you have any questions.

Beau Berentson
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CERTIFIED COPY OF RESOLUTION OF COUNTY BOARD OF AITKIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA

ADOPTED February 11, 2014

By Commissioner: xx

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Publication Alternatives

WHEREAS, counties are currently required by law to publish public notices in a designated official newspaper for the county (Minn. Stat. § 331A); and

WHEREAS, counties are committed to providing information to citizens and increasing access to information about county operations and business; and

WHEREAS, citizens expect and demand information in an immediate format; and

WHEREAS, counties have limited resources and must utilize tax dollars in the most efficient way possible; and

WHEREAS, counties should have the authority to determine the best and most efficient method of communicating information to citizens based on citizen expectations; and

WHEREAS, counties are continuously improving and investing in technology to reach more citizens in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, utilizing county websites to publish public notices would eliminate the time and costly burden of publishing in newspapers; and

WHEREAS, county websites are increasingly the first place citizens look for information about their counties; and

WHEREAS, the ability of county websites to provide citizens with up-to-date, detailed information exceeds that of print media

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners supports HF 1286 and SF 1152, legislation now before the 2014 legislature that would allow counties to publish certain public notices on their websites instead of, or in addition to, in an official newspaper.

Commissioner xx moved the adoption of the resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote

FIVE MEMBERS PRESENT

All Members Voting Yes

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
County of Aitkin) ss.
Office of County Auditor,)

I, Kirk Peysar, Auditor, of the County of Aitkin, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution filed in my office on the 11th day of February A.D., 2014, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE at Aitkin, Minnesota, this 11th day of February A.D., 2014

KIRK PEYSAR, County Auditor

BY _____, Deputy