

Carver County Leaders Meeting
July 22, 2014, 7:30 a.m.
Oak Lake Conference Room



Carver County Board of Commissioners
July 22, 2014
Work Session
County Board Room
Carver County Government Center
Human Services Building
Chaska, Minnesota

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WORK SESSION

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David Hemze
County Administrator

UPCOMING MEETINGS

July 29, 2014	No Meeting
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August 12, 2014	No Meeting
August 19, 2014	2:30 p.m. Committee of the Whole Meeting
August 19, 2014	4:00 p.m. Board Meeting
August 26, 2014	9:00 a.m. Board Work Session

Carver County Board of Commissioners Request for Board Action



Agenda Item:

Discussion of the Carver County Community Development Agency (CDA) 2015 Budget Request

Primary Originating Division/Dept: <input type="text" value="Public Health & Environment"/>	Meeting Date: <input type="text" value="7/22/2014"/>
Contact: <input type="text" value="Randy Wolf"/> Title: <input type="text" value="Director Public Health and En..."/>	Item Type: <input type="text" value="Work Session"/>
Amount of Time Requested: <input type="text" value="20"/> minutes Presenter: <input type="text" value="Julie Frick"/> Title: <input type="text" value="Director CDA"/>	Attachments: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

Strategic Initiative:
 Finances: Improve the County's financial health and economic profile

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:

The Carver County Community Development Agency (CDA) administers a variety of rental housing programs that assist residents with affordable housing options. The CDA also has an active Economic Development Department that serves Carver County Businesses.

The County Board of Commissioners approves the CDA Budget and the Special Benefit Levy necessary to fund the budget.

The CDA is requesting a levy of \$1,954,904 for the 2015 budget which increases the impact on a \$294,000 home by \$.38. This represents a 5.6% increase over last year's levy total of \$1,850,205. The increase in the CDA budget is due to an increase in insurance and a cut in federal funding.

ACTION REQUESTED:

None. The purpose of this session is to answer Board Member questions and take input on the proposed CDA 2015 budget.

FISCAL IMPACT: <input type="text" value="Other"/> If "Other", specify: <input type="text" value="CDA Levy"/>	FUNDING County Dollars = <input type="text"/>				
FTE IMPACT: <input type="text" value="None"/>	<table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">CDA Levy</td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: right;">\$1,954,904.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$1,954,904.00</td> </tr> </table>	CDA Levy	\$1,954,904.00	Total	\$1,954,904.00
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QUOTES OR BIDS OBTAINED:

Related Financial/FTE Comments:

The CDA's special benefit tax levy is spread upon all property within Carver County and is completely separate from the County's property tax levy.

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Community Development Agency

Board Members: Cindy Monroe, Chair; LaVonne Kroells, Vice Chair; Sarah Carlson, Secretary/Treasurer; Michael Schachterle and Darrel Sudheimer.

Mission Statement: The Carver County Community Development Agency provides Housing opportunities and fosters Economic Development in Carver County.

Vision: To be an innovative leader in creating housing and economic opportunities to create Communities for a Lifetime in Carver County.

Values:

Commitment to Quality Results: Providing quality housing and private development assistance activities will be the hallmark of the Carver County CDA.

Quality Customer Service: As the Carver County CDA communities continue to develop, we are committed to meeting our customers' needs.

Commitment to Our Employees: To promote a challenging, fulfilling and safe work environment that recognizes employee commitment to excellence.

Partnering: The CDA will achieve its mission through actively seeking partnerships and collaborative efforts with Carver County, its communities and with other agencies.

Integrity: In undertaking our duties, we are committed to the values of honesty, fairness, and trust.

Budget

For the 2015 budget, the Carver County Community Development Agency (CDA) is requesting a levy of \$1,954,904. This would have a \$0.38 increase on a home with the Estimated Market Value of \$294,100.

