

Carver County Board of Commissioners
 Regular Session
 October 27, 2009
 County Board Room
 Carver County Government Center
 Human Services Building
 Chaska, Minnesota

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BOARD REPORTS

- 10:05 a.m. 1. Chair
- 2. Board Members
- 3. Administrator
- 10:20 a.m. 4. Adjourn

David Hemze
County Administrator

WORK SESSION AGENDA

- 10:20 a.m. A. **PUBLIC HEALTH**
 - 1.1 Public Health Office of Aging Briefing – Carver County
 - Community Health Board 21

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- November 3, 2009 County Board Meeting
- November 5, 2009 ACCEL Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Cologne Community Center
- November 10, 2009 County Board Meeting
- November 17, 2009 Work Session
- November 24, 2009 County Board Meeting

A Regular Session of the Carver County Board of Commissioners was held in the County Government Center, Chaska, on October 20, 2009. Chair Gayle Degler convened the session at 4:05 p.m.

Members present: Gayle Degler, Chair, Randy Maluchnik, Vice Chair, and Tom Workman.

Members absent: James Ische, Tim Lynch.

Workman moved, Maluchnik seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Maluchnik moved, Workman seconded, to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2009, Regular Session. Motion carried.

Community announcements were made by the Board.

Workman moved, Maluchnik seconded, to approve the following consent agenda items:

Community Social Services' actions.

Approved payment of the following Commissioners' warrants:

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Motion carried.

Dave Drealan, Land and Water Services, noted the response received from the MPCA regarding the compliance inspection for the Waconia Event Center. He pointed out in 2008 the County purchased the property and, as part of that, a compliance inspection was done by an inspector hired by the previous owner as required. He indicated the inspector found that the system met the requirements for a certificate of compliance.

He explained, as the process moved forward, questions were raised about the inspection and in response, staff worked with the inspector to confirm the findings. Drealan indicated in early October a claim was filed with the MPCA and in response, the MPCA requested all documents. He stated the MPCA found that the inspection findings were inconclusive and referenced the MPCA letter on their investigation. Drealan explained what the MPCA was focusing on and stated the MPCA, in order to resolve this, was recommending that the County hire a third party to conduct an investigation. He added the MPCA was recommending the investigation be conducted by a professional soil scientist who is also a licensed septic inspector. Drealan pointed out the limited number of individuals that fit this recommendation.

Drealan stated staff was recommending that the Board move forward with hiring a third party and recommending that the Board appoint two Commissioners to select a third party to perform the investigation. He highlighted a list of individuals that would be qualified per the MPCA's recommendation.

The Board discussed whether to have the investigation done by one individual and the options to have two individuals do the investigation independent of each other or select an investigation panel. They discussed if multiple investigations were needed if they were going to rely on one.

David Hemze, County Administrator, suggested the Board take the action requested and delegate the selection to specific Board members. He stated they may also want to look at getting the timeframe to get the investigation completed extended.

Jim Keeler, County Attorney, stressed that whoever the County retains, it was important that they meet the recommendations of the MPCA that the individual be a professional soil scientist and licensed MPCA inspector. He stated it should be made clear to those observing who is going to be doing the inspection and rendering an opinion.

The Board recessed at 4:40 p.m. and reconvened at 5:05 p.m.

Char Degler directed staff to prepare the necessary paperwork to request an extension from the MPCA if needed.

Maluchnik moved, Workman seconded, to authorize a third party investigation of the soils associated with the Waconia Event Center to resolve the MPCA's finding of "inconclusive" regarding the compliance inspection; appointing Commissioners Workman and Degler to select two independent third party inspectors, who are professional soils scientists and MPCA licensed inspectors, to conduct an investigation as outlined in MPCA's letter to Carver County dated October 13, 2009; with Commissioners Degler and Workman to observe the independent inspections and further to authorize the execution of a contract with the selected independent third party inspectors.

Observers will be authorized upon the approval of the Commissioner selection committee to be in attendance during the independent inspections; however they will not be allowed to participate in any way while the independent inspections are being conducted.

Motion carried.

Workman moved, Lynch seconded, to adjourn the Regular Session at 5:10 p.m. to go into a work session with Financial Services. Motion carried.

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.)

