



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: October 14, 2014

Title of Item: All Hazard Mitigation Plan

<input type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY	Action Requested: <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 type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing*
Submitted by: Sheriff Scott Turner		Department: Sheriff's Office
Presenter (Name and Title): Sheriff Scott Turner		Estimated Time Needed: 10 minutes
Summary of Issue: See attached memo and press release.		
Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments: 		
Recommended Action/Motion: 		
Financial Impact: Is there a cost associated with this request? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$ Is this budgeted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>Please Explain:</i>		

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MEMO

TO: Aitkin County Board of Commissioners

DATE: October 8, 2014

FROM: Sheriff Scott Turner

RE: All Hazard Mitigation Plan

A while back I was present at the Aitkin County Board Meeting to do a review of the work that was being done on the Aitkin County All Hazard Mitigation Plan. As you recall, we had a number of meetings with the public and gathered input relative to this process.

We have continued to gather input, including a couple of meetings with department heads that would have key roles in disaster response. The plan is nearing completion and is in the stages of public review (Attached is a copy of a press release that was sent out by the Arrowhead Regional Development Commission (ARDC) – the contractor for this plan development.)

The link to the plan on the ARDC website is www.arrowheadplanning.org/aitkinmhmp

I will be meeting today once again with some department heads to give it a final review. After that we will incorporate any changes. I will do a quick review at the board meeting and ask for any final input from the board.

The next steps will be submission to Minnesota Department of Public Safety - Homeland Security and Emergency Management for approval and then on to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for their approval. The final step will be back to the Aitkin County Board for adoption following approval from HSEM and FEMA.



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NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Public Review and Comment Invited for Final Draft of Aitkin County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan

(Duluth, MN) A final draft of the Aitkin County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan (MHMP) will be posted for public review and comment from Wednesday, October 1 to Friday, October 17, 2014. The Plan details the natural hazards that face the County and identifies specific mitigation strategies and actions to reduce the impact of disasters. A copy of the plan can be downloaded at www.arrowheadplanning.org/aitkinmhmp. Comments or questions about the plan should be directed to Bonnie Hundrieser, Arrowhead Regional Development Commission (ARDC) by phone or by email: (218) 529-7527 or bhundrieser@ardc.org. Comments are due by 12:00 p.m. on Friday, October 17, 2014.

Seven jurisdictions are part of the Plan, including Aitkin County and the cities of Aitkin, Hill City, McGregor, McGrath, Palisade and Tamarack. Community members and staff from Aitkin County and its city jurisdictions have participated on the steering committee and in public meetings. Staff from ARDC has been facilitating the planning process.

Public input is a required step throughout the MHMP planning process. Following the final public review and comment period, the Plan will be sent to the State of Minnesota Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management for review before it is forwarded to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for final approval. After the plan is approved and adopted by Itasca County and all participating jurisdictions, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding will be available from FEMA for eligible mitigation projects.

ARDC is a regional comprehensive planning and development agency serving the counties of Itasca, Carlton, Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake and St. Louis in Northeast Minnesota. ARDC's mission is to serve the people of the Arrowhead Region by providing local units of government and citizen groups a means to

work cooperatively in identifying needs, solving problems and fostering local leadership.

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