



# Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

**Requested Meeting Date:** February 14, 2017

**Title of Item:** Request to Fill Committee Opening ECRL

<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) <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*
<b>Submitted by:</b> Patrick Wussow		<b>Department:</b> Administration
<b>Presenter (Name and Title):</b> Patrick Wussow, Interim County Administrator		<b>Estimated Time Needed:</b>
<b>Summary of Issue:</b>  Three applicants have applied for the opening on the East Central Regional Library Board. (Terms are three years.) Their applications are attached for your review.  At Tuesday's meeting the Board will need to choose one of the three applicants to serve on the ECRL Board.  1. Donna Rae Asp 2. Patricia Hodges 3. Felicia Forder		
<b>Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:</b>		
<b>Recommended Action/Motion:</b> Appoint one of the three applicants to a three-year term on the ECRL Board.		
<b>Financial Impact:</b> 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>		

**AITKIN COUNTY HAS AN OPENING ON THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE:**

1. East Central Regional Library Board

\*At Large

Serve as a citizen representative from Aitkin County on the joint governing board of East Central Regional Library, along with representatives of Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs, and Pine Counties. The Board is comprised of 1 county commissioner and 2 citizens appointed by each of the respective counties who are signatories of a Joint Powers Agreement. The Board is responsible for policies, goals and objectives, budget, hiring a director, and advocacy for the regional library system. Board meetings are held at 9:30 a.m. on the second Monday of the month, generally at the regional library headquarters in Cambridge with 2-3 meetings per year at one of the other branch libraries. Board members also serve on working committees as appointed by the Board President. Mileage is reimbursed. Applications are being accepted through Monday, February 6, 2017. Please call (218) 927-3093 for more information. The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners will make the selection Tuesday, February 14, 2017.

Applications can be found on the Aitkin County website, picked up in the West Annex of the Courthouse, or if you would like one mailed to you, please call 218-927-3093.

**MINNESOTA OPEN APPOINTMENT ACT  
APPLICATION FOR SERVICE ON COUNTY/STATE AGENCY**

NAME OF AGENCY OR COMMITTEE YOU WISH TO SERVE ON:  
EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD

AITKIN COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 3

Minnesota Statutes 15.0597, state that the application shall include a "statement that the nominee satisfies any legally prescribed qualifications and any other information the nominating person feels be helpful to the appointing authority." (May include employment, community service experience, or education that would be pertinent to this appointment)

Resident  
Parent - Grandparents  
Graduated From St. Cloud College  
Ex schoolboard member  
Snake River Watershed CAC member

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I, the undersigned, hereby state that I satisfy, to the best of my knowledge, all legally prescribed qualifications for the position sought.

Donna Rae Asp  
Signature of Applicant Date 1/31/17

If applicant is being nominated by another person or group, the above signature indicates consent to nomination.

Is this application submitted by appointing authority? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
Is this application submitted at the suggestion of appointing authority? Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return application to the Aitkin County Administrator's office, located at  
217 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NW - Room 130, Aitkin, MN 56431**

NAME OF APPLICANT: Donna Rae Asp

STREET ADDRESS OF APPLICANT: 20053 180<sup>TH</sup> St.  
McGrath, MN 56350  
PHONE NUMBERS:  
DAYS 320-592-3391  
EVENINGS \_\_\_\_\_

**For Office Use Only**  
Date Appointed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Term Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_ Term #: \_\_\_\_\_

# MINNESOTA OPEN APPOINTMENT ACT APPLICATION FOR SERVICE ON COUNTY/STATE AGENCY

NAME OF AGENCY OR COMMITTEE YOU WISH TO SERVE ON:

East Central Regional Library Board

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AITKIN COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 2

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Please see attached

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I, the undersigned, hereby state that I satisfy, to the best of my knowledge, all legally prescribed qualifications for the position sought.

Patricia A. Hodges  
Signature of Applicant

February 3, 2017  
Date

If applicant is being nominated by another person or group, the above signature indicates consent to nomination.

Is this application submitted by appointing authority? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Is this application submitted at the suggestion of appointing authority? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return application to the Aitkin County Administrator's office, located at  
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NAME OF APPLICANT: Patricia A. Hodges

STREET ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:  
29578 272 Lane  
Aitkin Mn. 56431

PHONE NUMBERS:  
DAYS (320) 684-2770  
Cell  
EVENINGS (218) 838-0132

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Date Appointed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Term Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_

Term #: \_\_\_\_\_

Please accept my application for the Aitkin Citizen County Representative opening on the East Central Regional Library Board.