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AUTHORIZATION

PAYMENT OF EMERGENCY CLAIM

Motion passed by the Board of County Commissioners at their February 24, 1987 meeting has authorized the issuance of a check upon the consensus of the Chairman of the Board, County Administrator and the County Attorney (with a minimum of two).

VENDOR: Super 8 Hotel (26-3634564)
830 Yellow Brick Road
Chaska, MN 55318

ACCOUNT: 01-0120-000-1112-6033 (Homelessness Grant Veterans Service)

AMOUNT: \$500.00

REASON: Request emergency lodging assistance for veteran J.L. to assist him with emergency housing assistance in the amount of \$500.00. Veteran will be seeking more permanent housing through various agencies.

Department Head Signature: *Jim Prien*

Chairman of County Board *Gayle Degler*
Gayle Degler

County Administrator *David Hemze*
David Hemze

County Attorney _____
James W. Keeler, Jr.

Date: October 12, 2009



CARVER
COUNTY

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

AGENDA ITEM : Donations

Originating Division: Sheriff

Meeting Date: 10-20-09

Amount of Time Requested:

Attachments for packet: Yes No

Item Type: Consent Regular Session Closed Session Work Session Ditch/Rail Authority

BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION OF AGENDA ITEM:

Donation from Residential Mortgage Group (RMI) of \$200.00 for their "Refer a friend. Build your Community" program on behalf of:

Joseph and Noreen McLaughlin
Joe and Carly Haskins

ACTION REQUESTED:

Motion to approve \$200.00 donation to the Sheriff's Office.

FUNDING

County Dollars = \$

Other Sources & Amounts =
= \$

TOTAL = \$

FISCAL IMPACT

None

Included in current budget

Budget amendment requested

Other:

Related Financial Comments:

01-201-201-0000-5756 Gifts Restricted

Reviewed by Division Director

Date: 10-9-09



**CARVER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
DONATION FORM**

606 E. 4th Street
Chaska, MN 55318
952-361-1212

I would like to donate the following item(s) to the Carver County Sheriff's Office. I am aware that all donated items become the property of the Sheriff's and will not be returned.

Please list donated item(s):

- 1) \$200⁰⁰ Check - RMG - Refer A Friend
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____

If you are interested in a specific use for this donation please let us know:

As Sheriff sees fit

Signature: By MAIL Date: 10-9-09

Your Address:

Joseph + Aileen McLaughlin
Joe + Carly Haskins

Thank you for your donation to the Carver County Sheriff's Office.



REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

AGENDA ITEM : UCare for Seniors Group Employer Agreement

Originating Division: Employee Relations

Meeting Date: 10/27/09

Amount of Time Requested: Consent

Attachments for packet: Yes No

Item Type: Consent Regular Session Closed Session Work Session Ditch/Rail Authority

BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION OF AGENDA ITEM:

UCare is a Minnesota nonprofit corporation that is licensed as a health maintenance organization by the State of MN and participates in the federal Medicare program through a Medicare + Choice product called UCare for Seniors. We are able to offer this group Medicare supplemental plan to retirees and their spouses through UCare at no cost to the County.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Motion to approve UCare for Seniors Group Employer Agreement for 2009 plan year.

FUNDING

County Dollars = \$

Other Sources & Amounts =

= \$

TOTAL = \$

FISCAL IMPACT

None

Included in current budget

Budget amendment requested

Other:

Related Financial Comments:

The attached agreement has no cost to the County.

Reviewed by Division Director

Date: 10/13/09



REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

AGENDA ITEM : Retainage reduction on county project SP 10-610-30 / SP 10-632-14

Originating Division: Public Works

Meeting Date: October 27, 2010⁰⁹

Amount of Time Requested: NA

Attachments for packet: Yes No

Item Type: Consent Regular Session Closed Session Work Session Ditch/Rail Authority

BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION OF AGENDA ITEM: Project SP 10-610-30 / SP 10-632-14 includes reconstruction of CSAH 10 beginning at CSAH 11 just west of Chaska and continuing to a point south of 10th street in Waconia and connects to an existing roadway that has been recently assigned the state aid designation of CSAH 10 (previously the designation was CSAH 32).

