

**Carver County Board of Commissioners
August 19, 2008
County Board Room
Carver County Government Center
Human Services Building
Chaska, Minnesota**

County Board Work Session Agenda

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County Administrator



REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

AGENDA ITEM : 2009 Preliminary Property Tax Levy and Budget Summary

Originating Division: Financial Services

Meeting Date: August 19, 2008

Amount of Time Requested: 1 hour

Attachments for packet: Yes No

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

BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION OF AGENDA ITEM: By September 15th, State Law requires that the County Board adopt a 2008 Preliminary Property Tax Levy to finance 2009 County Operations and Capital Projects. The Final Property Tax Levy which will be adopted in December can be lower than the Preliminary Levy but cannot be higher. Individual Divisions have presented their budget requests during budget meetings in July and August. The requested increase in the 2009 Property Tax Levy is \$10.6M or 25%.

County staff is developing a recommended 2009 preliminary property tax and a budget summary which will be presented at the August 19th workshop. The Board will also be updated on the County's budget to actual results thru June 30th, 2008.

On September 2nd or 9th, the Board will be asked to adopt a 2009 preliminary property tax levy.

In October, the County Administrator will present a detailed budget based on the adopted 2009 preliminary property tax levy.

In November, the County Administrator will present a Long Term Financial Plan for County operations and capital improvements.

In December, the County Board will hold a "Truth-in-Taxation" Public Hearing and adopt the 2009 Tax Levy, Budget and Long Term Financial Plan.

ACTION REQUESTED: High level overview of the recommended 2009 property tax levy and budget summary.

FUNDING

County Dollars = \$

Other Sources & Amounts =

= \$

TOTAL = \$

Related Financial Comments:

FISCAL IMPACT

None

Included in current budget

Budget amendment requested

Other:

Reviewed by Division Director

Date: _____



REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

AGENDA ITEM : Proposed Carver County Fiber Optic Loop - update

Originating Division: Administrative Services

Meeting Date: August 19, 2008

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: In order to meet Carver County's communication needs the County is contemplating deployment of a fiber backbone network, of approximately 70 miles, that connects county facilities including libraries, city buildings and other public entities within the county to include schools and townships. To support this effort, staff developed and published a solicitation (a Request for Bid or RFB) for Fiber Optic Network and Service requesting vendors to respond to the County's requirements.

A Selection Committee was formed and is in the process of interviewing two of three vendors who provided proposals back to the County. The Committee will provide the Board their recommendation based on the interviews and analysis.

The RFB contained two parts. The first part is for installation of a County owned fiber network and had a base configuration and a number of alternates. The second part invited vendors to propose public/private partnership based solutions that may result in lower costs and/or improved services. Vendors were encouraged to be creative in their responses.

The goals of the proposed fiber optic loop include:

- **Connect** County, City, School District and other governmental unit buildings to high speed fiber backbone.
- **Increase efficiency** of County/City/School staff
- **Contain** current and future **costs** of connectivity
- **Examine** public/private **partnership** scenario – minimizes one time and recurring costs
- Act in the best interest of Carver County residents

Information on project timelines, costs and benefits and what other local public sector entities are doing relative to fiber deployment will be shared with the County Board.

ACTION REQUESTED: None, information update.

FUNDING

County Dollars = \$

Other Sources & Amounts =

= \$

TOTAL = \$

Related Financial Comments:

FISCAL IMPACT

None

Included in current budget

Budget amendment requested

Other:

Reviewed by Division Director

Date: August 14, 2008