



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: January 6, 2026

Title of Item: Designation of Official County Newspaper

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA	Action Requested: <input type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing *provide copy of hearing notice that was published	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only
Submitted by: David Minke	Department: Administration	
Presenter (Name and Title): David Minke, County Administrator		Estimated Time Needed: 3 minutes

Summary of Issue:

Minnesota Statutes §375.12 requires that at the first regular meeting of the year the county board shall annually let a contract for publication of its proceedings. The County Board authorized the bid forms and procedures at the October 28, 2025 County Board Meeting. Attached for your review are the following:

1. The Bid Specifications that were sent to the Aitkin Independent Age, Voyageur Press, and the NewsHopper.
2. The submitted bids.
3. The 2025 Bid Comparison Form.
4. A proposed resolution.

After reviewing the bids, the Aitkin Independent Age has the lower cost per impression.

The County Auditor has also reviewed the bids and supports the proposed resolution.

Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:

Recommended Action/Motion:

Adopt Resolution designation of Official County Newspaper.

Financial Impact:

Is there a cost associated with this request?

Yes

No

What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$

Is this budgeted?

Yes

No

Please Explain:

Resolution #20260106-xxx 2026 Official County Newspaper

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Aitkin Independent Age is hereby designated by the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners as the official county newspaper in which all official business shall be published. Voyageur Press is named second publication of Financial Statement.

Adopted this 6th Day of January, 2026 By The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners.

Attest:

J. Mark Wedel
County Board Chair

David J. Minke, County Administrator
Clerk to the County Board

STATE OF MINNESOTA}
COUNTY OF AITKIN}