The original project contract amount was over \$12.4 million. The total of all payments to date for work done by Ames is \$12,911,685.06. This work was completed during the fall of 2006 and up to the end of the 2009 summer construction season. All remaining warranty work was completed in 2009.

Previously the county had released all retainage except for \$25,058.47 to Ames Construction, Inc. Ames is requesting to have all retainage released, but Mn/DOT has informed us of pending legal action related to a prevailing wage issue associated with Willis/Koehnen Trucking. MnDOT has indicated that the involvement with this project is small, but is advising Carver County to retain \$2000.00 until this matter is resolved.

The request to release all retainage is appropriate, but based on Mn/DOT's recommendation, the project specifications and staffs evaluation; it is staff's recommendation to lower the \$25,058.47 retainage to \$2000.00 until the prevailing wage issues is resolved.

ACTION REQUESTED: It is requested that the Board pass a motion reducing the retainage to \$2,000.00 allowing the release of the corresponding retainage amount of \$23,058.47 to Ames Construction, Inc. for Project SP 10-610-30 / SP 10-632-14.

FUNDING

County Dollars =	\$ 23,058.47
Other Sources & Amounts =	= \$
TOTAL	= \$ 23,058.47

FISCAL IMPACT

None
 Included in current budget
 Budget amendment requested
 Other:

Related Financial Comments:

Reviewed by Division Director
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Date: 10/14/09



REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

AGENDA ITEM : Retainage reduction on county project SAP 10-618-09

Originating Division: Public Works

Meeting Date: October 27, 2009

Amount of Time Requested: NA

Attachments for packet: Yes NoItem Type: Consent Regular Session Closed Session Work Session Ditch/Rail Authority

BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION OF AGENDA ITEM: Project SP 10-618-09 includes reconstruction of CSAH 18 (Lyman Blvd.) from 1290 feet West of CSAH 15 (Galpin Blvd.) to Audubon Rd. north of CSAH 18 and the reconstruction of CSAH 15 (Audubon Rd. south of CSAH 18) from CSAH 18 (Lyman Blvd.) to 1500 feet South of CSAH 18 (Lyman Blvd.).

The original project contract amount was over \$7.4 million. The total of all work completed to date by S.M. Hentges, Inc. is \$6,721,922.03 and according to the project specifications, Carver County retains 5% (\$336,096.10) of this total. Presently, the total amount paid to S.M. Hentges, Inc. for work done by them is \$6,385,825.93 (this total is after reducing the total of all work completed by the 5% retainage).

The work for this project was completed during the 2008 and 2009 season. The majority of work left to be completed involves punchlist items and some minor work. The remaining work is expected to be completed by spring/summer of 2010.

S.M. Hentges, Inc. is requesting to reduce the 5% retainage to 2%. The request to reduce and release retainage is appropriate and based on the project specifications and staffs evaluation; it is staff's recommendation to lower the 5% (\$336,096.10) retainage to 2% (\$134,438.44).

ACTION REQUESTED: It is requested that the Board pass a motion reducing the retainage to \$134,438.44 allowing the release of the corresponding retainage amount of \$201,657.66 to S.M. Hentges, Inc. for Project SAP 10-618-09.

FUNDING

County Dollars =	\$ 201,657.66
Other Sources & Amounts =	= \$
TOTAL	= \$ 201,657.66

FISCAL IMPACT

None
 Included in current budget
 Budget amendment requested
 Other:

Related Financial Comments: Reviewed by Division Director

Date: 10/14/09

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REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

AGENDA ITEM : Professional Services Agmt. with Bonestroo, Inc. for Bridge Safety Inspections

Originating Division: Public Works

Meeting Date: October ~~18~~²⁷, 2009

Amount of Time Requested: n/a

Attachments for packet: Yes No

Item Type: Consent Regular Session Closed Session Work Session Ditch/Rail Authority

BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION OF AGENDA ITEM: Carver County Engineering is the responsible agency for completing annual bridge inspections on bridges located on County, Township and City Streets (cities under 5000 population) throughout the county. In past years, these inspections were completed by a County Engineering staff person who was certified to complete these inspections. Carver County Engineering no longer has in-house staff available that has the required certifications for these inspections. The engineering consulting firm Bonestroo, Inc. completed these inspections in 2007 and 2008 for the County and has been selected to provide this required bridge inspection service again in 2009. This agreement with Bonestroo, Inc. provides for completion of these services.

