



Carver County Board of Commissioners  
 September 20, 2011  
 Regular Session  
 County Board Room  
 Carver County Government Center  
 Human Services Building  
 Chaska, Minnesota

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4:55 p.m.            **ADJOURN AS CARVER COUNTY DITCH BOARD AND RECONVENE  
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- 4:55 p.m.    **9. COMMUNITIES: Create and maintain safe, healthy and livable communities**
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5:55 p.m.            **ADJOURN REGULAR SESSION**

- 5:55 p.m.            **BOARD REPORTS**
- 1.    Chair
  - 2.    Board Members
  - 3.    Administrator
  - 4.    Adjourn

David Hemze  
County Administrator

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- September 27, 2011    9:15 a.m. Board Meeting
- October 4, 2011        9:15 a.m. Board Meeting
- October 11, 2011      9:15 a.m. Work Session
- October 18, 2011      4:00 p.m. Board Meeting
- October 25, 2011      9:15 a.m. Board Meeting

A Regular Session of the Carver County Board of Commissioners was held in the County Government Center, Chaska, on September 6, 2011. Chair Randy Maluchnik convened the session at 9:15 a.m.

Members present: Randy Maluchnik, Chair, Tim Lynch, Vice Chair, Gayle Degler, James Ische and Tom Workman.

Members absent: None.

Degler moved, Lynch seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Workman moved, Degler seconded, to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2011, Regular Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Community announcements were made by the Board.

Ische moved, Degler seconded, to approve the following consent agenda items:

Contract with Michel Masonry Construction in the amount of \$88,000 and related Facilities budget amendment.

Resolution #48-11, Support of Maintaining Current Levels of Federal Funding for Highways and Transit.

Approved Public Health Preparedness and Cities Readiness Initiative grant award from the Minnesota Department of Health, as the Community Health Board, and related budget amendment.

Awarded contract to Bituminous Roadways, Inc., in the amount of \$767,555.55 for County Overlay Project CP 11 MR and, after review and approval by the County Attorney's Office and Risk Management, approve the contract with Bituminous Roadways.

Approved request for renewal of on-sale and Sunday liquor license for Island View Golf Club, Inc.

Authorized Public Health Emergency Preparedness Planner to attend the Center for Disease Control and Prevention Public Health Emergency Preparedness Evaluation meeting October 25-26, 2011, in Atlanta, GA.

Community Social Services' actions.

Approved payment of the following Commissioners' warrants:

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Motion carried unanimously.

Marcee Shaughnessy, Public Health and Environment, requested the Board adopt a Proclamation that recognizes the five City Level Senior Commissions sponsoring the CarFit events.

Katy Boone, Public Health Planner, introduced the representatives of the Senior Commissions in attendance. She explained the CarFit program and pointed out the dates for future events.

Commissioner Degler read the Proclamation that recognized the contributions of the five City Senior Commissions

Degler moved, Lynch seconded, to adopt the Proclamation in recognition of the Five City Level Senior/Aging Commissions Sponsoring CarFit events. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Maluchnik requested the Board adopt a Resolution encouraging residents to participate in a Moment of Remembrance on September 11<sup>th</sup> and read the proposed Resolution into the record.

Ische offered the following Resolution, seconded by Lynch:

Resolution #49-11  
Carver County Joining the National Moment of Remembrance of the  
10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of September 11<sup>th</sup>.

On vote taken, all voted aye.

Melissa Brechon, Library Director, requested the Board approve a contract to completely redesign the Library's website. She explained they had been looking at existing websites for a number of months and have determined they needed to update the Library's website. Brechon highlighted the standards that needed to be met. She indicated funding for the project would be provided through the use of MELSA technology funds and confirmed the Library Board had recommended the project.

Degler moved, Ische seconded, to approve contract with Jack Frost Design to completely redesign the Library website for a not to exceed cost of \$47,938.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Dave Hemze, County Administrator, requested the Board set the 2012 preliminary County property tax levy. He noted this needed to be set by September 15<sup>th</sup> and cannot increase. Hemze recognized the Board's previous direction to come up with a levy that reduced taxes on an average valued home. He explained the State's Homestead Market Value Credit that was eliminated by the State.

Dave Frischmon, Finance, highlighted the services provided by the County and what citizens receive for the County dollars paid. He pointed out the County tax impact on an average value home over the last several years and stated they have reduced taxes while at the same time market values have been decreasing.

Frischmon summarized the 2012 budget strategy that included a wage freeze and 2.9% targeted budget reduction by Division. He explained the new recommendation to lower the levy by one million to make up for the elimination of the State market value credit and shifting one million in County program aid from one time capital improvement projects to the operations budget. Frischmon

stated 2012 capital outlay primarily related to road and bridge projects and not funded by tax levy. He identified proposed capital projects and funding sources.

The Board discussed the impact of the State eliminating the market value credit on County property taxes and decision to absorb this and not pass it on to taxpayers. Hemze stated they were still trying to unravel the impact of this and will be working with the Taxpayer Services Division on the impact to an average valued home and business.

Ische moved, Lynch seconded, to approve a 2012 preliminary tax levy of \$45,179,720 (net of \$1,455,284 State CPA) and setting the 2012 budget public hearing for Thursday, December 1, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. Degler, Ische, Lynch, Maluchnik voted aye. Workman voted nay. Motion carried.

Julie Frick, Community Development Agency, requested the Board adopt a Resolution approving the CDA's 2012 proposed budget and payable 2012 tax levy. She stated they did a significant amount of work on their budget and made program cuts.

Degler offered the following Resolution, seconded by Ische:

Resolution #50-11  
Approving the 2012 Proposed Budget and Payable 2012 Tax Levy of the  
Carver County Community Development Agency and Certifying said Levy to the  
County Auditor

On vote taken, Degler, Ische, Lynch, Maluchnik voted aye. Workman voted nay.

Paul Moline, Public Health and Environment, requested the Board set the 2012 preliminary water level and noted the levy was the same as 2011. He pointed out there was now only one CCWMO taxing district and that change was approved through the adoption of the water management plan.

Ische moved, Lynch seconded, to set the preliminary 2012 Carver County WMO levy at \$524,984. Motion carried unanimously.

Lynch moved, Degler seconded, to recess as the County Board and convene as the Carver County Regional Rail Authority. Motion carried unanimously.

Dave Frischmon, Finance, requested the Rail Authority set the 2012 preliminary levy and noted the amount requested has remained unchanged since 2008.

Degler moved, Lynch seconded, to set the CCRRA's 2012 preliminary tax levy at \$120,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Degler moved, Lynch seconded, to adjourn as the Carver County Regional Rail Authority and reconvene as the County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Kathy Paulson, Employee Relations, updated the Board on the Telework pilot program. She noted the pilot program ran from March through May. She explained they collaborated with eWorkPlace to plan and implement the program.