Rental Housing Programs

The CDA administers a variety of housing programs in Carver County that assist households with various affordable housing options. The following is a summary of the major rental programs:

Public Housing - The CDA owns and operates a federally subsidized Public Housing Rental Program that consists of 81 units scattered throughout the county that range from apartment style units to single family homes. This program is for households at or below 80% of Area Median Income (\$44,750 for 1 person). Residents pay 30% of their adjusted monthly income towards rent.

The CDA owns and operates four transitional housing units in Chaska. Transitional housing is short-term (24 month) housing for homeless individuals. Residents pay 30% of their adjusted monthly income towards rent for the duration of tenancy.

The CDA administers a variety of smaller rental assistance programs with funding provided through a variety of agencies that include HUD, the State of MN and Minnesota Housing. These programs are offered in collaboration with the County's First Street Center/Behavioral Health Department and the SouthWest Metro Educational Cooperative's New Beginnings Program.

The CDA was recently awarded three project-based vouchers by Metro HRA for homeless veterans. The subsidized units will be offered at one of our multi-family properties in Chaska. We have a 10 year contract with Metro HRA for these units. Residents will pay 30% of their adjusted monthly income towards rent.

The CDA owns four multi-family rental developments within the county that consist of affordable, workforce housing; this includes 220 units that range from efficiency apartments to three-bedroom townhomes.

Senior Housing - The CDA also owns more than 300 units of housing for individuals age 55 and older looking to downsize into a more manageable housing unit in a senior, socially active community.

Housing Counseling – Rental counseling, pre-purchase counseling, foreclosure counseling and post-purchase counseling are services offered to Carver County residents seeking assistance with their housing needs. The CDA is also a member of the Minnesota Homeownership network in order to stay connected with the ever changing landscape of housing counseling.

CDA Economic and Community Development Programs

The CDA oversees a variety of Federal and State programs including the Small Cities Development Program, Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Programs, Livable Communities Demonstration Account Program grants through the Metropolitan Council, and other grants that are awarded to the CDA at various times.

The CDA has a partnership with the Carver County Public Health and Environment Division to process applications, administer low interest loan funds, and apply special assessments to properties for qualifying homeowners that replace Individual Sewage Treatment Systems (ISTS) throughout Carver County.

The CDA actively works with Carver County cities, Chambers of Commerce, and local businesses to promote Carver County as a prospective place to locate their business.

The CDA provides technical assistance to cities and their businesses with expansion plans and to develop funds for development and redevelopment projects.

The CDA operates the CDA Business Loan Fund (BLF) program and makes loans for commercial/industrial companies that are eligible. The main focus of the BLF is job creation and redevelopment and/or expansion of business properties. The CDA BLF primarily serves as “gap financing” and requires participation from other parties. The CDA typically requires a minimum 50% bank or private financing, a minimum of 10% equity from the borrower, and is subordinate to the local participating bank.

The CDA operates the CDA “Open to Business” program. Started in 2013, the program is a joint effort with the Carver County CDA and Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers (MCCD). The Open to Business program provides free technical assistance to Carver County existing or potential businesses, as well as the opportunity for financing an expansion or new start-up venture. The program is targeted for smaller and emerging entrepreneurs in Carver County, and most loans and financing provided are generally less than \$50,000 per business. This program was begun in 2013 as a result of feedback from area lenders, local cities, chambers of commerce and businesses that this type of service was needed.

The CDA actively looks for properties and development sites in the County to develop new senior and affordable workforce rental housing to meet the housing demand outlined in the Carver County 2030 Comprehensive Plan and its Housing Implementation Plan.

2014 Major Accomplishments & Challenges

The CDA administers the Minnesota City Participation Program (MCP) offered through the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency. The MCP program is designed to assist first time homebuyers in Carver County obtain affordable financing to purchase a home. The 2014 MCP program year has been yet another success to date and is proving the Carver County housing market is still rebounding.