ACTION REQUESTED: It is recommended that the Carver County Board of Commissioners approve the agreement with Bonestroo, Inc. to perform the required bridge safety inspections and authorize the County Board Chair and County Administrator to sign this agreement.

FUNDING

County Dollars = \$31,000.00

Other Sources & Amounts =

= \$

TOTAL

= \$31,000.00

FISCAL IMPACT

None

Included in current budget

Budget amendment requested

Other:

Related Financial Comments:

Reviewed by Division Director

Date: 9/30/09



REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

AGENDA ITEM : Proclamation to Recognize of the work of the six City-Level Senior/Aging Commissions in Carver County

Originating Division: Public Health

Meeting Date: 10/27/09

Amount of Time Requested: 10 minutes

Attachments for packet: Yes No

Item Type: Consent Regular Session Closed Session Work Session Ditch/Rail Authority

BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION OF AGENDA ITEM:

Currently about 7,000 Carver County residents are 65 and older, and by 2030 it is estimated that approximately 30,000 residents will be that age; it is incumbent upon the County to work closely with the cities to prepare for this age wave. The Carver County Board of Commissioners recognizes the contributions of the six commissions, appreciates their close working relationship with the Carver County Office of Aging, and looks forward to continuing the work of making Carver County and its cities "Communities for a Lifetime."

ACTION REQUESTED:

Adopt the attached Proclamation.

FUNDING

County Dollars = \$
Other Sources & Amounts = \$
(MN Dept of Health)
TOTAL = \$

FISCAL IMPACT

None
 Included in current budget
 Budget amendment requested
 Other:

Reviewed by Division Director

Date: 10/19/09



Carver County In Recognition of The Work of the Six City-Level Senior/Aging Commissions

WHEREAS, currently about 7,000 Carver County residents are 65 and older, and by 2030 it is estimated that approximately 30,000 residents will be that age; it is incumbent upon the county to work closely with the cities to prepare for this age wave; and

WHEREAS, the Chanhassen Senior Commission, established in 1991, has taken the lead in recruiting volunteer drivers for CART and placing senior parking signs around the city; and

WHEREAS, the Mayer Senior Commission has addressed community needs through the development of a farmer's market and community garden and collaborated with Watertown on activities for senior residents; and

WHEREAS, the Norwood Young America Senior Advisory Committee has been involved in programming for the Harbor and Peace Village Campus and is working with Smart Link Transit on transportation issues; and

WHEREAS, the Victoria Senior Commission has an initiative working with the city's churches to identify the unmet needs of the older members and continues to explore options for housing and transportation in the city; and

WHEREAS, the Waconia Commission on Aging, the newest established in 2008, has taken on the project of compiling a directory of local services and conducting focus groups with Boomer residents; and

WHEREAS, the Watertown Commission on Aging has taken the lead on a project with the University of Minnesota's Center for Urban and Regional Affairs to identify the needs and expectations of its Boomer residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Carver County Board of Commissioners recognizes the contributions of the six commissions, appreciates their close working relationship with the Carver County Office of Aging, and looks forward to continuing the work of making Carver County and its cities "*Communities for a Lifetime.*"

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Gayle Degler, Chair

Randy Maluchnik, Vice Chair

James Ische

Tim Lynch

Tom Workman

Carver County Board Chair



REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

AGENDA ITEM : Bond Rating Upgrade to AAA

Originating Division: Financial Services

Meeting Date: 10-27-09

Amount of Time Requested: 15 minutes

Attachments for packet: Yes No

Item Type: Consent Regular Session Closed Session Work Session Ditch/Rail Authority

BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION OF AGENDA ITEM: The Carver County Community Development Agency recently issued bonds for their Oak Grove project in Norwood Young America. The Carver County Board agreed to pledge its General Obligation of the county's full faith and credit to the CDA's bonds. Standard & Poors rated these bonds and upgraded the bonds to its highest rating of AAA. See the attached Bond Rating Report from Standard & Poors and press release for further details. Mark Ruff, the County's financial consultant from Ehlers and Associates will be at the Board meeting to formally present the bond rating to the County Board.

