

Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request



Requested Meeting Date: October 24, 2023

Title of Item: Private Sale of Tax Forfeited Land to Charles and Mary Ann Wark 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: Dennis (DJ) Thompson Land Presenter (Name and Title): **Estimated Time Needed:** Dennis (DJ) Thompson, Land Commissioner 5 Minutes Summary of Issue: Charles and Mary Ann Wark have requested the direct purchase of tax-forfeited parcel 56-1-118100 (.28 acres) described as Knox Irregular Lots, Lot 3 as in Doc 351384 in Section 25, Township 47, Range 27. At its July 10, 2023 meeting, the Natural Resources Advisory Committee passed a motion to proceed with the sale. After a survey was completed, it was determined that there is a major encroachment issue with this parcel. Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282 only allows for the private sale of tax-forfeited land through special legislation. The Land Commissioner has determined that the county's land management interests would best be served if the land was returned to private ownership. The parcel involved in the sale has been classified as non-conservation. Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments: The county currently does not receive a PILT payment on this parcel because it is platted and within the city limits of Aitkin. Recommended Action/Motion: Pass a motion for the Land Commissioner to seek special legislation to allow for the private sale of parcel 56-1-118100 to Charles and Mary Ann Wark. Financial Impact: Is there a cost associated with this request? Yes What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$ Is this budgeted? No Please Explain: Yes

Assumed Lot Line



Actual Lot Line