MCP preliminary results as of 5-15-14:

- Carver County 2014 Allocation Amount: \$1,603,701
- Committed Loans: 6
- Committed Amount: \$795,773
- Overallotment for Carver County: undetermined as of 7-10-14

Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers (MCCD) Open to Business Program:

The Open to Business program has had a very successful first year since its beginnings in the fall of 2013. The following Open to Business program activity has occurred from January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014:

Clients Served: 33 (20 are new entrepreneurs; 9 are existing businesses; 4 are inquiries that are in process who have requested information)

Industry Segment: Retail: 8; Service: 3; Food: 10; Manufacturing: 2; Health/Fitness: 5; Construction: 1

Financing Provided: 6; Total Amount: \$157,000

Leveraged Funds: \$150,000

Financing Requests in Process: 5; Total Request = \$577,000; MCCD Portion= \$120,000; CDA Portion=\$100,000

Client Location by City:

Carver	3	Chanhassen	2
Chaska	15	Mayer	1
Cologne	1	Victoria	1
Waconia	4	Watertown	2

Some highlights and success stories from the MCCD program over the past few months include, but are not limited to:

- A new coffee shop loan being approved in the City of Mayer
- A new martial arts and fitness business loan approved in downtown Chaska
- Auto repair in Chaska
- Food retail franchise acquisition in downtown Chaska
- Chiropractor in Waconia
- Chiropractor in Watertown
- Historical/meeting space renovation in downtown Watertown
- Downtown Watertown retail/services building acquisition
- New food vendor business in Waconia.

City of Chaska: Chaska and Carver County went From 0 data centers in 2008 to 4 in 2014.

The Carver County CDA and the City of Chaska are working closely together on developing ready-to-build sites for new data centers. The 250,000 sq. ft. United Health Care data center, developed and constructed in 2009, has placed the City of Chaska high in the ranking in Minnesota with larger companies seeking to build data centers. The CDA is currently working with the City, Greater MSP Economic Development Partnership, DEED and commercial real estate brokers and data center developers to enhance the viability, visibility, and marketability of developing additional data centers in Chaska. Chaska is a strong candidate and is currently the most competitive site location in Carver County due to the fact it has its own City utility, allowing it to negotiate rates up front and be more cost competitive for the long run. In addition, it is located along Highway 212 and the new extended and enhanced County Road 10 with a newly installed Carver County Fiber Ring and a newly developed City of Chaska substation uniquely developed to serve additional growth and data centers in the vicinity.

Stream Data of Dallas, Texas recently completed construction in early July of their 85,000 sq. ft. first-phase \$35 million dollar data center in Chaska at West Creek Corporate Center. CDA staff along with City of Chaska Mayor and staff attended the ribbon cutting ceremony held at the new building on July 9, 2014. In addition, the State DEED approved a \$257,929 BDPI (Business Development Public Infrastructure) grant to the City of Chaska to support the data center development. The State DEED BDPI grant program purpose is to help stimulate publicly owned infrastructure that supports new economic development projects that create jobs and add to the tax base. Specifically, the grant is paying for the following project elements:

• City Storm Sewer	\$134,259
• Water Service Loop	\$117,270
• Driveway Connections to West Creek Lane	\$ 2,400
• ADA Ramps for Sidewalks	\$ 4,000
TOTAL:	\$257,929

CDA staff wrote this State DEED grant on behalf of the City of Chaska.

Beckman Coulter in the City of Chaska has been working with CDA staff, Greater MSP staff and the State DEED to develop an expansion of this major medical company that is expanding its

research and development operations, which includes up to 106 high paying medical technology jobs. The City, CDA, and State DEED have agreed in early 2014 on a financing package to make the project occur. It breaks down as follows:

Proposed Sources and Uses of Funds

	MIF (DEED)	Equity (Beckman)	CDA	Other	Total
Property Acquisition		\$2,650,000			\$2,650,000
Site Improvement					
New Construction					
Renovation of an Existing Building	\$750,000	\$1,797,000	\$200,000		\$2,747,000
Purchase of Machinery & Equipment					0
Public Infrastructure					0
Other					0
Total Project Costs	\$750,000	\$4,447,000	\$200,000	0	\$5,397,000

Beckman Coulter plans to accomplish the following in Chaska:

Development: For a portion of its equity injection to the project, Beckman Coulter purchased a 60,000 square foot building at 316 Lake Hazeltine Drive for \$2,650,000. By the second quarter of 2014, they plan to renovate the building for a research and development center to support:

Instrument Manufacturing: 25,000 sq. ft.