Paulson stated 24 employees participated and summarized the results of the program. She explained the recommendation to completely implement the use of virtual desktop images before expanding the program due to the demands on IT.

Workman moved, Degler seconded, to adjourn the Regular Session at 10:45 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

David Hemze  
County Administrator

(These proceedings contain summaries of resolutions. The full text of the resolutions are available for public inspection in the office of the county administrator.)

# Carver County Board of Commissioners Request for Board Action



**Agenda Item:**

**Carver County Tactical Team to Attend Tri-City/Scott County Out of State Training**

Primary Originating Division/Dept: <u>Sheriff</u>	Meeting Date: <u>9/20/2011</u>
Contact: <u>Dave Williams</u> Title: <u>Lieutenant</u>	Item Type: <u>Consent</u>
Amount of Time Requested: <u>    </u> minutes	Attachments: <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Presenter: <u>                    </u> Title: <u>                    </u>	

Strategic Initiative:  
Communities: Create and maintain safe, healthy, and livable communities

**BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:**

Our tactical team recently merged with the Tri-City/Scott County Tactical Team. Their team trains every year as part of the Southwest Tactical Consortium at Fort Dodge in Iowa. They arrive 9/26 and return 9/29/11. All teams are required to participate as this is their regular training. This helps the merged team cover training areas with other teams and with specialized instructors and facilities. This would involve our 5 team members. No additional expenses than already budgeted for.

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Approval for tactical team to attend out of state training.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Included in current budget

*If "Other", specify:*

**FUNDING**

County Dollars =	<b>\$250.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>

**FTE IMPACT:** None

**Related Financial/FTE Comments:**

Lodging, food, equipment, and rental are paid for by the Tri-City/Scott/Carver County Team. Our fees are already budgeted for in LE Supplies and Training (201-239-1716-6332/6454, so there will be no additional costs. To cover the wages, the team members will adjust their schedules so that there is no additional costs related to the time at this training (it will be during their regular work schedule. Transportation will be the use of our tactical panel van (235 miles one way.) Estimated fuel costs of \$250.00

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# Carver County Board of Commissioners Request for Board Action



**Agenda Item:**

**Approval of Home and Community Based Waiver Services Contracts**

Primary Originating Division/Dept: <u>Community Social Services</u>	Meeting Date: <u>9/20/2011</u>
Contact: <u>Brian Esch</u> Title: <u>Social Services Supervisor</u>	Item Type: <u>Consent</u>
Amount of Time Requested: <input type="text"/> minutes	Attachments: <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Presenter: <input type="text"/> Title: <input type="text"/>	

Strategic Initiative:  
Communities: Create and maintain safe, healthy, and livable communities

**BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:**

Renewal of Home and Community Based Waiver Services contracts for 3 providers who provide community based support services for developmentally disabled clients. Waiver contracts are approved on a 5 year basis. These contracts are funded primarily by Medicaid dollars for clients on state and federal waiver programs. Two of the contracts include SISL funding which is a state and county funded support program.

- Contract #11-184 Mains'l Services Inc.
- Contract #11-202 Orion Intermediary Services Inc.
- Contract #11-203 Meridian Services Inc.

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Recommend approval of host county Community Based Waiver Services contracts

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Included in current budget

*If "Other", specify:*

**FUNDING**

County Dollars =	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
<input style="width: 100%; height: 15px;" type="text"/>	\$1,500,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,505,000.00</b>

**FTE IMPACT:** None

**Related Financial/FTE Comments:**

Annual cost of contracts approximately \$1,500,000 in Medical Assistance funding. Two providers provide SILS services which is a state / county funded program. Annual cost of county dollars for SILS would not exceed \$5,000 a year

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# Carver County Board of Commissioners Request for Board Action



**Agenda Item:**

**Abatements/Additions**

Primary Originating Division/Dept: <u>PRTS - Property Taxation</u>	Meeting Date: <u>9/20/2011</u>
Contact: <u>Teri Spencer</u> Title: <u>Settlement Tech</u>	Item Type: <u>Consent</u>
Amount of Time Requested: <input type="text"/> minutes	Attachments: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Presenter: <input type="text"/> Title: <input type="text"/>	

**Strategic Initiative:**

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

**BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:**

Abatements requested by taxpayers. See attached listing.

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Recommend to approve.

**FISCAL IMPACT: Other**

*If "Other", specify:*

Non Budgeted

**FUNDING**

County Dollars =	<b>(\$192.27)</b>
Other	(\$301.73)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(\$494.00)</b>

**FTE IMPACT: None**

Related Financial/FTE Comments:

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Property Records & Taxpayer Services Division  
 Government Center - Administration Building  
 600 East 4th Street  
 Chaska, MN 55318-2102

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**Abatements presented to the  
 Carver County Board of Commissioners  
 September 20, 2011**

**Abatement approval is recommended by the Carver County Assessor & Taxpayer Services Manager  
 on the following properties for the reasons listed.**

Payable Year	Parcel Number	Name	Reason for Abatement	Original Tax Amount	Adjusted Tax Amount	County Dollars Abated	Total Amount of Adjustment
2011	04.0260400	Larry W. Goetze	Relative & Owner Occupied Homestead	4,278.00	4,278.00	0.00	0.00
2011	25.1600211	Thomas D. & Erica R. Koehnen	Homestead	2,210.00	2,002.00	-90.55	-208.00
2011	30.9520124	Michael Kirkpatrick	Homestead	258.00	188.00	-25.87	-70.00
2011	75.1030040	Shanna Rossell	50% Homestead	3,108.00	3,024.00	-29.41	-84.00
2011	75.3720320	Jeffrey & Bretta Thielman	Homestead	3,658.00	3,526.00	-46.44	-132.00
<b>Grand Total</b>				<b>\$13,512.00</b>	<b>\$13,018.00</b>	<b>-\$192.27</b>	<b>-\$494.00</b>

# Carver County Board of Commissioners Request for Board Action



**Agenda Item:**

**Information Technology Collaboration with Scott County**

Primary Originating Division/Dept: <u>Administrative Services - IT</u>	Meeting Date: <u>9/20/2011</u>
Contact: <u>Rhonda Lynch</u> Title: <u>IT Manager</u>	Item Type: <u>Regular Session</u>
Amount of Time Requested: <u>10</u> minutes	Attachments: <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Presenter: <u>Steve Taylor</u> Title: <u>Administrative Services Divisio...</u>	

**Strategic Initiative:**

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

**BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:**

This is a request for Board Action to approve the purchase of a new and upgraded IBM iSeries server to replace two near end-of-life servers currently in both County's data centers. The 3-year cost of the new server hardware, operating system, licensing and migration services is for Carver and Scott County is \$195,649.60 for an approximate savings of \$16,829 over a 3 year period. The cost savings is achieved by investing in current technology thereby reducing our ongoing maintenance costs. While from a direct savings standpoint, the joint payback for this project is not significant: however, as illustrated below, there are a host of other benefits that both Counties will benefit from.

