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Ordinance Regulating the Use of Cannabis and Cannabis Derived Products in Public Places

ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF CANNABIS AND CANNABIS DERIVED PRODUCTS IN PUBLIC PLACES THE DODGE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS: SECTION 1. PURPOSE AND INTENT This Ordinance is adopted by the Dodge County Commissioners for the purpose of protecting public health and safety by regulating and prohibiting the use of Cannabis and cannabis derived products in public places and places of public accommodation within Dodge County. Minnesota Session Law 2023, Chapter 63, effective in relevant part August 1, 2023, establishes that the adult use, possession and personal growing of cannabis is legal subject to the requirements and restrictions of Minnesota Statutes.

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August Dodge County Commissioners Meeting

The Dodge County Commissioners met in regular session August 8, 2023, in the Commissioner's Room at the Dodge County Government Services Building, Mantorville, MN, at 9:30 a.m. Chair Rodney Peterson called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Mr. Maas met with the Board remotely and informed them that annually he applies for the Emergency Management Performance Grant to support Dodge County maintaining a full-time emergency management program. Following COVID, the grant programs are quite a bit behind the normal schedule. Mr.

Maas reported the 2021 grant amount is \$20,428.00 and requires a match of the same amount. The 2022 grant amount is \$24,843.00. Mr. Maas noted that the county's match for the grant is met by Mr. Maas' wages and salary, so there isn't an out-of-pocket expense that they haven't already planned for. Motion by Allen seconded by Kenworthy to accept the 2021 and 2022 EMPG grants as requested and authorize the Chair and County Administrator to sign the grant agreements. Motion Adopted. The Emergency Management Director discussed

his request to approve submitting a grant application to help fund Dodge County joining a Lumen CPE system. Dodge County PSAP currently utilizes the Motorola Solutions, Emergency Call Works System to answer and process 911 and administrative calls. This system has reached end of life without upgrades. This current system is not capable of receiving text to 911, picture, and video messages and also has terrible customer service. Dodge County is the only customer in Minnesota with this system. (continued on page 2)

2023 Triton Homecoming



Left to right: Salma Fernandez, Ella Thomas, Danielle Hallaway, Jozey Boe, Lauryn Nauman, Nancy Fernandez (homecoming queen), Kaeden Ellingson (homecoming king), Tyler Gnagey, Graham Christianson, Logan Tufte, Joaquin Lundi, Corey Lilledahl

Congratulations to the Triton homecoming court and the Triton Cobras football team. The Cobras won their homecoming game last Friday night 29-12 over St. Charles.

Announcements

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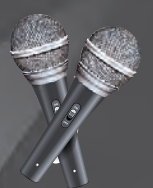
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For the above reasons, as well as many more, Dodge County PSAP needs a new CPE system to receive and process 911 calls which would also give them the capability to receive text, picture, and video 911 calls. Currently is SE Minnesota, Olmsted/Rochester, Wabasha, Goodhue, and Winona counties have joined together to share a Lumen CPE system across all of their PSAP's. This joint effort has many benefits, including lower maintenance/service agreement costs, better service, redundancy, as well as a huge benefit to COOP planning efforts. In the event any of these other PSAPs need to be evacuated for any reason, that agency could send staff to any of these other PSAPs and have them log in and receive their own 911 and administrative calls. The Emergency Management Director has priced out several CPE systems and by far the best option for Dodge County is to join this regional CPE system. Not only is it a better product, but the above-mentioned benefits make this shared system a great option for Dodge County. Mr. Maas is requesting the Board's authorization to submit a grant application through the SE MN ECB to partially fund this project. The following is a breakdown of the costs of this new system. Regional buy into current system maintenance service agreement \$ 30,000. T1-Ethernet upgrade \$ 7,700. Equipment purchase and install to bring Dodge County up to SIP trunking allowing text to 911 \$ 75,000. Total Project Costs \$112,700 The grant is a 50% match grant. If successful in receiving this competitive grant, the grant award would be \$56,350 with a local match of \$56,350. The Emergency Management Director currently has a fund balance of just over \$60,000 in E-911 funds to allocate to the local match requiring no increase to the budget for this project. Commissioner Kenworthy commented that it's not just our county going someplace else to be able to do their call center, other counties could also come into our call center as well. Mr. Kenworthy stated it's fluid all the way around and a great way to go. Mr. Kenworthy pointed out it is also has some cost savings going through the FCCD and that the system shines everywhere it's being used. Mr. Kenworthy wanted to know whether or not Dodge County was using the voice logging equipment. Mr. Maas reported we are sharing in the expense of the regional voice logging equipment. The Emergency Management Director noted that this is a very similar model where we're starting to share some of those equipment costs to lessen the burden on each of the counties on that shared equipment. Commissioner Allen wanted to know if this was going to set the county up for a regional 911 system down the road. Mr. Maas reported that moving to this system isn't necessarily moving them towards a regional 911 system. What it does is it allows us, and other counties, the flexibility to have multiple locations to be able to operate from, in-

