



# Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

**10B**  
Agenda Item #

**Requested Meeting Date:** February 13, 2024

**Title of Item:** Consider Aitkin County CARE Appropriation Resolution

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY	<b>Action Requested:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft) <i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing*
<b>Submitted by:</b> Jessica Seibert		<b>Department:</b> Administration
<b>Presenter (Name and Title):</b> Jessica Seibert, County Administrator		<b>Estimated Time Needed:</b> 10 Min.
<b>Summary of Issue:</b>  Please see the attached letter from Aitkin County CARE requesting an additional 2024 appropriation. A revised appropriation resolution is attached for consideration.		
<b>Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:</b>  		
<b>Recommended Action/Motion:</b> Approve/Deny attached resolution.		
<b>Financial Impact:</b> Is there a cost associated with this request? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$ 20,000.00 Is this budgeted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <i>Please Explain:</i> Dollars would need to be used from fund balance if approved.		



January 25, 2024

Aitkin County Commissioners

Dear County Commissioners:

The support that you have given Aitkin County CARE over the past 14 years is tremendous and the Aitkin County CARE Board thanks you for this. We understand that there was some discussion at one of your Board meetings about our current situation. On Tuesday, January 23, 2024 the Aitkin County CARE Board voted to request an additional \$20,000 to their appropriations.

As you are aware, we have been trying to replace the current Executive Director for her retirement. The challenges are three fold:

- 1.) The salary expectations have exceeded current pay. This position requires grant making/reporting skills.
- 2.) Lack of benefits Aitkin County CARE can offer.
- 3.) Workforce accessibility: interviewees don't show and don't seem to care about working. This has been a real struggle.

Aitkin County CARE began in 2010 as services were moved from Aitkin County to this non-profit. The stipend of \$37,900 has been appropriated since that time.

In 2023 Aitkin County CARE provided 831 services to unique individuals. Our program delivery has increased to 14 different programs for older adults and disabled adults. We need all the services that are offered in our communities. We hope to grow and have more services in the future. Survey results from clients indicate a 98% satisfaction rate of services and 92% indicate the services allow them to stay in their homes. 100% of surveys returned say they would refer friends and family to Aitkin County CARE.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

On Behalf of the Aitkin County CARE Board,

Lynne Jacobs, Executive Director

**Our Mission: To enhance and promote the independence, dignity, value, and well-being of older and disabled adults and those who care for them.**

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

ADOPTED February 13, 2024

By Commissioner: xxx

**20240213-xxx**

**2024 Appropriations (Amended)**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the final appropriation and dues amounts payable in 2024.

<b>Dues</b>		
North Counties Land Use Coordinating Board (10-921.6240)	\$2,000	
MN Rural Counties Caucus (MRCC) (01-44.6844)	\$2,300	
Association of MN Counties (AMC) (01-44.6845)	\$11,142	
Arrowhead Counties (01-44.6846)	\$2,750	
Joint Counties Natural Resource Board (10-921.6240)	\$1,000	
<b>Joint Powers</b>		
East Central Regional Library (Dept 500-500.6801)	\$251,450	
Airport-McGregor (Dept 700-903.6801)	\$15,600	
Snake River Watershed (Dept 600-552.6836)	\$0	
Airport-Aitkin (Dept 700-903.6800)	\$30,000	
Mississippi Headwaters Board (Dept 600-552.6847)	\$1,500	
<b>Appropriations</b>		
Soil and Water (Dept 600-552.6801)	\$81,549	\$68,849 County Allocation \$7,700 LCWP \$5,000 Ag Inspector
<b>C.A.R.E. (Dept 500-502.6848)</b>	<b>\$57,900</b>	
Historical Society (Dept 500-501.6801)	\$25,000	
Historical Society Insurance (Dept 500)	\$5,435	
Ag Society (Dept 600-550.6801)	\$14,000	
Aa Society Capital Improvement (Dept 600-550.6843)	\$10,000	
Ag Society Insurance (Dept 600)	\$9,278	
ANGELS (01-044.6849)	\$0	
Support Within Reach (01-44.6847)	\$2,000	
<b>Total Dues &amp; Appropriations</b>	<b>\$522,904</b>	

Commissioner xxx seconded the adoption of the resolution, and it was declared adopted upon the following vote

**XXX MEMBERS PRESENT**

**All Members Voting xxx**

**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 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

**Witness my hand and seal this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024**

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Jessica Seibert  
County Administrator