Board of County Commissioners
Agenda Request

Aitkin County

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Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: April 24, 2018

Title of Item: Purchase FBL Inspection Software

	Action Requested:			Direction Requested
☑ REGULAR AGENDA	☑ Approve/Deny Motion			☐ Discussion Item
☐ CONSENT AGENDA	☐ Adopt Resolution (attach draft)			☐ Hold Public Hearing*
☐ INFORMATION ONLY		*provide copy of hearing notice that was published		

Submitted by:	Department:
Terry Neff, Environmental Services Director	Environmental Services

Presenter (Name and Title):	Estimated Time Needed:
Terry Neff, Environmental Services Director	10 min

Summary of Issue:

This past January we were informed the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) had purchased a new inspection software program and was no longer going to support Rapid Inspection, the present FBL inspection software. They also informed the delegated counties (Aitkin being a delegated county) Rapid Inspection would no longer be available for County use at the end of 2018. In addition, those counties with the delegation agreement with the MDH would not be allowed to use the new MDH inspection software. This news came as a big surprise to the delegated counties and left us until the end of the year to purchase or develop our own software program.

Techtronix (the company that developed the Rapid Inspection program currently used by the MDH and delegated counties) has offered to create a new software inspection program that will replace the existing Rapid Inspection program. The cost would be a one time fee of approximately $6,500.00 with an annual maintenance fee of approximately $900.00/year. Other programs that delegated counties have purchased have been $13,000.00 and higher.

In 2017, the FBL budget at years end was $2170.76 under budget, and revenues were over the budgeted amount by $2700.50 for a total of $4,871.26 that went into the general fund.

Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:

Alternatives would be to purchase more expensive software or go back to paper copies.

Recommended Action/Motion:

Purchase the inspection program software from Techtronix.

Financial Impact:

Is there a cost associated with this request? ☑ Yes ☐ No

What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? $ Approximately $7,400.00

Is this budgeted? ☐ Yes ☑ No *Please Explain:*

The news of the state dropping the current inspection program came after the current budget adoption.

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