

Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request



Requested Meeting Date: March 8, 2022

Title of Item: Chronic Wasting Disease/Captive Cervid Farms Public Hearing **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: Andrew Carlstrom Planning & Zoning **Estimated Time Needed:** Presenter (Name and Title): Andrew Carlstrom, Environmental Services Director 15 minutes **Summary of Issue:** The purpose of this Public Hearing is to discuss amending the Aitkin County Zoning Ordinance to eliminate all captive cervid (deer) farms in Aitkin County. Nearly all Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) cervids in Minnesota originate from captive commercial farms. Currrently, "Game Preserves" are permitted in the Aitkin County Zoning Ordinance in Farm Residential, Public, and Open zones (conditionally permitted in Residential and Commercial). "Game Farms" (with hunting) are conditionally permitted in Farm Residential, Commercial, Public, and Open zones. Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments: Recommended Action/Motion: Financial Impact: Is there a cost associated with this request? Yes What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$ Is this budgeted? Yes No Please Explain: