



# Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

**Requested Meeting Date:** September 9, 2025

**Title of Item:** Review 2026 Appropriations

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA<br><input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA   | <b>Action Requested:</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion<br><input type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing <i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item<br><input type="checkbox"/> Information Only |
| <b>Submitted by:</b><br>Kathleen Ryan   |  | <b>Department:</b><br>Auditor  |
| <b>Presenter (Name and Title):</b><br>Kathleen Ryan, County Auditor   |  | <b>Estimated Time Needed:</b><br>5 min.  |
| <b>Summary of Issue:</b><br>Review the 2026 Appropriation amounts included in the 2026 Preliminary Budget.  |  |  |
| <b>Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:</b>   |  |  |
| <b>Recommended Action/Motion:</b><br>Give direction for Preliminary Budget approval.  |  |  |
| <b>Financial Impact:</b><br><i>Is there a cost associated with this request?</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No<br><i>What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$</i><br><i>Is this budgeted?</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>Please Explain:</i> |  |  |

## Aitkin County Budget Appropriations and Dues

|  | 2021      | 2022      | 2023      | 2024      | 2025      | 2026      | Percent Increase | Comments   | Other Agreement/ Statute |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------------|--|--------------------------|
| <b>Dues</b>  |           |           |           |           |           |           |                  |  |                          |
| North Counties Land Use Coordinating Board (10-921.6240) | \$2,000   | \$2,000   | \$2,000   | \$2,000   | \$2,000   | \$2,000   | 0.0%             | *Per Land Budget   |                          |
| MN Rural Counties Caucus (MRCC) (01-44.6844)             | \$2,300   | \$2,300   | \$2,300   | \$2,300   | \$2,300   | \$2,300   | 0.0%             | *Per Budget  |                          |
| Association of MN Counties (AMC) (01-44.6845)            | \$10,960  | \$11,042  | \$11,142  | \$12,234  | \$14,234  | \$15,477  | 8.7%             | *Per Budget  |                          |
| Arrowhead Counties (01-44.6846)                          | \$2,750   | \$2,750   | \$2,750   | \$2,750   | \$2,750   | \$2,750   | 0.0%             | *Per Budget  |                          |
| Joint Counties Natural Resource Board (10-921.6240)      | \$1,000   | \$1,000   | \$1,000   | \$1,000   | \$1,000   | \$1,000   | 0.0%             | *Per Land Budget   |                          |
| <b>Joint Powers</b>                                      |           |           |           |           |           |           |                  |  |                          |
| East Central Regional Library (Dept 500-500.6801)        | \$233,577 | \$242,535 | \$252,236 | \$252,236 | \$287,538 | \$272,818 | -5.1%            | *Per Request   |                          |
| Airport-McGregor (Dept 700-903.6801)                     | \$14,600  | \$14,600  | \$14,600  | \$15,600  | \$15,600  | \$17,160  | 10.0%            |  |                          |
| Snake River Watershed (Dept 600-552.6836)                | \$10,079  | \$10,079  | \$10,079  | \$10,079  | \$0       | \$0       | 0.0%             | Disbanded  |                          |
| Airport-Aitkin (Dept 700-903.6800)                       | \$14,107  | \$20,000  | \$30,000  | \$30,000  | \$60,000  | \$60,000  | 0.0%             |  |                          |
| Mississippi Headwaters Board (Dept 600-552.6847)         | \$1,500   | \$1,500   | \$1,500   | \$1,500   | \$1,500   | \$1,500   | 0.0%             |  |                          |
| <b>Appropriations</b>                                    |           |           |           |           |           |           |                  |  |                          |
| Soil and Water (Dept 600-552.6801)                       | \$76,549  | \$81,349  | \$81,349  | \$81,549  | \$81,549  | \$81,549  | 0.0%             | \$68,849 County Allocation \$7,700 LCWP \$5,000 Ag Inspector | MS 103C                  |
| C.A.R.E. (Dept 500-502.6848)                             | \$37,900  | \$37,900  | \$37,900  | \$37,900  | \$55,000  | \$75,800  | 37.8%            |  |                          |
| Historical Society (Dept 500-501.6801)                   | \$18,500  | \$19,000  | \$19,000  | \$25,000  | \$26,250  | \$26,250  | 0.0%             |  | MS 138.052               |
| Historical Society Insurance (Dept 500)                  | \$3,200   | \$4,050   | \$4,455   | \$5,435   | \$5,635   | \$6,199   | 10.0%            | 10% Increase   | MS 138.052               |
| Ag Society (Dept 600-550.6801)                           | \$10,000  | \$12,000  | \$12,000  | \$14,000  | \$14,000  | \$14,000  | 0.0%             | Received request 08.19.25                                    | MS 38.14                 |
| Ag Society Capital Improvement (Dept 600-550.6843)       | \$10,000  | \$10,000  | \$10,000  | \$10,000  | \$10,000  | \$10,000  | 0.0%             | Received request 08.19.25                                    |                          |
| Ag Society Insurance (Dept 600)                          | \$5,000   | \$6,074   | \$6,681   | \$7,349   | \$10,830  | \$11,913  | 10.0%            | 10% Increase   |                          |
| ANGELS   | \$1,685   | \$3,631   | \$0       | \$0       | \$0       | \$0       | 0.0%             |  |                          |
| Dues & Appropriations                                    | \$455,707 | \$481,810 | \$498,992 | \$510,932 | \$590,186 | \$600,716 | 1.8%             |  |                          |
| <b>Additional Organizations</b>                          |           |           |           |           |           |           |                  |  |                          |
| Support Within Reach (01-44.6847)                        | \$1,500   | \$1,500   | \$2,000   | \$2,000   | \$3,000   | \$3,000   | 0.0%             | *used 2025 request   |                          |
| AEOA Rural Rides Program (01-44.6848)                    | \$0       | \$0       | \$0       | \$0       | \$0       |           | 0.0%             |  |                          |
| Total Dues & Appropriations                              | \$455,522 | \$483,310 | \$500,992 | \$512,932 | \$593,186 | \$603,716 | 15.6%            |  |                          |