

Akiak requests dissolution of city

The City of Akiak has petitioned the Alaska Local Boundary Commission (LBC) for a dissolution of its charter.

Akiak will have a public hearing at 11 a.m. on August 6. The meeting with the LBC will determine the city's debts and if the city has agreements for payment of any outstanding debt.

The same issue failed last year to get the required 50 percent of the registered voters to vote in favor of the dissolution of the city government, according to Gene Kane of the LBC.

Last year's ballot was conducted by mail and contained possible confusing language that may have kept the measure from being passed, according to Kane.

Akiak is about 40 miles northwest of Bethel on the Kuskokwim River. Akiak was incorporated in 1970 and its population is around 300 people.

The reason for dissolving the city government is the duplication of services provided by the city and the Akiak IRA Council, according to Kane.