The iSeries is used to host various software solutions for divisions that include; Assessor CAMA, Finance Payroll, Public Health PHDOC, Records Land Records, and, a few other small miscellaneous software applications.

The replacement and upgrade of the iSeries is part of a collaboration project with Scott County, that leverages the direct fiber connection between each County's data center. Scott County is planning on purchasing a matching iSeries platform.

Collectively, the two counties are consolidating four iSeries boxes down to two. The two new machines, will be shared: one in our data center and one in Scott County data center. We will collaborate to provide each other with disaster recovery services, while retaining our respective in-house production platforms.

Ongoing maintenance of the iSeries equipment will be outsourced. Carver County already is outsourcing part of our iSeries maintenance function and plans to add some additional services. The cost of this service will be shared between Scott and Carver County.

Benefits and Key Value Points for iSeries Collaboration

**Both Counties:**

- > Consolidated, standardized iSeries platform running matching operating systems and software.
- > Identical replicating software used by both counties for Disaster Recovery (DR) operations.
- > Single vendor for ongoing maintenance and applications support.
- > Frees up in-house resources at both Counties for other network support activities.
- > Leverages the direct fiber connection for DR operations provided by each County.
- > Increase collaboration in technical service delivery and support across both Counties.

**Scott County:**

- > Cost reduction in licensing and a lower cost provider for outsourced support services
- > Current and timely security patching and fixes to software, operating systems

> Reduced footprint of hardware at the Jordan DR site, lowering cost for HVAC & power

**Carver County**

> Back-up routines for Carver to be performed by Scott County

Cost and Savings;

- Requests for Quotes (RFQ) were received from two separate vendors offering State Contract pricing.
- Carver County purchase cost is \$63,454.80 resulting in three year direct savings of \$1,443.
- Scott County purchase cost is \$147,580.80 resulting in three year direct savings of \$69,761.07. Savings for Scott County is greater because Scott County equipment is several revisions older than Carver County. New equipment and maintenance contract significantly lowers maintenance costs at Scott County.

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Motion to approve purchase of one New IBM Platform iSeries for Carver County, and, proceed with iSeries collaboration agreement between Carver County and Scott County.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Included in current budget

*If "Other", specify:*

**FUNDING**

County Dollars =

**\$63,464.80**

**FTE IMPACT:** None

**Total**

**\$63,464.80**

Related Financial/FTE Comments:

Part of approved 2011 capital budget.

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# Carver County Board of Commissioners Request for Board Action



**Agenda Item:**

**Establishment of a Sister relationship with Ydre Kommun, Sweden and Carver County, MN**

Primary Originating Division/Dept: <u>County Board</u>	Meeting Date: <u>9/20/2011</u>
Contact: <u>Steve Taylor</u> Title: <u>Admin Services</u>	Item Type: <u>Regular Session</u>
Amount of Time Requested: <u>5</u> minutes	Attachments: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Presenter: <u>Randy Maluchnik</u> Title: <u>County Commissioner</u>	

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

**BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:**

Carver County and Ydre Kommun, Sweden have expressed interest in establishing a Sister Relationship, with regard to strengthening the bonds of friendship and ties of heritage between the two entities, and to increase the understanding and knowledge of the current residents of each other's culture, as well as to promoting the prosperity of both Carver County and Ydre Kommun.

Cooperation will be promoted in the areas of education and research, business and economic development, arts, culture and history, and county and civic concerns.

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Motion to create sister relationship with Ydre Kommun, Sweden and Carver County, MN.

<p><b>FISCAL IMPACT:</b> <u>None</u>                  If "Other", specify:  <input style="width: 200px; height: 20px;" type="text"/></p>	<p><b>FUNDING</b></p> <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 70%;">County Dollars =</td> <td style="width: 30%;"><input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td><input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/></td> <td><input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>\$0.00</b></td> </tr> </table>	County Dollars =	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
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Related Financial/FTE Comments:

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# BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CARVER COUNTY, MINNESOTA

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Resolution No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion by Commissioner: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by Commissioner: \_\_\_\_\_

**WHEREAS**, Carver County shares a joint history with many international entities originating from the settlement of emigrants during the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries; and

**WHEREAS**, Andrew Peterson, a famous emigrant from what is now Ydre, Sweden, established a farm within Carver County in vicinity to Lake Waconia in 1855; and

**WHEREAS**, Andrew Peterson's farm holds placement on the National Register of Historic Places and his diaries remain as famous historical artifacts documenting immigrant settlement in rural Minnesota; and

**WHEREAS**, active citizen groups from both Carver County and Ydre Kommun, Sweden, along with the Carver County Historical Society continue to engage in cultural exchanges over the preservation of the historic landmark; and

**WHEREAS**, international exchanges between cities, counties, and similar jurisdictions abroad and their citizens are vital to the global community because they motivate friendship, mutual respect, and understanding; and

**WHEREAS**, Carver County is committed to preserving its history and enriching its culture by extending relationships with the global community of which it is a part;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Carver County, Minnesota formally establishes a Sister relationship with Ydre Kommun, Sweden, and seeks to promote the exchange of mutually beneficial ideas and cultural and educational resources.

YES	ABSENT	NO
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

**STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF CARVER**

I, Dave Hemze, duly appointed and qualified County Administrator of the County of Carver, State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of this resolution with the original minutes of the proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners, Carver County, Minnesota, at its session held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011, now on file in the Administration office, and have found the same to be a true and correct copy thereof.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Administrator



AGREEMENT  
of a  
Sister Relationship  
between  
Carver County, Minnesota, U.S.A.  
and  
Ydre Kommun, Sweden



Carver County September XX, 2011

Carver County and Ydre Kommun hereby agree to establish a Sister Relationship, with regard to strengthening the bonds of friendship and ties of heritage between the two entities, and to increase the understanding and knowledge of the current residents of each other's culture, as well as to promoting the prosperity of both Carver County and Ydre Kommun.

Cooperation will be promoted in the areas of education and research, business and economic development, arts, culture and history, and county and civic concerns.

The two governments recognize the growing cooperation between local social organizations in both communities, and pledge to support the expanding exchange activities developing between them.

This agreement is written in Carver County, September XX, 2011, in both English and Swedish, the two languages being equally valid. The agreement will take effect as soon as both entities have signed it.

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Randy Maluchnik  
Board Chair  
Carver County, MN  
U.S.A.

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Sven-Inge Karlsson  
Mayor  
Ydre Kommun  
Sweden

# Carver County Board of Commissioners Request for Board Action



**Agenda Item:**

**2012 Health Insurance Rates and Cafeteria Contributions**

Primary Originating Division/Dept: <u>Employee Relations</u>	Meeting Date: <u>9/20/2011</u>
Contact: <u>Doris Krogman</u> Title: <u>Employee Relations Division ...</u>	Item Type: <u>Regular Session</u>
Amount of Time Requested: <u>15</u> minutes	Attachments: <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Presenter: <u>Doris Krogman</u> Title: <u>Employee Relations Division D...</u>	

**Strategic Initiative:**

Culture: Provide an organizational culture which fosters individual accountability to achieve goals and sustain public trust and confidence in County government.

**BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:**

Minn. Stat 471.6161 requires a public employer to request proposals for health and dental insurance at least once every five years. The County was required to request proposals for the 2012 plan year since 2006 was the last year we completed the process. Dan Proulx of Envision Benefit Consultants conducted the RFP process for the County. The County received fully-insured proposals for health insurance from Blue Cross Blue Shield, Health Partners, Medica, and Preferred One, all of which were better than our 2011 rates. A summary of their proposals is attached. Mayo Clinic Health Solutions also submitted a self-insured proposal.

Mr. Proulx, our health insurance broker, has agreed to reduce his commission, which is included in the health insurance premium, from the customary 2% (estimated at \$112,500 for 2012) to \$90,000. He will provide the Mayo Wellness program, Embody Health, through Wellvation at no cost to the County (a value of approximately \$45,000 and 2011 cost of approximately \$32,500). It is recommended that Employee Relations prepare a personal services contract with him for 2012 outlining the services he provides and the above terms.

Analysis of the proposals included a number of factors: plan matches to specifications, history with the carriers, premium costs, rate cap guarantees, additional benefits, and degree of disruption in an area where there has been a great deal of change over the past several years. Based on the analysis, the Insurance Labor Management Committee (LMC) recommends staying with Health Partners for health coverage for 2012. Their proposal matches specifications perfectly, reduces 2012 premiums by 7%, offers five years of rate cap guarantees, provides \$30,000 biannually for biometric screenings and provides no disruption for employees and their families in receiving care. Health Partners has provided the County with health insurance and good service over the past five years.

The County has collective bargaining agreements through 2011 which include monthly cafeteria contributions of \$1,150 for employees selecting family health insurance, \$650 for employees selecting single health insurance and \$150 for those who are eligible, but choose to waive coverage. Based on the attractive 2012 rates, the LMC also recommends Employee Relations seeking Memoranda of Agreement with each of the bargaining units to avoid the potential of employees who do not need the County-sponsored insurance selecting Single Plan D rather than waiving coverage and saving the County's cost by increasing the Waiver amount to \$195.00, which exceeds the difference between the Single cafeteria contribution and the cost of Single Plan D by approximately 10%.

The LMC further recommends continuing to escalate the premium cost for Plan A (\* as indicated below) to encourage further movement to the plans that engage employees more actively in assessing their needs for care and modifying their lifestyles where it may improve their health.

**2012 Health Partners Monthly Health Insurance Rates, modified as recommended by the LMC:**

**Health Plan A\*:**



Single - \$900.00 (employee pays \$250.00) ,  
 Family - \$2,350.00 (employee pays \$1,200.00)

**Health Plan B:**

Single - \$526.27 (employee pays \$0.00, has \$123.73 for other benefits, and receives \$750 annual HRA contribution),  
 Family - \$1,594.90 (employee pays \$444.90 and receives \$1,500 annual HRA contribution)

**Health Plan C:**

Single - \$554.00 (employee pays \$0.00 and has \$96.00 for other benefits)  
 Family - \$1,678.93 (employee pays 528.93)

**Health Plan D:**

Single - \$472.21 (employee pays 0.00, has \$177.79 for other benefits, and receives \$1,000 annual HSA contribution)  
 Family - \$1,431.06 (employee pays 281.06 and receives \$2,000 annual HSA contribution)

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

1. Motion to direct Employee Relations to secure a personal services agreement with Dan Proulx (Envision Benefit Consultants) for 2012 health insurance broker services at a cost not to exceed \$90,000 paid through the Health Partners health insurance premiums.
2. Motion to approve Health Partners as the 2012 Health Insurance carrier for Carver County employees, and prior employees or their family members who are enrolled in these plan with the premium rates listed above for 2012 for all members.
3. Motion to continue the cafeteria contributions, HRA and HSA contributions consistent with the 2010 - 2011 collective bargaining agreements, with the exception of an increase to the waiver incentive to avoid the more costly single contribution for those employees who have no need for County-sponsored insurance.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Other

*If "Other", specify:*

2012 Budget

**FUNDING**

County Dollars =

**\$5,900,000.00**

**Total**

**\$5,900,000.00**

**Related Financial/FTE Comments:**

The cost of cafeteria contributions, HRA and HSA contributions reflected above will be included in the 2012 budget that the administrator will be recommending in October.

# 2012 Carver County Medical plan rates by plan offering - 2nd look

All bidding providers on this illustration have complied with the RFP questionnaire

## EnVision Benefit Consultants

Plan	Type	Count	HP 2011		HP 2012		*Medica (Option 1)		*Medica (Option 2)		*PreferredOne		Blue Cross	
			Prem	Cost	Prem	Cost	Prem	Cost	Prem	Cost	Prem	Cost	Prem	Cost
Plan A	Single	66	\$691.58	\$45,644.28	\$636.51	\$42,009.66	\$657.56	\$43,398.96	\$631.26	\$41,663.16	\$630.72	\$41,627.52	\$691.50	\$45,639.00
	Family	1	\$2,089.89	\$2,089.89	\$1,928.97	\$1,928.97	\$1,987.08	\$1,987.08	\$1,907.60	\$1,907.60	\$1,905.98	\$1,905.98	\$2,074.00	\$2,074.00
Plan B	Single	79	\$538.17	\$42,515.43	\$526.27	\$41,575.33	\$538.65	\$42,553.35	\$517.11	\$40,851.69	\$490.81	\$38,773.99	\$542.00	\$42,818.00
	Family	43	\$1,645.12	\$70,740.16	\$1,594.90	\$68,580.70	\$1,627.74	\$69,992.82	\$1,562.63	\$67,193.09	\$1,500.35	\$64,515.05	\$1,625.00	\$69,875.00
Plan C	Single	12	\$576.45	\$6,917.40	\$554.00	\$6,648.00	\$569.62	\$6,835.44	\$546.84	\$6,562.08	\$525.72	\$6,308.64	\$574.50	\$6,894.00
	Family	4	\$1,741.79	\$6,967.16	\$1,678.93	\$6,715.72	\$1,721.16	\$6,884.64	\$1,652.31	\$6,609.24	\$1,588.51	\$6,354.04	\$1,724.00	\$6,896.00
Plan D	Single	194	\$516.72	\$100,243.68	\$472.21	\$91,608.74	\$465.70	\$90,345.80	\$447.07	\$86,731.58	\$471.25	\$91,422.50	\$519.00	\$100,686.00
	Family	152	\$1,561.47	\$237,343.44	\$1,431.06	\$217,521.12	\$1,407.28	\$213,906.56	\$1,350.99	\$205,350.46	\$1,424.06	\$216,457.12	\$1,557.00	\$236,664.00
Total Monthly Premium			\$512,461.44		\$476,588.24		\$475,904.65		\$456,868.92		\$467,364.84		\$511,546.00	
Total Annual Premium			\$6,149,537.28		\$5,719,058.88		\$5,710,855.80		\$5,482,427.04		\$5,608,378.08		\$6,138,552.00	
Broker fee					\$90,000.00		\$90,000.00		\$90,000.00		\$90,000.00		\$90,000.00	
Cost of product = Total annual premium minus broker fee					\$5,629,058.88		\$5,620,855.80		\$5,392,427.04		\$5,518,378.08		\$6,048,552.00	