ACTION REQUESTED: None - Informational only

FUNDING

County Dollars = \$

Other Sources & Amounts = \$

= \$

TOTAL = \$

FISCAL IMPACT

None

Included in current budget

Budget amendment requested

Other:

Related Financial Comments: The County's AAA rating will lower the interest rate on future bond sales

Reviewed by Division Director

Date: 10/20/09

October 16, 2009

Summary:

**Carver County Community
Development Agency, Minnesota
Carver County; General Obligation**

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Credit Profile

US\$5.275 mil hsg dev rev bnds (unltd tax GO - Oak Grove ctr sr hsg) (Carver Cnty) (Taxable Build America Bnds) ser 2009A

Long Term Rating AAA/Stable New

US\$1.225 mil hsg dev rev bnds (unltd tax GO - Oak Grove ctr sr hsg) (Carver Cnty) ser 2009B due 02/15/2016

Long Term Rating AAA/Stable New

Rationale

Standard & Poor's Ratings Services assigned its 'AAA' long-term rating to Carver County Community Development Agency, Minn.'s series 2009A general obligation (GO) taxable housing development revenue bonds and series 2009B GO tax-exempt housing development revenue bonds, issued for Carver County. The outlook is stable.

The rating reflects our opinion of the county's:

- Close proximity to and participation in the Minneapolis/St. Paul metropolitan area, including access to a wide employment base;
- Very strong income and wealth indicators;
- Consistently strong financial profile, including high reserve levels, that benefits from good financial management in the county; and
- Moderate overall debt levels as a percent of market value.

The series 2009A and 2009B bonds will finance a 50-unit senior housing facility, which is one component of a larger redevelopment project in the city of Norwood-Young America including a new city hall, county library, and county sheriff offices. The county's GO pledge secures the bonds, although the primary intended source of payment is rental revenues. We understand that the city may issue the 2009A bonds as federally taxable Build America Bonds (BABs), in which the county will receive a credit from the U.S. Treasury equal to 35% of the stated interest paid. This interest subsidy is not pledged to the payment of the bonds. If the tax credit were to stop, the county would levy the amount necessary to pay interest. The county is also establishing a subaccount in the debt service reserve equal to the maximum BAB payment in the event of a delayed payment.

Carver County is located adjacent to Hennepin County, which is home to Minneapolis and many surrounding suburbs. Although Carver County is part of what is generally considered the seven-county metropolitan area, it does have a relatively small population (86,236 in 2008) and has retained a more rural character. The eastern portion of the county, home to Chanhassen ('AAA') and Chaska ('AA'), the county seat, is more developed because of its closer access to the Twin Cities. Management anticipates that the western portion will be a focus of development once the national and local economies settle, given the recent completion of Interstate 212, which connects the county to downtown Minneapolis. Management roughly estimates that the county is only one-third built out.

Summary: Carver County Community Development Agency, Minnesota Carver County; General Obligation

The county's tax base expanded rapidly from 2005 to 2008, when many metro-area cities and counties experienced considerable population and housing growth. During this period, the county averaged an annual growth rate of nearly 12.5%; however, this rate fell precipitously in 2009 to only 2.9% as residential expansion slowed across the region, which brought net tax capacity to \$122 million. The current indicated market value, a measure of true property value, is extremely strong in our view at \$146,000 per capita. Income levels are similarly very strong, with a median household effective buying income at 133% of the state and 147% of national levels.

Finances in the county have been consistently strong, with a general fund balance of more than 50% of expenditures since at least 2006. In fiscal 2008, the county's state-allocated county government aid (CGA) was cut by \$760,000, which management countered by delaying a planned land acquisition. Planned capital projects and land acquisition primarily caused the year-end general fund drawdown of \$2.6 million, which brought the unreserved fund balance down to \$22.5 million. We view this level as very strong at 50% of expenditures.

During the current 2009 fiscal year, the county's CGA was unallotted \$600,000. The county board responded with total budget adjustments of \$1.1 million, including staffing changes, new revenue sources, and reductions in contractual services. Management projects the general fund in 2009 to produce a surplus of up to \$300,000, including a revenue shortfall of approximately \$200,000. The 2010 budget, which has a zero impact on residential property taxes, is balanced and takes into account a \$2.6 million reduction in CGA.

