

Aitkin County Board of Commissioners  
Request for County Board Action/Agenda Item Cover Sheet

**3A**  
Agenda Item #

To: Chairperson, Aitkin County Board of Commissioners      Date: 3-27-14

Via: Roxy Traxler, Interim County Administrator

From: Beth Haasken, 4-H Program Coordinator

Title of Item:

2014 Community Youth Leadership Award

Requested Meeting Date: 4-8-14      Estimated Presentation Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Presenter: Beth Haasken, 4-H Program Coordinator

**Type of Action Requested** (check all that apply)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For info only, no action requested   | <input type="checkbox"/> Approve under Consent Agenda                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> For discussion with possible action   | <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt Ordinance Revision                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Let/Award Bid or Quote (attach copy of basic bid/quote specs or summary of complex specs, each bid/quote received & bid/quote comparison) | <input type="checkbox"/> Approve/adopt proposal by resolution (attach draft resolution) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Approve/adopt proposal by motion  | <input type="checkbox"/> Authorize filling vacant staff position                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Request to schedule public hearing or sale  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list) _____                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Request by member of the public to be heard   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Item should be addressed in closed session under MN Statute _____   |   |

**Fiscal Impact** (check all that apply)

- Is this item in the current approved budget? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ (attach explanation)
- What type of expenditure is this?  Operating  Capital  Other (attach explanation)
- Revenue line account # that funds this item is: \_\_\_\_\_
- Expenditure line account # for this item is: \_\_\_\_\_

**Staffing Impact** (Any yes answer requires a review by Human Resources Manager before going to the board)

- Duties of a department employee(s) may be materially affected.  Yes  No
- Applicable job description(s) may require revision.  Yes  No
- Item may impact a bargaining unit agreement or county work policy.  Yes  No
- Item may change the department's authorized staffing level.  Yes  No

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HR Review

**Supporting Attachment(s)**

- Memorandum Summary of Item
- Copy of applicable county policy and/or ordinance (excerpts acceptable)
- Copy of applicable state/federal statute/regulation (excerpts acceptable)
- Copy of applicable contract and/or agreement
- Original bid spec or quote request (excluding complex construction projects)
- Bids/quotes received (excluding complex construction projects, provide comparison worksheet)
- Bid/quote comparison worksheet
- Draft County Board resolution
- Plat approval check-list and supporting documents
- Copy of previous minutes related to this issue
- Other supporting document(s) (please list) \_\_\_\_\_

**Provide (1) copy of supporting documentation NO LATER THAN Wednesday at Noon to make the Board's agenda for the following Tuesday. (If your packet contains colored copies, please provide (4) paper copies of supporting documentation as we do not have a color printer or copier.) Items WILL NOT be placed on the Board agenda unless complete documentation is provided for the Board packets.**



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April 1, 2014

**Aitkin  
County**



To: Aitkin County Board of Commissioners

From: Beth Haasken, Aitkin County 4-H Program Coordinator

RE: Rippleside Helping Hands 4-H Club at the April 8 board meeting.

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Members of the Rippleside Helping Hands 4-H Club (students in grades 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>) will be at the April 8 board meeting to introduce themselves, talk about some of the community service-learning projects they have worked on, show everyone the AMC award they earned and thank the board for supporting 4-H in Aitkin County.



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
February 28, 2014

FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
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## **“RIPPLESIDE HELPING HANDS 4-H CLUB” OF AITKIN COUNTY RECEIVES 2014 COMMUNITY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD**

(ST. PAUL, MN) -- We all know a sense of community is important to the health of our counties, and that teaching youth the value of community is a skill that county commissioners feel is critical in facing the challenges of the future.

That's why each year the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) recognizes outstanding 4H Community Youth Leadership projects in Minnesota. These projects must be organized by a recognized 4H club and engage a large segment of the 4H members in that club. The AMC Extension Committee reviews the applications and selects projects that responded to real community needs.

This year the award goes to the **The Ripplside Helping Hands 4-H Club from Aitkin County** for their **“Students Using Their Time, Talents and Kindness to Make Their Community Better!”** This is a 12-member after school club for fourth, fifth and sixth graders in Aitkin County. All meetings, projects and events are service-learning related. In 2013, these projects included performing skits at the nursing home, serving the free community meal, “Rippleside Pride” teacher appreciation effort, community plantings with a master gardener, garbage/recycling walk, and raising awareness and money for the Red Cross.

Several members of the club and its leaders attended an awards banquet in St. Paul on February 26 to receive the award before an audience of nearly 300 county officials and staff from across Minnesota during the AMC's annual Legislative Conference.

AMC is a voluntary statewide organization of Minnesota's 87 counties that helps provide effective county governance to the people of Minnesota. Through intergovernmental relations, communications and education, AMC seeks to improve the operation of Minnesota's county governments and the services that counties provide to their citizens.

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PHOTO ATTACHED.

Pictured:

*(L to R - Back) Aitkin County Commissioners Laurie Westerlund, Donald Niemi, Anne Marcotte, Brian Napstad, Aitkin County 4-H Program Coordinator Beth Haasken, Aitkin County 4-H Program Leader Kathy Hakes, Nobles County Commissioner and AMC Extension Committee Co-Chair Marv Zylstra, and Freeborn County Commissioner and AMC First Vice President Christopher Shoff, DC.*

*(L to R - Front Row) Ripplside 4-H members Kady Fastner, Breana Burgstaler, Amy Gaulke, and Dakota County Commissioner and AMC Extension Committee Co-Chair Nancy Schouweiler.*