Notes:

<p>*Enrollment counts are current as of 7/25/2011</p> <p>* Indicates benefit plan compliance issue</p>	<p>2nd year rate cap - 4%</p> <p>3rd year rate cap - 7%</p> <p>4th year rate cap - 10%</p> <p>5th year rate cap - 12%</p> <p>\$30,000 for biometric screenings every other year</p>	<p>2nd year rate cap - 0%</p> <p>3rd year rate cap - 8%</p> <p>4th year rate cap - 12%</p> <p>*Must use Medica's wellness penalty of .5% for not doing so.</p>	<p>2nd year rate cap 8%</p> <p>3rd year rate cap 8%</p> <p>4th year rate cap 12%</p> <p>*Must use Medica's wellness penalty of .5% for not doing so.</p>	<p>2nd year rate cap - 8%</p> <p>3rd year rate cap - 9%</p> <p>\$15,000 for biometric screenings</p>	<p>2nd year rate cap - 12%</p> <p>3rd year rate cap - 13%</p>
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## Financial Concepts

Any difference in premiums between EnVision and Financial Concepts is attributed to the amount of commission specified by the respective agency.

Plan	Type	HP 2012		*Medica		*PreferredOne		Blue Cross	
		Prem	Cost	Prem	Cost	Prem	Cost	Prem	Cost
Plan A	Single	\$663.88	\$43,816.08	\$657.56	\$43,398.96	\$657.00	\$43,362.00	\$691.50	\$45,639.00
	Family	\$2,011.94	\$2,011.94	\$1,987.08	\$1,987.08	\$1,985.40	\$1,985.40	\$2,074.00	\$2,074.00
Plan B	Single	\$548.91	\$43,363.89	\$538.65	\$42,553.35	\$547.63	\$43,262.77	\$542.00	\$42,818.00
	Family	\$1,663.50	\$71,530.50	\$1,627.74	\$69,992.82	\$1,654.70	\$71,152.10	\$1,625.00	\$69,875.00
Plan C	Single	\$577.83	\$6,933.96	\$569.62	\$6,835.44	\$511.26	\$6,135.12	\$574.50	\$6,894.00
	Family	\$1,751.14	\$7,004.56	\$1,721.16	\$6,884.64	\$1,562.86	\$6,251.44	\$1,724.00	\$6,896.00
Plan D	Single	\$492.52	\$95,548.88	\$465.70	\$90,345.80	\$490.88	\$95,230.72	\$519.00	\$100,686.00
	Family	\$1,492.62	\$226,878.24	\$1,407.28	\$213,906.56	\$1,483.40	\$225,476.80	\$1,557.00	\$236,664.00
Total Monthly Premium		\$497,088.05		\$475,904.65		\$492,856.35		\$511,546.00	
Total Annual Premium		\$5,965,056.60		\$5,710,855.80		\$5,914,276.20		\$6,138,552.00	



**Comparison of Actual and Board-Approved Monthly Health Insurance Rates for 2011  
to Actual and Recommended Monthly Health Insurance Rates for 2012 (with Employee Impact)**

	<b>Cafeteria Contribution Plus Annual HRA or HSA</b>	<b>2011 HP Rates</b>	<b>2011 Carver County Rates</b>	<b>2012 HP Rates</b>	<b>2012* Carver County Rates</b>	<b>2012 monthly increase or (decrease)</b>	<b>2012 annual increase or (decrease)</b>	<b>2012 % increase or (decrease)</b>
Single Plan A	\$650	\$691.58	\$724.77	\$636.51	\$900.00*	\$175.23	\$902.76	24%
Single Plan B	\$650 + \$750 Annual HRA	\$537.17	\$526.64	\$526.27	\$526.27	\$(0.37)	\$(4.44)	0%
Single Plan C	\$650	\$576.45	\$564.10	\$554.00	\$554.00	\$(10.10)	\$(121.20)	(2%)
Single Plan D	\$650 + \$1,000 Annual HSA	\$516.72	\$505.65	\$472.21	\$472.21	\$(33.44)	\$(401.28)	(7%)
Family Plan A	\$1,150	\$2,089.89	\$2,217.94	\$1,987.08	\$2,350.00*	\$132.06	\$1,584.72	6%
Family Plan B	\$1,150 + \$1,500 Annual HRA	\$1645.12	\$1,609.87	\$1,594.90	\$1,594.90	\$(14.97)	\$(179.64)	(1%)
Family Plan C	\$1,150	\$1,741.79	\$1,704.47	\$1,678.93	\$1,678.93	\$(25.54)	\$(306.48)	(1.5%)
Family Plan D	\$1,150 + \$2,000 Annual HSA	\$1,561.47	\$1,528.02	\$1,431.06	\$1,431.06	\$(96.96)	\$(1,163.52)	(6%)

\*Insurance LMC recommends escalating the premium to encourage employees to make a consumer-driven choice.

**Additional Facts and Estimates Regarding Health Insurance**

1. Health Partners will collect approximately \$6.15M from Carver County in 2011 and \$5.63M from Carver County in 2012 for Health Insurance.
2. We estimate the Cafeteria contributions will be about the same in 2012 as 2011: \$2.5M for Singles and \$2.7M for Families
3. HRA and HSA contributions are likely to increase in 2012 as more employees migrate from Plan A: estimated 2012 totals of \$130K for HRA and \$525K for HSA.

# Carver County Board of Commissioners Request for Board Action



**Agenda Item:**

**2012 Dental Insurance Rates**

Primary Originating Division/Dept: <u>Employee Relations</u>	Meeting Date: <u>9/20/2011</u>
Contact: <u>Doris Krogman</u> Title: <u>Employee Relations Director</u>	Item Type: <u>Regular Session</u>
Amount of Time Requested: <u>5</u> minutes	Attachments: <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Presenter: <u>Doris Krogman</u> Title: <u>Employee Relations Director</u>	

**Strategic Initiative:**

Culture: Provide an organizational culture which fosters individual accountability to achieve goals and sustain public trust and confidence in County government.

**BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:**

Minn. Stat 471.6161 requires a public employer to request proposals for health and dental insurance at least once every five years. The County was required to request proposals for the 2012 plan year since 2006 was the last year we completed the process. Dan Proulx of Envision Benefit Consultants conducted the RFP process for the County. For dental insurance, the County received proposals from Health Partners, Delta Dental, Sun Life, United Health Care, and Reliance Standard. The proposals all included major rate increases over our 2011 rates, as outlined on the attached document. The proposal from Health Partners is the most economical, but reflects a 30% increase over the 2011 rates (which were in place since 2009) for the County-covered portion of the cost. The Insurance Labor Management Committee (LMC) recommends staying with Health Partners for dental coverage for 2012. Their rates were the best among the proposals received for dental insurance.

2012 Health Partners Monthly Dental Insurance Rates:

Single Preventive Care, covered by the County: \$18.06 the total cost and employee share of each option is listed below:  
 Single Buy-up Coverage: \$49.84 with employee cost \$31.78;  
 Family Preventive Care: \$55.86 with employee cost \$37.80; and  
 Family Buy-up Coverage, \$153.65 with employee cost \$135.59.

And, in hopes of seeing better rates in the future, the LMC recommends altering the Dental Buy-up coverage to be a bi-annual election, and include a one-year waiting period for major restorations (e.g. crowns). This will not negatively impact those who currently have buy-up coverage, but will have affect those who have not had buy-up in 2011.

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

1. Motion to approve Health Partners as the 2012 Dental Insurance carrier for current Carver County employees, and prior employees or their family members who are enrolled in these plans; approve the rates listed above and implement the two longer-term cost-saving strategies recommended by the Insurance LMC.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Other

*If "Other", specify:*

2012 budget

**FUNDING**

County Dollars =	<b>\$130,000.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$130,000.00</b>

**FTE IMPACT:** None

**Related Financial/FTE Comments:**

This amount will be included in the Administrator's recommended 2012 budget in October.

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## 2012 Dental Insurance Proposals

<b>Carrier</b>	<b>Single Preventive</b>	<b>Single Buy-up</b>	<b>Family Preventive</b>	<b>Family Buy-up</b>
Health Partners	\$18.06	\$49.84	\$55.86	\$153.65
Delta Dental	\$18.35	\$56.85	\$57.35	\$176.75
United Health Care	\$20.76	\$64.23	\$64.78	\$199.70
Sun Life	\$21.00	\$63.00	\$61.60	\$180.60
Reliance Standard	\$18.21	\$52.13	\$56.82	\$162.02

Note: 2011 monthly rates are:

- Single Preventive \$13.89,
- Single Buy-up, \$43.34 (employee pays \$29.45)
- Family Preventive, \$42.97 (employee pays \$29.08)
- Family Buy-up \$133.61 (employee pays \$119.72)

# Carver County Board of Commissioners Request for Board Action



**Agenda Item:**

**2012 Retiree Health Insurance Contributions and Administrative Insurance Fees**

Primary Originating Division/Dept: <u>Employee Relations</u>	Meeting Date: <u>9/20/2011</u>
Contact: <u>Doris Krogman</u> Title: <u>Employee Relations Director</u>	Item Type: <u>Regular Session</u>
Amount of Time Requested: <u>5</u> minutes	Attachments: <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Presenter: <u>Doris Krogman</u> Title: <u>Employee Relations Division D...</u>	

**Strategic Initiative:**

Culture: Provide an organizational culture which fosters individual accountability to achieve goals and sustain public trust and confidence in County government.

**BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:**

Carver County Personnel Policy and some collective bargaining agreements require the County to contribute to County-sponsored health insurance for certain retirees. Personnel Policy further requires the Board to set the amount the County will contribute to each retiree's insurance for the coming year. In order to qualify for this benefit, retirees must have:

- been employed prior to June 1, 2010,
- had at least 20 consecutive years of benefit-eligible service prior to retirement,
- attained age 60, but not yet be Medicare-eligible,
- maintained County-sponsored insurance since retirement, and
- refrain from full-time employment.

The current monthly cafeteria contributions are \$1,150 for employees selecting family health insurance and \$650 for employees selecting single health insurance. In 2010, the County Board set the contribution for these retirees at an amount consistent with the cafeteria contributions: retirees selecting family insurance receive \$1,150 per month toward their insurance and those selecting single insurance receive the cost of the single premium, not to exceed \$650 per month. Employee Relations is recommending the same contributions for 2012. The qualified retirees for 2012 include two with family insurance and 13 with single insurance, for a maximum County cost of \$129,000.

Historically, Carver County has not charged an administrative fee for processing insurance continuations through COBRA or other programs. Employee Relations is recommending initiating the two-percent administrative fee, as authorized by COBRA, for prior employees and families who continue coverage through the County. The total revenue from this fee would be approximately \$1,600.00.

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

1. Motion to continue the special retiree contributions toward health insurance at the cafeteria rates, not to exceed the premium for the coverage the retirees select in 2012.
2. Motion to approve the implementation of a 2% administrative fee for prior employees and families who are enrolled in the Carver County insurance plans.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Other

*If "Other", specify:*

2012 Budget item

**FTE IMPACT:** None

**FUNDING**

County Dollars =	<b>\$129,000.00</b>
2% admin fee revenue	(\$1,600.00)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$127,400.00</b>

Related Financial/FTE Comments:

These amounts will be included in the Administrator's recommended 2012 budget in October.

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# Carver County Board of Commissioners Request for Board Action



**Agenda Item:**

**Carver County Ditch Board, clean out of County Ditch #4A**

Primary Originating Division/Dept: <u>Property Records &amp; Taxpayer Services</u>	Meeting Date: <u>9/20/2011</u>
Contact: <u>Mark Lundgren</u> Title: _____	Item Type: <u>Ditch/Rail Authority</u>
Amount of Time Requested: <u>15</u> minutes	Attachments: <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Presenter: <u>Mark Lundgren</u> Title: _____	

**Strategic Initiative:**

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

**BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:**

County Ditch #4A is in need of a clean out. Specifications for the clean out were distributed by Carver County Soil & Water. Quotes have been submitted for the work, with the lowest quote submitted by Wickenhauser Excavating at \$37,499.67.

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Approve the clean out of County Ditch #4A and approve the contract with Wickenhauser Excavating in the amount of \$37,499.67.

**FISCAL IMPACT: Other**

*If "Other", specify:*

Paid for by the participants on County Ditch #4A.

