



# Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

**Requested Meeting Date:** May 22, 2018

**Title of Item:** Enbridge Resolution of Support

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY	<b>Action Requested:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft)	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing* <small>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</small>
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<b>Submitted by:</b> Jessica Seibert, County Administrator	<b>Department:</b> Administration
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<b>Presenter (Name and Title):</b> Jessica Seibert, County Administrator	<b>Estimated Time Needed:</b> 15 minutes
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**Summary of Issue:**

Please see the attached resolution of support for Enbridge's Line 3 and proposed route for Board action.

**Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:**

**Recommended Action/Motion:**  
Approve/Deny resolution of support

**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:*

**CERTIFIED COPY OF RESOLUTION OF COUNTY BOARD OF AITKIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

ADOPTED May 22, 2018

By Commissioner: xx

**20180522-0xx**

**In support of Line 3 Replacement Project and Enbridge's Proposed Route**

**WHEREAS**, on April 23, 2018, Administrative Law Judge, Ann C. O'Reilly confirmed the need to replace Line 3 stating that, "(Enbridge) has established, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the probable result of denial of the Certificate of Need Application would adversely affect the future adequacy, reliability, or efficiency of the transportation of crude oil supply by Applicant's customers, particularly Canadian crude oil shippers".;

**WHEREAS**, Judge C. O'Reilly expressly states that Enbridge's Route Alternative 7 be approved rather than the proposed route;

**WHEREAS**, Enbridge has been operating safely and successfully in our state for more than 65 years, with hundreds of employees and contractors that live, work and raise their families here in Minnesota;

**WHEREAS**, the proposed route reduces the safety hazards involved in disturbing an existing pipeline;

**WHEREAS**, any delay in the Line 3 Replacement Project, or any significant reroute, will prevent Aitkin County from benefiting from the significant positive economic impact that will result from this project;

**WHEREAS**, construction delays will limit the availability of employment for skilled craft workers;

**WHEREAS**, Enbridge has worked with all state and local authorities to determine the proposed route of the Line 3 Replacement across the state of Minnesota, respecting all impacts to people and the environment while fulfilling all applicable regulatory requirements;

**WHEREAS**, the Enbridge proposed route honors the request of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe that the replacement line not be constructed across their reservation;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Aitkin County extends its support for Enbridge's proposed Line 3 Replacement Project, their Preferred Route and their plan for deactivating the existing Line 3 and urges an efficient permitting process for the Line 3 Replacement and approval Enbridge's proposed route.

**FISCAL NOTE:** There is no direct cost to Aitkin County resulting from the adoption of this resolution.

Commissioner xx moved the adoption of the resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote

FIVE MEMBERS PRESENT

All Members Voting Yes

STATE OF MINNESOTA}  
COUNTY OF AITKIN}

I, Jessica Seibert, County Administrator, Aitkin County, Minnesota do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution filed in the Administration Office of Aitkin County in Aitkin, Minnesota as stated in the minutes of the proceedings of said Board on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2018, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

Witness my hand and seal this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2018

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Jessica Seibert  
County Administrator