Raw Materials-Finished Goods Warehouse: 21,500 sq. ft.

Office and Support Space: 13,500 sq. ft.

Total: 60,000 sq. ft.

Employment: Beckman Coulter plans to add 106 new jobs as a result of this planned expansion. The majority of these jobs will be higher wage and highly skilled jobs such as scientists, lab technicians, skilled manufacturers, and administrative positions. Average wages are more than \$90,000 per year.

Financial Impact: \$200,000 in a CDA forgivable loan, with a loan and development agreement that requires performance benchmarks in case of default. The \$200,000 would be used by Beckman Coulter for building renovations at 316 Lake Hazeltine Drive. The DEED \$750,000 loan is structured in the same manner and the CDA’s funds were used as key leverage to make the incentive package work.

This expansion project has been spearheaded by Greater MSP staff in conjunction with a team that consists of staff from the City of Chaska, CDA, State DEED and Greater MSP. This project is a great example of these entities working together to make successful economic development occur and to attract private investment and leverage. Without the use of incentives to finance the project, the company could have easily expanded their operations in Texas, Boston, California, or China.

Super Radiator Coils in Chaska is undergoing an expansion in 2014 at their headquarters facility in Chaska. CDA economic development staff is the lead on the project. A breakdown of this currently underway project is as follows:

Super Radiator Coils (SRC), Chaska, submitted an application to the CDA Business Loan Fund for loan financing in the amount of \$150,000 for the development of an approximately 20,000 square foot building expansion to the current SRC building located in the Peavey Industrial Park, 104 Peavey Road Chaska. The site is owned by SRC. SRC is a custom manufacturer of specialty fin and tube heat exchangers (coils). SRC designs, manufactures, and sells throughout the United States and overseas from its locations in Chaska, Minnesota; Richmond Virginia, and Phoenix, Arizona. Their markets include power and energy, food processing, HVAC, industrial equipment, transportation, military, refrigeration display cases, industrial processing, testing and chambers, after market replacements, industrial heat recovery, carpet and floor cleaning equipment, laundry equipment, medical, data center cooling coils, clean rooms, wind tunnels, nuclear applications, etc.

The proposed financing will allow the company to expand and increase products and sales to its existing line. Efficiencies will be realized with a larger space to accommodate the current and projected growth of the business, and they plan to hire an additional 28 employees within three years. SRC is growing, and is a very successful operation and needs to hire additional employees to keep up with demand for its products and design services. The company is a union shop and pays an average of more than \$55,000 per year in wages per employee.

The proposed loan and sources/uses break down as follows:

Uses:

Site Improvements:	\$750,000.00
Building Construction:	\$1,100,000.00
Renovation of Existing Building:	\$250,000.00
Machinery and Equipment:	\$450,000.00
Infrastructure:	\$450,000.00
Total:	\$3,000,000.00

Sources:

BMO Bank Minneapolis:	\$2,100,000.00 (70.00%) (first mortgage)
CDA BLF:	\$150,000.00 (5.00%) (sub. mortgage to BMO Bank)
Borrower Equity:	\$750,000.00 (25.00%) (cash/land/DEED JCF)
Total	\$3,000,000.00 (100%)

In addition, the CDA wrote an application to the State DEED Job Creation Fund (JCF), on behalf of the SRC and the City of Chaska as an incentive for the company to expand in Chaska. In July of 2014, DEED notified the City of Chaska, CDA and SRC that their application was successfully approved in the amount of \$287,500. The JCF is a newly enacted program developed by DEED in 2014 with approval and funding from the Minnesota State Legislature in an effort to provide incentives for strong local companies to expand and create quality jobs along

with a significant private investment. The program favors manufacturing and Chaska's SRC was a perfect fit for the program.

The DEED Job Creation Fund is an important tool for economic development. Without this tool, the company could have easily expanded at its operations in Arizona or Virginia, but they chose to expand here in Chaska due to the incentive and the strong local workforce. The DEED Job Creation fund program and benefits include as below:

The Job Creation Fund provides financial incentives to new and expanding businesses that meet certain job creation and capital investment targets.

Companies deemed eligible to participate may receive up to \$1 million for creating or retaining high-paying jobs and for constructing or renovating facilities or making other property improvements. In some cases, companies may receive awards of up to \$2 million.

Eligibility and Requirements

The program is available to businesses engaged in manufacturing, warehousing, distribution, technology-related industries, and other eligible activities. Companies must work with the local government (city, county or township) where a project is located to apply to DEED to receive designation as a Job Creation Fund business.

To be designated as a Job Creation Fund business, a business must, at minimum:

- Be engaged in an eligible business activity
- Obtain local government support for their project via council resolution
- Invest at least \$500,000 in real property improvements within one year of becoming a designated Job Creation Fund business
- Create at least 10 new full-time permanent jobs within two years of becoming a Job Creation Fund business while maintaining existing employment numbers
- Pay at least \$12.45 in wages and benefits in 2014, adjusted annually based on 110 percent of federal poverty guidelines. The level will be \$12.61 starting Jan. 1, 2015.
- Have other location options outside of Minnesota
- Cause no undue harm to Minnesota business competitors
- Certify that the project would not occur without Job Creation Fund assistance

Projects that begin prior to becoming designated by DEED are not eligible for the Job Creation Fund.

Available Benefits

Companies that meet eligibility requirements must sign a business subsidy agreement with DEED to meet job retention, creation, wage, and capital investment requirements. The following benefits may be available once a business meets the conditions of its agreement and provides proof of performance:

- \$1,000 per year per job created for jobs paying at least \$26,000 in cash wages
- \$2,000 per year per job created for jobs paying at least \$35,000 in cash wages
- \$3,000 per year per job created for jobs paying at least \$45,000 in cash wages
- Up to a 5 percent rebate for real property improvements for businesses located in the Twin Cities Metro

- Up to a 7.5 percent rebate for real property improvements for business located in Greater Minnesota

Needful Things/Yellow Brick Trading Company recently located to downtown Chaska on Chestnut Street and recently expanded with the help of both the Carver County CDA Business Loan Fund in participation with the Open to Business Program.

Heather and Todd Nemitz, on behalf of Needful Things, a Sole Proprietorship, submitted an application to the CDA Business Loan Fund. The application, in the amount of \$80,000, is for real estate financing which includes the payoff of a Contract for Deed (CFD) at the current Needful Things retail store building located at 212 N. Chestnut Street (Hwy 41) in downtown Chaska. The site size is approximately .08 acres and the building is approximately 3550 sq. ft. and is being purchased by Heather and Todd Nemitz. Needful Things is a retail store that sells clothing and gifts in downtown Chaska and has been operating out of the current building since 2011. Heather has been operating the business for 4 years and was operating out of Jordan’s downtown prior to her move to downtown Chaska. The business began in 2010.

The loan purpose is for the acquisition of an approximately 3,550 sq. ft. building located at 212 N. Chestnut Street, Chaska, legally described as Lot 8, Block 37, City Lots of Chaska, City of Chaska, Carver County, Minnesota. The proposed financing will allow the business to eliminate high interest payments, lower business debt, and improve cash flow. In addition, the financing will allow the addition of another business co-located in the building to operate on a lease to Needful Things. The other retail business, called Yellow Brick Trading Company, is a retail used and new furniture/home decor store. Yellow Brick recently moved to the location in early 2014. The two companies do collaborative sales and marketing efforts. So far, it has helped both companies and it has been successful. Located above the retail space is a rental residential unit along with an indoor rear parking space. The above residential unit/garage is currently leased and has been for an extended period of time. It provides additional lease income to the company.

The proposed loan and sources and uses break down as follows:

Uses

Land Acquisition (payoff CFD): \$160,000.00
Total: \$160,000.00

Sources

MCCD/OTB: \$80,000.00 (50%) (first mortgage)
 CDA BLF: \$80,000.00 (50%) (first mortgage)
Total \$160,000.00 (100%)

Jobs: Needful Things currently employs one employee. Yellow Brick Trading Company, the furniture store that leases a portion of the retail space, employs two employees.

City of Carver:

Park and Ride Transit Project: CDA staff continues working on the Carver 36 acres project with the City of Carver. The project consists of: a city transit station/park and ride; approximately 47 units of single family for sale housing by Mattamy Homes; collector roads; County Road 11

traffic signalization; County Road 11 improvements; storm water ponds; trails; sidewalks; small park; CDA multi-family apartment out lot; and the associated design and engineering. Currently, the CDA has a board approved purchase agreement with Ron Clark Construction for approximately 2.10 acres of the remaining approximately 6 acre parcel (Outlot B) of multi-family zoned property.

CDA staff assisted the developer, Ron Clark Construction on the following for the apartment project:

- TIF and site development application to the City of Carver for the 68 unit apartment building.
- Tax Credit Application to MHFA for 68 unit apartment building construction and development.
- Metropolitan Council LCDA grant application (primarily land acquisition and miscellaneous items).

The project is currently under construction. Due to the Carver County CDA purchasing this 36 acre property in 2010, it has been a catalyst for development at the site. Mattamy Homes has also planned to develop additional single family homes adjacent to this site, which will add another approximately 56 single family homes to Carver. At the project conclusion, most of the 36 acre project will be privately owned, and provide taxes and a mix of new residents for Carver County and the City of Carver. It will also provide the area with additional transit/park and ride services to complement the efforts of Southwest Transit and their excellent bus service.

City of NYA:

The **Vickerman Project** construction of the approximately 43,000 sq. ft. expansion of its industrial operations at the NYA Tacoma Industrial Park was completed in early 2014 with the help of the CDA BLF Program loan of \$150,000.

Across the street from Vickerman, the City of NYA had a ribbon cutting for **Waconia Manufacturing** for their expansion to the NYA Tacoma Industrial Park when construction completed in June 2014.

Waconia:

The Carver County CDA is planning and developing a financing plan for a new approximately 75 unit workforce rental apartment building to be called Trails Edge South located on Airport Road south of Target. The CDA has been applying for grants and low-interest loans from the State DEED and Metropolitan Council for funding of a portion of the project. The CDA would like to begin construction in 2015.

The CDA finished much needed improvements to Airport Road from the prior failed development at Interlaken by Plowshares Development. The CDA took over the development agreement and agreed to finish off the required improvements at Airport Road that included a complete second lift of asphalt on Airport Road, a new sidewalk, new landscaping, curb/entrances/lighting. The street and associated project work for Airport Road is finished in summer 2014.

Waconia Land Trust: CDA staff has been working with the City of Waconia, Ridgeview Foundation, and local builders to expand the Chaska Community Land Trust by developing four

new townhome land trust units in Waconia. CDA staff submitted an application to Minnesota Housing Finance Agency for funding a portion of the project.

City of Watertown:

The CDA has been assisting the City of Watertown with a neighborhood rehabilitation project immediately west of main street (Lewis Avenue) located along a several block area of Westminster/Angel and Territorial streets. The CDA is applying, on behalf of the City and Planning Commission, for grant funds for housing rehabilitation from the State DEED SCDP grant program. In 2010, the CDA successfully completed a similar project for the three cities of NYA, Cologne and Hamburg.