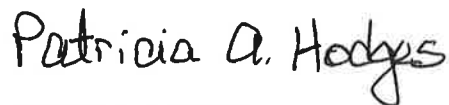
I am a retired educator from Hudson, Wisconsin with 20 years of experience as an elementary principal as well as 9 years of experience as a Special Education Teacher. During my tenure as a principal, my responsibilities included hiring staff, developing and overseeing the school budget as well as supervising certified and non-certified staff. This supervision included: on going classroom visits, observing student learning, and providing written and verbal feedback as part of the evaluation process. In addition, I interacted with parents on a daily basis answering questions and providing support. The Hudson District strongly encouraged parent involvement in the schools and the monthly parent group meetings provided the opportunity for joint partnership between parents and myself.

For two years after my retirement, I volunteered in the Hudson Public Library. My responsibilities were two fold; I worked in the Friends of the Library Bookstore and also shared pre school story time with the Children's Librarian once a week. After 28 years of cabin ownership in Aitkin County, my husband and I became full-time residents in the winter of 2015. I currently volunteer at Rippleside Elementary in Aitkin twice a week in a kindergarten classroom with eighteen 5 and 6 year olds who are creative and very excited about learning. I am thankful to be back in a classroom and to be directly involved in early childhood education. I also currently serve as a director on the Sugar Lake Association, as well as an alternate on the Aitkin County Lakes and Rivers Association.

My first independent visit to a library took place when I was 11 years old and that initiated my passion for public libraries and all the services offered. I currently visit the Aitkin Library at least twice a week and am an avid reader of many genres of books.

In closing, I would be honored to represent Aitkin County as a contributing member of the East Central Library Board. My life long passion has always involved reading/learning and I continue to be grateful for the services provided by our library systems.

Sincerely,



Patricia A. Hodges  
29578 272 Lane  
Aitkin, Mn.  
(320) 684-2770

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AITKIN COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 3

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See attached

Please note: Linda Hommes, retired ECRB board member suggested I apply.

I, the undersigned, hereby state that I satisfy, to the best of my knowledge, all legally prescribed qualifications for the position sought.

Felicia F. Forder  
Signature of Applicant

February 6, 2017  
Date

If applicant is being nominated by another person or group, the above signature indicates consent to nomination.

Is this application submitted by appointing authority? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

Is this application submitted at the suggestion of appointing authority? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

Please return application to the Aitkin County Administrator's office, located at  
217 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NW - Room 130, Aitkin, MN 56431

NAME OF APPLICANT: Felicia F. Forder

STREET ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:  
32368 408<sup>th</sup> Place  
Aitkin, MN 56431

PHONE NUMBERS:  
DAYS 218-670-0307  
EVENINGS 218-670-0307

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Date Appointed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Term Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_ Term #: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Bio for Felicia Forder**

I graduated from the College of Saint Catherine in St. Paul in the areas of Library Science and History, and continued my studies at the University of Minnesota in the areas of Horticulture and Education. I began my career as a Media Specialist, Librarian for the Minneapolis Public Schools for a period of 12 years. I then worked for B. Dalton Bookseller as a national book buyer for 12 years. My next venture was Felicitations LLC, a freeze dried flower business, which I owned and operated for 3 years. My final occupation was as a national accounts manager for the McGraw-Hill Book Company, where I sold to national accounts in the seven state area.

I have had a lifelong interest in Horticulture. I am a Master Judge with national and international certifications. I have served on the board of 2 international clubs of specialty plants. I was president of the 7<sup>th</sup> District Horticultural Society (greater St. Paul area). I have been a founder of two flower clubs one local and one international. In each of these instances I served in a number of roles, before I took on the leadership roles.

Education has been a hallmark of my life. I often can be found teaching or taking classes in the area of Horticulture. I was a Master Gardener in Hennepin County and served briefly as their volunteer coordinator. When I moved to Aitkin County I recertified as a Master Gardener and served for several years. I am now a Master Gardener Emeritus. In recent years I have been certified as a Master Naturalist serving Aitkin and Crow Wing County, next year I will be president of that group. Also I finished a week long course in Aquaponics.

We bought property in Aitkin County in 1990. I was one of the organizers of the Healing Garden at Riverwood Hospital. Lately, I have become involved with local food groups, Farm to Institution initiatives, Farmers Market, and Minnesota Grown events, as well as the newly formed Greater Mille Lacs Association for Sustainable Farming. I have recently joined the board of the Northeast Regional Sustainable Development Partnership a branch of the University of Minnesota Extension.

I recently returned for a mission in Uganda where I assisted a medical team at the Mbirizi Advanced Primary and Day Care which serves approximately 1300 children, one third of them are orphans.