**FUNDING**

County Dollars =	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

**FTE IMPACT: None**

Related Financial/FTE Comments:

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# Carver County Board of Commissioners Request for Board Action



**Agenda Item:**

**Resolution in Support of Funding the Construction of a TH 101 Bridge Crossing over the Minnesota River**

Primary Originating Division/Dept: <u>Public Works</u>	Meeting Date: <u>9/20/2011</u>
Contact: <u>Lyndon Robjent</u> Title: <u>Public Works Director</u>	Item Type: <u>Regular Session</u>
Amount of Time Requested: <u>20</u> minutes	Attachments: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Presenter: <u>Lyndon Robjent</u> Title: <u>Public Works Director</u>	

**Strategic Initiative:**

Communities: Create and maintain safe, healthy, and livable communities

**BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:**

Flooding from snow melt and rainfall often closes the Trunk Highway (“TH”) 101, TH 41 and County State Aid Highway (“CSAH”) 11 Minnesota River crossings, which has a detrimental effect on traffic in the region.

Closures of these roadways affects approximately 40,000 vehicle trips every day, and detouring these vehicles puts a massive burden on the area’s economy by increasing congestion on TH 169 and TH 494 and other highways and significantly extending the commute for many travelers. Having these roads impassable is also a severe strain on emergency response access between Scott and Carver Counties.

The Minnesota of Transportation (MnDOT) has prepared a Minnesota River Flood Mitigation Study (“Study”) which modeled the effect of the 10-yr, 50-yr, 100-yr, and 500-yr flood events at the TH 101 and TH 41 river crossings, modeled the impact to traffic with current volumes and expected 2030 volumes, prepared alternatives to construct new bridges at TH 101 and TH 41 to keep the highways open during the 10-yr and 50-yr flood events, and calculated the Benefit to Cost (“B/C”) ratio of constructing these bridges as well as capacity improvements on the TH 169 river crossing.

This Study is independent of the Tiered Environmental Impact Statement to select a new TH 41 alignment and river crossing and preserve the corridor for future construction, which is ongoing and will be completed.

The Study estimates the costs of closing TH 101 and TH 41 due to flooding is \$670,000 per day for existing traffic and \$1,675,000 for 2030 traffic.

The Study shows the B/C ratio to construct the TH 101 bridge is 3.81 with a construction cost of approximately \$22,300,000 and the B/C to construct the TH 41 bridge is 3.06 with a cost of approximately \$13,800,000. With a B/C greater than 1.0 the new bridges will provide great benefit to the travelling public and investing in the improvements is clearly warranted. The proposed bridges will not provide 100 percent flood relief but will protect travelers from the majority of flood events at a reasonable cost.

The study, design, and programming of flood mitigation projects for TH 101 and TH 41 was a 2011 Legislative Priority for Carver County, as was bonding for highway improvement projects and in particular state trunk highway turnback projects. TH 101 is planned to be turned back to Carver County which would include a portion of the river crossing.

The Study was funded by MnDOT and involved Scott, Carver, and Hennepin County, the Cities of Shakopee, Chaska, Chanhassen and Bloomington, the townships of Louisville and Jackson, and the Metropolitan Council. A public open house was held on May 24 at the Chaska Community Center.

MnDOT has set aside \$50,000,000 for trunk highway flood mitigation projects in the state, of which a portion has already been allocated. MnDOT will be soliciting statewide for flood mitigation projects in the Fall of 2011 to utilize the remaining

funding. MnDOT Metro District intends to submit either the TH 101 or TH 41 bridge project for funding consideration.

The Study will be finalized by the end of September at which point senior staff at the MnDOT Metro will decide which river crossing project to submit for funding consideration. The Study does not recommend a particular crossing but the local government entities have been asked to submit a preference if they choose to do so.

Both bridges need to be built but It is recommended that Carver County request funding for TH 101 first for the following reasons:

1. It is a future county road.
2. The 101 bridge floods more often now as it is lower than TH 41.
3. The existing and projected traffic volumes on TH 101 are higher than TH 41.
4. The proposed TH 101 bridge can be built to protect against more flooding events than TH 41. The proposed bridge would have remained open for all previous floods of record except the 1965 flood. The proposed TH 41 bridge is constrained by the existing new structure in Chaska. It would have been closed in 1965, 1969, 1993, and 2001. It would protect all other events including the 2010 and 11 floods.

Other items to note:

1. Both bridges are proposed to be 2-lanes with trail.
2. TH 101 will require a 12-month total closure.
3. TH 41 can be built under traffic but will take 18 months.
4. The resource agencies (DNR and US Fish and Wildlife) are in support of the projects.
5. The Minnesota River Flood Mitigation Study information is available on the project web site at: <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/floodstudy/>

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Adopt a resolution in support of funding the construction of a TH 101 bridge crossing over the Minnesota River

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None

*If "Other", specify:*

**FUNDING**

County Dollars =

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**Total**

**\$0.00**

**Related Financial/FTE Comments:**

No financial or FTE impacts at this time. However if the project is selected for funding there could be a need for county financial contribution to the project. This will be known at a later date. It is likely that the majority of any county contribution will be through the County Turnback Fund which is funded by fuel tax. Any county levy contribution will be programmed in the Road and Bridge CIP. If the project is constructed the road and bridge will become county owned which will increase Public Works maintenance responsibilities.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
CARVER COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Motion by Commissioner: \_\_\_\_\_

Resolution No: \_\_\_\_\_  
Seconded by Commissioner: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Resolution in Support of Funding the Construction of a TH 101 Bridge Crossing  
over the Minnesota River**

WHEREAS, Flooding from snow melt and rainfall often closes the Trunk Highway ("TH") 101, TH 41 and County State Aid Highway ("CSAH") 11 Minnesota River crossings, which has a detrimental effect on traffic in the region;

WHEREAS, Closures of these roadways affects approximately 40,000 vehicle trips every day, and detouring these vehicles puts a massive burden on the area's economy by increasing congestion on TH 169 and TH 494 and other highways and significantly extending the commute for many travelers. Having these roads impassable is also a severe strain on emergency response access between Scott and Carver Counties;

WHEREAS, The Minnesota of Transportation (MnDOT) has prepared a Minnesota River Flood Mitigation Study ("Study") which modeled the effect of the 10-yr, 50-yr, 100-yr, and 500-yr flood events at the TH 101 and TH 41 river crossings, modeled the impact to traffic with current volumes and expected 2030 volumes, prepared alternatives to construct new bridges at TH 101 and TH 41 to keep the highways open during the 10-yr and 50-yr flood events, and calculated the Benefit to Cost ("B/C") ratio of constructing these bridges as well as capacity improvements on the TH 169 river crossing;

WHEREAS, It is understood that the Study is independent of the Tiered Environmental Impact Statement to select a new TH 41 alignment and river crossing and preserve the corridor for future construction, which is ongoing and will be completed.