New Carver County Housing Study for 2014-2040:

The CDA is working with Carver County and the cities on an update of the previous Maxfield Research county-wide housing study that was completed in 2007. The soon to be released study will be shared by Carver County planning and city planning staff to develop new updates to our comprehensive plans, housing implementation plans, and new efforts into developing a wide mix of housing types in the county. The study coincides with the newly updated Metropolitan Council Thrive 2040 population projections. The study was paid for by the CDA and a partial grant by the Family Housing Fund.

Ongoing Initiatives

- Develop workforce, senior, and affordable housing in Carver County so workers can live and work here in Carver County, which will support economic development and business throughout the county.
- Promote redevelopment within the cities of Carver County through new mixed-use projects which promote downtown living and shopping.
- Plan and integrate economic development and housing projects that will occur as the result of the Highway 212 corridor being improved.
- Provide marketing, technical assistance to cities, and business finance resources to industrial and business park developments in the county.
- Establish and maintain high quality service with interested stakeholders to build a collegial working relationship that contributes to CDA initiatives.
- Participate in the Greater MSP Economic Development Partnership; represent Carver County as the Public Sector Representative on the Greater MSP Advisory Group; Serve on Greater MSP Operational Protocol Committee; work in conjunction with Private Sector Greater MSP Representative Jon Holt, Chairman of Super Radiator Coils, Chaska.
- Work towards attracting new sources of capital and investment to Carver County.
- CDA integration of SharePoint software use in conjunction with Carver County IT and Public Health and Administrative staff
- Joint CDA-Carver County Public Works fuel purchasing and maintenance of CDA vehicles
- Enhanced partnerships with Carver County and GIS applications.

- Continue serving on Executive Committees of MAPCED, and legislative and economic development initiatives with EDAM
- Improve the Carver County CDA web site, with additional emphasis on revitalizing the Economic Development web pages and providing stronger connections and links to Carver County's new web site to be completed in 2014.

Carver County Board of Commissioners Request for Board Action



Agenda Item:

Economic Development Discussion

Primary Originating Division/Dept:

Meeting

Date:

Contact: Title:

Item Type:

Amount of Time Requested: minutes

Presenter: Title:

Attachments: Yes No

Strategic Initiative:

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:

At the May 27th Board Strategic Planning session the Board of Commissioners requested a Work Session with the Community Development Agency (CDA) and its board members to discuss strategies regarding Economic Development (ED) in Carver County. CDA will make a presentation during this session that will outline their challenges in ED for the Board of Commissioners and to get guidance on Economic Development strategies for the future.

ACTION REQUESTED:

No action requested. The purpose of this session is to stimulate discussion and to explore options regarding Economic Development in Carver County.

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FTE IMPACT:

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Related Financial/FTE Comments:

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Carver County Board of Commissioners Request for Board Action



Agenda Item:

Aquatic Invasive Species Inspection Service Strategic Plan

Primary Originating Division/Dept:

Meeting

Date:

Contact: Title:

Item Type:

Amount of Time Requested: minutes

Presenter: Title:

Attachments: Yes No

Strategic Initiative:

Connections: Develop strong public partnerships and connect people to services and information

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:

The 2014 Legislative Session approved funding for Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention. Funding was allocated based on the number of public launch sites and corresponding vehicle with trailer parking stalls within a county. For 2014 \$4,500,000 and for 2015 \$10,000,000 was appropriated for the program.

Carver County's portion of the Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention funding is \$59,600 and \$132,600 for 2014 and 2015 respectively.

Staff will present to the County Board a plan for aquatic Invasive Species services for the remainder of 2014 and options for consideration in 2015.

In order for the County to receive the funding, the County must submit a plan by December 31 of the year payments are received.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Direction is requested for providing aquatic invasive species services for the remainder of 2014 and for 2015.

FISCAL IMPACT:

If "Other", specify:

FUNDING

County Dollars =

FTE IMPACT:

Total

QUOTES OR BIDS OBTAINED:

Related Financial/FTE Comments:

An expansion to the AIS service would have fiscal impact to the County Budget and an impact to additional FTE's at the time of Board authorization. No authorization for an amendment or additional expenditure is requested at this time.

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