



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: June 9, 2015

Title of Item: E-Waste Collection Update

- REGULAR AGENDA
- CONSENT AGENDA
- INFORMATION ONLY

Action Requested:

- Approve/Deny Motion
- Adopt Resolution (attach draft)

- Direction Requested
- Discussion Item
- Hold Public Hearing*

**provide copy of hearing notice that was published*

Submitted by: Terry Neff, Environmental Services Director	Department: Environmental Services
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Presenter (Name and Title): Terry Neff, Environmental Services Director	Estimated Time Needed: 10 min
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Summary of Issue:
At the May 26, 2015, Aitkin County Board of Commissioner meeting the Board approved of holding a free of charge e-waste collection to Aitkin County residents on June 27, 2015. On May 28, 2015, I received a phone call from Dynamics Recycling (the e-waste contractor) informing me only one semi load will be free of charge. Any additional loads would have a charge for disposal/recycling. In the past we have had two plus loads in each collection.

Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:
1. Cancel the collection. 2. Charge for each item received – fee to be based on approximate cost to the County. 3. Only take in items containing cathode ray tubes (TV's and/or Computer Monitors), laptop computers and cpu's for free. 4. Take all e-waste as originally proposed.

Recommended Action/Motion:
Recommend approving option 3 or 4 and use monies from the solid waste reserve funds.

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:*
 Will have an approximate cost at the Board meeting.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 3, 2015
TO: Aitkin County Board of Commissioners
FROM: Terry Neff, Environmental Services Director 
RE: Electronic Waste Collection Update

At the May 26, 2015, Aitkin County Board of Commissioner meeting the Board approved of holding a free of charge e-waste collection to Aitkin County residents on June 27, 2015. On May 28, 2015, I received a phone call from Dynamics Recycling (the e-waste contractor) informing me only one semi load will be free of charge. Any additional loads would have a charge for disposal/recycling. In the past we have had two plus loads in each collection. Based on this phone conversation, below are a few options on how to proceed:

1. Cancel the collection.
2. Charge for each item received – fee to be based on approximate cost to the County. *This option will take extra staff and time. Many people will decide to hold onto the items in hopes we host a free collection in the future.*
3. Only take in items containing cathode ray tubes (TV's and/or Computer Monitors), laptop computers and cpu's for free. No other items to be collected. *This option will reduce the cost to the County; however, items not collected will be held onto or disposed of in the trash and not recycled.*
4. Take all e-waste in as proposed at the County Board meeting on 5-26-2015 for free. *This option will be more costly but materials are recycled and not disposed of in the trash.*

If an option above is chosen that has a cost associated, I propose we use monies from the solid waste reserve account to cover these costs. I will have an estimated of cost at the time of the Board meeting.

At the June 9, 2015, Aitkin County Board of Commissioners meeting, I will be looking for approval on how to proceed with the e-waste collection.

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