



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: February 13, 2018

Title of Item: Taxpayer Name Search on Aitkin County GIS

<input type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY	Action Requested: <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>
Submitted by: Mike Dangers <i>MD</i>		Department: County Assessor
Presenter (Name and Title):		Estimated Time Needed:
Summary of Issue: <p>The public-facing Aitkin County Geographic Information System (GIS) currently allows all users the ability to search for parcel data using taxpayer name. This functionality has concerned law enforcement and other staff due to the ease by which any user, including criminals, can search for data on the GIS.</p> <p>Many counties in Minnesota do not allow this functionality. Please see the attached page for a copy of a map that shows which counties allow this type of search capability. Dan Haasken, GIS Coordinator, recently surveyed counties to create this map to enable the Board to make a more informed decision on this matter.</p> <p>A group consisting of Sheriff Scott Turner, Attorney Jim Ratz, Administrator Jessica Seibert, Assessor Mike Dangers, and GIS Coordinator Dan Haasken, met on several occasions to discuss and consider alternatives regarding this topic. We have come to a consensus and request that the County Board pass a motion to direct County Staff to not allow the public the ability to search for data on the GIS system using taxpayer name. There are several other search methods available that would not be affected by this change.</p> <p>Please contact any members of the group with questions.</p>		
Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:		
Recommended Action/Motion: Please pass a motion to change the search options on the Aitkin County GIS to not allow public taxpayer name search effective immediately.		
Financial Impact: Is there a cost associated with this request? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" 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>		

Legally binding agreements must have County Attorney approval prior to submission.

Does your County Allow Searching by Owner or Taxpayer Name in a Free Public Facing Web Application?