The county's management practices are considered good under Standard & Poor's Financial Management Assessment (FMA). An FMA of good indicates that practices exist in most areas, although not all may be formalized or regularly monitored by governance officials. For example, the county board examines quarterly budget-to-actual reports and investment results. The board also annually approves a comprehensive 5-year capital plan, which aids the budgeting process. The county exceeds the board's policy of maintaining a minimum of 40% of expenditures in reserves.

We view the county's overall debt burden as moderate at 3.9% of market value, but a high \$5,647 per capita. Debt service payments as a portion of total governmental expenditures are low in our opinion at only 3%. The county currently has two capital projects, including fiber optic network expansion and a public works facility, which are likely to require an additional \$3.5 million in debt in 2010.

Outlook

The stable outlook reflects Standard & Poor's expectation that the county will continue to maintain strong reserves by utilizing its good management practices. The county's participation in the diverse Minneapolis/St. Paul economic base provides further stability to the rating.

Related Research

USPF Criteria: "GO Debt," Oct. 12, 2006

Complete ratings information is available to RatingsDirect subscribers at www.ratingsdirect.com. All ratings affected by this rating action can be found on Standard & Poor's public Web site at www.standardandpoors.com; under Ratings in the left navigation bar, select Find a Rating.

Summary: Carver County Community Development Agency, Minnesota Carver County; General Obligation

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**For Immediate Release
Oct. 23, 2009**

**Contact: David Frischmon
952-361-1506**

County receives highest bond credit rating

Carver County was recently assigned the highest bond credit rating possible and now qualifies for the lowest interest rates offered on bonds for capital projects.

The Standard and Poor's Rating Services informed the county on Oct. 20 of its new AAA long-term rating designation. The AAA rating is two steps above the county's previous bond rating of Aa2 by Moody's Investors Service.

"This is good news for the county's taxpayers. It means substantial savings due to lower interest rates on the bond sales the county is currently pursuing," said Carver County Board Chair Gayle Degler. "Only a few counties in the state have this high of a rating."

Degler said this new assessment of credit worthiness reflects Carver County's strong financial standing in what have been difficult economic times. He said the excellent bond rating is based on the county's close proximity to the Twin Cities metropolitan area, its strong income and wealth indicators, consistently strong financial profile with high reserves, and moderate overall debt levels.

The AAA long-term rating was initially used for the Carver County Community Development Agency's housing development revenue bonds that will finance a 50-unit senior housing facility in Norwood Young America. The housing facility is one component of a larger redevelopment project that includes a new city hall, county library, and county sheriff offices.

The improved bond credit rating will also impact proposed bond sales to fund construction of a shared \$1.87 million truck facility with the Minnesota Department of Transportation and a \$1.8 million fiber optic ring that are included in the county's budget recommendations. Debt service on the bonds for the fiber ring – which will link all county buildings to fiber and enable school districts, cities, townships, residents and commercial property owners to connect to the ring – will be less than the county's current costs for data access through the use of T-1 lines.

2010 Budget recommendations also call for using \$1.45 million in state aid to fund other capital projects. These projects include \$425,000 to furnish the new Norwood Young America library and \$692,000 in road and bridge projects.

"The County Administrator's recommendation is to 'pay-as-you-go' and start these capital projects only after the county receives the state aid payments from the state," said Degler. "If we don't receive the necessary state aid to fund all of the projects, they will be funded with available funds according to a priority ranking."

The County Board decided in February to shift from using state aid to fund the county's operating budget to using state aid to fund capital projects. The decision reflects the unreliability of state aid which became evident when Gov. Tim Pawlenty unallotted state aid payments to counties in December of 2008 and May of 2009.

The County Board approved budget adjustments of \$1.1 million for 2009 and \$2.6 million for 2010 as a result of the loss of state aid. The majority of the budget adjustments came from personnel changes. Employee lay-offs and reductions in hours affected 22 employees directly and resulted in a net loss of 11.9 full-time equivalent (FTE) employee positions.