WHEREAS, The Study estimates the costs of closing TH 101 and TH 41 due to flooding is \$670,000 per day for existing traffic and \$1,675,000 for 2030 traffic;

WHEREAS, The Study shows the B/C ratio to construct the TH 101 bridge is 3.81 with a construction cost of approximately \$22,300,000 and the B/C to construct the TH 41 bridge is 3.06 with a cost of approximately \$13,800,000;

WHEREAS, The Study shows that with a B/C greater than 1.0 that the new bridges will provide great benefit to the travelling public and investing in the improvements is clearly warranted;

WHEREAS, It is understood that the bridges will not provide 100 percent flood relief but will protect travelers from the majority of flood events at a reasonable cost;

WHEREAS, It is understood that MnDOT has set aside \$50,000,000 for trunk highway flood mitigation projects in the state, of which a portion has already been allocated;

WHEREAS, It is understood that MnDOT will be soliciting for flood mitigation projects in the Fall of 2011 to utilize the remaining funding;

WHEREAS, It is understood that the MnDOT Metro District intends to submit either the TH 101 or TH 41 bridge project for funding consideration;

WHEREAS, The study, design, and programming of flood mitigation projects for TH 101 and TH 41 was a 2011 Legislative Priority for Carver County, as was bonding for highway improvement projects and in particular state trunk highway turnback projects;

WHEREAS, TH 101 is planned to be turned back to Carver County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Carver County expresses great appreciation to MnDOT for completing the Minnesota River Flood Mitigation Study and for its consideration in funding a new TH 101 or TH 41 river crossing bridge;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Carver County considers both river crossings critical to the economic welfare, safety and quality of life of its residents and the region as a whole, and requests that both bridge projects are programmed for construction;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Carver County understands that there are limited resources available to construct both river bridges in the near future and therefore requests that the TH 101 project be constructed first utilizing the state flood mitigation funding and supports using county turnback funds and to assist in fully funding the project.

YES	ABSENT	NO
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF CARVER

I, Dave Hemze, duly appointed and qualified County Administrator of the County of Carver, State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of this resolution with the original minutes of the proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners, Carver County, Minnesota, at its session held on the 20th day of September, 2011, now on file in the Administration office, and have found the same to be a true and correct copy thereof.

Dated this 20th day of September, 2011.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dave Hemze County Administrator

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
 \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.  
 Notary Public \_\_\_\_\_  
 My Commission expires \_\_\_\_\_

*Notary Stamp*

# Carver County Board of Commissioners Request for Board Action



**Agenda Item:**

**Amendment to the Donation and Purchase and Sale Agreement with Union Pacific Railroad**

Primary Originating Division/Dept: <u>Public Works - Parks</u>	Meeting Date: <u>9/20/2011</u>
Contact: <u>Marty Walsh</u> Title: <u>1st Amendment to Donation...</u>	Item Type: <u>Regular Session</u>
Amount of Time Requested: <u>10</u> minutes	Attachments: <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Presenter: <u>Marty</u> Title: <u>Parks Director</u>	

Strategic Initiative:  
Communities: Create and maintain safe, healthy, and livable communities

**BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:**

On May 3rd, 2011 the County Board signed the Donation and Purchase and Sale Agreement with Union Pacific Railroad for the Chaska Industrial Lead. This is a 5 mile stretch of railroad corridor extending from United Sugars in Chaska, across the Minnesota River at Carver and south into Scott County. Union Pacific Railroad executed the agreement on August 9th, 2011.

Union Pacific conducted a site inspection and testing report on ballast material in the railroad corridor. The report identified the railroad corridor has having contaminants of lead and arsenic in the ballast material.

Union Pacific has requested and prepared an amendment to the Donation and Purchase Agreement. The amendment places a restrictive covenant on the property. This condition limits the uses of the railroad corridor such that the corridor could not be used for schools, residential housing, and institutional care or daycare facilities.

The requested amendment is acceptable. The Carver County Regional Railroad Authority intends to preserve the railroad corridor for transportation purposes, as well as utilize the corridor for regional trail, utility lines, preservation of levee and road right of way.

For information purposes, the following outlines agency participation and interest in the corridor:

<u>Agency Interest</u>	<u>Cost Participation</u>
Metropolitan Council, Park Acquisition Opportunity Funds (Regional Trail)	\$1,096,988
Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (Utility Easement)	\$250,000
Scott County Regional Railroad Authority (Corridor Preservation)	\$404,006
Carver County Regional Railroad Authority (Trail, Co. Rd 61 ROW, Corridor Preservation)	\$404,006
City of Chaska (Utility Easement/Agreement)	\$130,000
City of Carver (Levee Easement /Agreement)	<u>\$65,000</u>
	\$2,350,000

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Motion to approve the Amendment to the Donation and Purchase and Sale Agreement with Union Pacific Railroad and authorize the Chair of the County Board to sign the amendment.

<p><b>FISCAL IMPACT:</b> <u>Included in current budget</u> If "Other", specify: <input style="width: 200px; height: 20px;" type="text"/></p>	<p><b>FUNDING</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 70%;">County Dollars =</td> <td style="text-align: right; border: 1px solid black;"><b>\$404,006.00</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other Sources</td> <td style="text-align: right; border: 1px solid black;">\$1,945,994.00</td> </tr> </table>	County Dollars =	<b>\$404,006.00</b>	Other Sources	\$1,945,994.00
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**FTE IMPACT:** None

**Total**

\$2,350,000.00

Related Financial/FTE Comments:

The financial information is the same as presented in the May 3, 2011 Board Action.

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# Carver County Board of Commissioners Request for Board Action



**Agenda Item:**

**Land Acquisition at Lake Waconia Regional Park**

Primary Originating Division/Dept: <u>Public Works - Parks</u>	Meeting Date: <u>9/20/2011</u>
Contact: <u>Marty Walsh</u> Title: <u>Parks Director</u>	Item Type: <u>Closed Session</u>
Amount of Time Requested: <u>25</u> minutes	Attachments: <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Presenter: <u>Marty Walsh/Lyndon Robjent</u> Title: <u></u>	

Strategic Initiative:  
Communities: Create and maintain safe, healthy, and livable communities

**BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:**

An appraisal report was prepared for parcel 070181000 located at 809 Old Beach Lane in 2009 for possible use to negotiate a purchase price for the 19 acre parcel. An offer was not made at that time.

This area is located within the boundary of Lake Waconia Regional Park. Carver County is an Implementing Regional Park Agency of the Metropolitan Council and works to acquire recreational lands consistent with the approved Metropolitan Council Policy Plan and with approved park master plans.

The Carver County Board, had previously considered acquisition of the parcel as a part of its 2011 legislative platform.

Staff desires to update the County Board with the latest information pertaining to the acquisition of the parcel.

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Motion to enter into closed session according to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.05 in order to discuss confidential appraisal data and to update the County Board on the status of the parcel and discuss possible next steps in the process .

<p><b>FISCAL IMPACT:</b> <u>None</u> <i>If "Other", specify:</i> <u></u></p>	<p><b>FUNDING</b></p> <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 70%;">County Dollars =</td> <td style="width: 30%;"><u></u></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td><u></u></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>\$0.00</u></td> </tr> </table>	County Dollars =	<u></u>		<u></u>	<b>Total</b>	<u>\$0.00</u>
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Related Financial/FTE Comments:

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