



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: January 6, 2026

Title of Item: 2026 Committee Appointments

<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
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Submitted by: David Minke	Department: Administration
Presenter (Name and Title): David Minke, County Administrator	Estimated Time Needed: 3 minutes

Summary of Issue:
Each year the County Board updates committee appointments. The following items are attached:
1. A draft proposed resolution. Known changes are indicated.
Once the committee appointments have been made, the resolution will be updated accordingly.

Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:

Recommended Action/Motion:
Adopt Resolution for 2026 Committee Appointments

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 Committee Appointments

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners makes the following committee appointments for the year 2026:

Aitkin Airport Commission (2)	J. Mark Wedel John Welle
Aitkin County Care Board	Laurie Westerlund
Aitkin County Community Corrections Advisory Board (2)	J. Mark Wedel Laurie Westerlund
Aitkin County HRA (Liaison)	Bret Sample
Anoka County JPA Advisory Board	Laurie Westerlund
Aitkin County Opioid Settlement Subcommittee	Bret Sample
Aitkin County Water Planning Task Force	J. Mark Wedel
Aitkin County HRA (Liaison)	Bret Sample
Aitkin Economic Development Administration (AEDA)	J. Mark Wedel Commissioner District 2 Commissioner District 3 Commissioner District 5 County Administrator County Engineer Environmental Services Director HHS Director J. Mark Wedel Bret Sample
AMC Delegates (7)	Michael Kearney Laurie Westerlund, Alt. Michael Kearney Travis Leiviska, Alt. Michael Kearney Travis Leiviska, Alt.
Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)	Mike Dangers
Arrowhead Counties Association (1)	Travis Leiviska Laurie Westerlund
Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency	Bret Sample
Arrowhead Regional Development Center (ARDC)	Michael Kearney Travis Leiviska, Alt.
Assessor for Unorganized Townships	Travis Leiviska Laurie Westerlund
ATV Committee (2)	Michael Kearney, Alt.
Big Sandy Lake Management Plan (1+Alternate)	J. Mark Wedel
Brainerd 1 Watershed 1 Plan	Travis Leiviska J. Mark Wedel
Budget Committee 2020 (2)	

East Central Regional Library Board	Travis Leiviska Bret Sample, Alt.
Economic Development (2)	J. Mark Wedel Bret Sample
Emergency Management	J. Mark Wedel
Environmental Assessment Worksheet (2)	Michael Kearney Bret Sample
<u>Extension Committee (1 + Alternate)</u>	<u>Michael Kearney</u> <u>Laurie Westerlund, Alt</u>
Facilities/Technology Committee (2)	J. Mark Wedel Bret Sample
Fairgrounds Liaison	Jim Bright
H&HS Advisory Committee (Liaison) (2)	J. Mark Wedel Michael Kearney
Historical Society (Liaison)	Travis Leiviska
Joint Powers Natural Resources Board (2)	Bret Sample Dennis Thompson Michael Kearney, Alt.
Lakes & Pines (1+Alternate)	Travis Leiviska Michael Kearney, Alt.
Law Library	Travis Leiviska Michael Kearney, Alt.
McGregor Airport Commission	Bret Sample
MCIT Representative (1 + Alternate)	Laurie Westerlund David Minke, Alt.
Mille Lacs Fisheries Input Group	Laurie Westerlund
Mille Lacs Watershed (1 + Alternate)	Travis Leiviska Laurie Westerlund, Alt.
Mississippi Headwaters Board (1+Alternate)	Michael Kearney Bret Sample, Alt.
MN Rural Counties (1+Alternate)	Laurie Westerlund Travis Leiviska, Alt.
Natural Resources Advisory Committee (2)	Michael Kearney Bret Sample
NE MN Office Job Training	Travis Leiviska
Northeast MN ATP (2)	Michael Kearney John Welle Travis Leiviska, Alt.
Northeast MN Emergency Communications Board (ECB)	Travis Leiviska Dan Guida, Alt.
Northeast MN Regional Advisory Committee (RAC)	Patrice Erickson Dan Guida, Alt.

Northeast Waste Advisory Committee (NEWAC) (1+Alternate)	Laurie Westerlund Bret Sample, Alt.
Northern Counties Land Use Coordinating Board (NCLUCB) (1+Alternate)	Laurie Westerlund Michael Kearney, Alt.
Northwoods Regional Trail Alliance	Land Dept Staff, Alt.
Ordinance Committee (2)	Travis Leiviska Bret Sample Michael Kearney J. Mark Wedel
Personnel/Insurance Committee (2)	Michael Kearney Laurie Westerlund, Alt.
Planning Commission	Michael Kearney Laurie Westerlund, Alt.
Rum 1W1P Policy Committee	Laurie Westerlund Travis Leiviska, Alt.
Snake River Watershed Management Board/1W1P Policy Committee	Travis Leiviska Bret Sample, Alt.
Sobriety Court	J. Mark Wedel
Solid Waste Task Force (2)	J. Mark Wedel Bret Sample
Toward Zero Deaths	J. Mark Wedel
Tri-County Community Health Services Board	Laurie Westerlund

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

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