The 2010 Budget recommendation calls for a freeze on salary step increases, cost-of-living increases and new hires. Salary step increases given throughout 2009 will increase

personnel costs for 2010 by more than \$300,000, and health insurance costs are expected to increase by more than \$300,000. However, the 2010 budget also projects an \$800,000 reduction in personnel wage and benefit costs due to attrition. This budget adjustment is based on turnover trend analysis and a review of divisional staffing needs.

A Public Hearing for the 2010 Budget has been set for 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, in the Carver County Board Room of the Carver County Government Center, 602 East Fourth Street in Chaska. The final property tax levy and budget is expected to be adopted on Dec. 15.



REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

AGENDA ITEM : Approval of the Department of Human Services Grant Contract to provide Signs of Safety Training

Originating Division: Community Social Services

Meeting Date: October 27, 2009

Amount of Time Requested: 20 minutes

Attachments for packet: Yes No

Item Type: Consent Regular Session Closed Session Work Session Ditch/Rail Authority

BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION OF AGENDA ITEM: The Department of Human Services has asked Carver County to provide training in implementing Signs of Safety and Safety Planning to 18 other Minnesota counties during the next year. The training will be done in person and through video conferencing. It includes one six hour training each month with practice leaders from the participating counties and tribes. A similar day of training will be held every other month for social workers, a weekly video consult with participants, and a few hours each month spent reviewing the work of participants. The grant is to pay for staff time and overhead that will be required to accomplish the above. The primary benefit to Carver County is the opportunity to involve as many of our social workers as possible in an ongoing training project in a way that we believe will increase their knowledge and commitment to their work.

The Division will also be discussing opportunities for training other jurisdictions.

ACTION REQUESTED: Motion to approve the State of Minnesota County Grant Contract for Signs of Safety Training.

FUNDING

County Dollars =	\$
Other Sources & Amounts =	\$39,070
	= \$
TOTAL	= \$39,070

FISCAL IMPACT

None
 Included in current budget
 Budget amendment requested
 Other:

Related Financial Comments: The funds from this contract will be used to reimburse Carver County for the staff time and costs involved in training social services staff in other Minnesota Counties. The Division will utilize some of the grant to reimburse Connected Families for providing some of this training as needed so we do not take too much time away from our work with Carver County Families.

Reviewed by Division Director

Date: 10/16/2009



REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

AGENDA ITEM: Public Health Office of Aging Briefing – Carver County Community Health Board

Originating Division: Public Health

Meeting Date: 10/27/09

Amount of Time Requested: 30 minutes

Attachments for packet: Yes No

Item Type: Consent Regular Session Closed Session Work Session Ditch/Rail Authority

BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION OF AGENDA ITEM:

The presentation will include information and updates on the Office of Aging.

In 2007, the Carver County Board of Commissioners created the Office of Aging located in the Public Health Division, to prepare the County for a massive number of older Baby Boomers (those born between 1946 and 1964) and to change the face, fabric and culture of aging in the County.

The challenge for Carver County and its cities is to create communities that Boomer residents will want to stay in as they age and to plan the growth of these cities to create communities to meet their needs. The Office of Aging works with the cities to identify how Carver County will change with the aging of the Boomers and together educates the residents, local officials, businesses, civic groups and school districts on the changes. It supports the work of the city-level Commissions and collaborates with community partners to identify how to meet the needs of boomers.

Office of Aging Initiatives in 2009 include:

- Support of the Six City-level Aging/Senior Commissions
- Baby Boomer Assessment Project” with CURA (Center for Urban and Regional Affairs – University of Minnesota)
- Universal Design Project – Education for City staff
- Aging Workforce Initiative – Education for Employers
- New Project: Development of Faith-based Nursing/Block Nurse Programs
- “Vulnerable Adults: Roles and Responsibilities in the Public and Private Sector” – Workshop

ACTION REQUESTED:

The Community Health Board/Board of Commissioners will be given information to assist them in providing future guidance and direction to Public Health.

FUNDING

County Dollars = \$
 Other Sources & Amounts = \$
 (MN Dept of Health)
TOTAL = \$

FISCAL IMPACT

- None
 Included in current budget
 Budget amendment requested
 Other:

Reviewed by Division Director

Date: 10/19/09