



# Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

**Requested Meeting Date:** May 26, 2015

**Title of Item:** Electronic Waste Collection

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY	<b>Action Requested:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft)	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing* <small>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</small>
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<b>Submitted by:</b> Terry Neff, Environmental Services Director	<b>Department:</b> Environmental Services
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<b>Presenter (Name and Title):</b> Terry Neff, Environmental Services Director	<b>Estimated Time Needed:</b> 10 min
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**Summary of Issue:**  
 Aitkin County participated with Dynamics Recycling in a grant from the MPCA. The grant would cover 100% of the cost for covered electronics (see attached memo for more details).

**Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:**  
 Alternatives 1) would be to charge citizens for items with a fee; 2) not offer the collection; 3) pay 100% of the costs for the collection.

**Recommended Action/Motion:**  
 Recommend approving the collection and paying the costs not covered through the grant.

**Financial Impact:**

Is there a cost associated with this request?     Yes     No

What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$ Estimated less than \$1,000.00.

Is this budgeted?     Yes     No    *Please Explain:*

This is not a planned budgeted item. Costs will likely be covered within the existing solid waste budget under 391-6231-services/labor/contracts.

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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** May 18, 2015  
**TO:** Aitkin County Board of Commissioners  
**FROM:** Terry Neff, Environmental Services Director   
**RE:** Electronic Waste Collection

In early April I was contacted by Patrick Ferry of Dynamic Recycling - an electronics recycler from Onalaska, Wis. Knowing Aitkin County hosts an Electronic Recycling collection (e-waste collection), he asked if we would be interested in participating in an MPCA Grant. The grant would cover 100% of the electronics collection (not to include flat panel TV/Monitors and misc. other electronics). At that time we were contemplating not hosting the collection due to the rising cost of recycling the materials, so I told him we were interested. Patrick contacted me a couple weeks ago to let me know we were awarded the grant. We set a day and time for the collection - June 27, 2015 from 10:00am to 2:00pm, at the Aitkin County recycling Center.

As noted above, not all items are covered by the grant. Some will have fees and others (CPU/Server/laptop) will have a credit given. The fees are calculated based on the type and weight of the item. According to the weight of items collected last year, if we were to offer a free collection for all items, the cost to the County would not exceed \$1,000.00, and possibly be less than \$500.00. Therefore, I propose we offer the e-waste collection on June 27, 2015, free of charge to all Aitkin County residents. No commercial e-waste accepted during this 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](mailto:tneff@co.aitkin.mn.us).

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