cluding operating from a different site if needed. The Emergency Management Director informed the Board that agencies like the State Patrol and other counties that have consolidated their PSAPs have found that the actual function of the PSAP does not work so well as a joint center, but sharing the equipment to lessen the cost for each of those agencies is a huge benefit. Commissioner Kenworthy stated that historically the plan was to have the Highway Department as our backup Dispatch Center, which takes a lot of set up. The county spent a lot of money to have that availability, but here we're just setting it up. Mr. Kenworthy reported that personally, he thinks this is a great plan and noted that he voted for this at his Southeast ECB meeting. Motion by Kenworthy seconded by Tjosaas to approve and authorize the Emergency Management Director to submit a grant application through the SE MN ECB to help partially fund Dodge County joining a regional CPE system. Motion Adopted [Unanimous]

Lisa Hager, Employee Relations Director presented the Personnel Agenda for the Board's consideration. Motion by Toquam seconded by Tjosaas to approve the following personnel actions: A. Administration A.1 Matt Bollum - Building Operations Manager Step increase from B22 step 6 \$22.32 to B22 step 5 \$23.05. Effective Date: 8/10/23 B. Highway B.1 Darin Wilking - Equipment Operator Step increase from B23 step 6 \$29.11 to B23 step 7 \$29.84. Effective Date: 8/1/23 C. Public Health C.1 Navya Jhavar - Account Technician No longer employed. Effective Date: 7/31/23 C.2 Account Technician Authorization to post and fill vacancy. Effective Date: 8/8/23 D. Sheriff's Office D.1 Wendell Meyer - Transport Officer - On-Call No longer employed. Effective Date: 7/19/23 D.2 Transport Officer - On-Call Authorization to fill vacancy. Effective Date: 8/8/23 D.3 Kevin Haugen - Transport Deputy - On-Call Authorization to employ at B21 step 10 \$18.41 to fill vacancy. Effective Date: TBD D.4 Bob Morris - Deputy Sheriff - .50 FTE (Hayfield SRO Assignment) Authorization to change status from Court Officer - B21 step 10 \$24.48 (On-Call) to Deputy Sheriff C41 step 10 \$37.13 to fill approved vacancy. Effective Date: 9/4/23 Motion Adopted Mr. Kiltinen provided the Board with a legal update.

The County Attorney briefly discussed the proposed lease of the land by the Sheriff's Office Maintenance Building. Mr. Kiltinen informed the Board that the owners of the County Seat Cafe would prefer to own the property instead of lease it. The County Attorney has talked to Ryan DeCook and he feels there is a value to everything, including this small piece of land. It was Commissioner Allen's opinion that the county should just lease the property and let the cafe use it. Commissioner Kenworthy agreed with Commissioner's Allen's comment and suggested they lease the property to the County Seat Cafe owners at a cost of \$1 and put a timeline on it. Mr. Kenworthy stated the hope is that the restaurant would be there forever, but you never know. Mr. Kiltinen reported that he drafted a potential lease and gave it to the restaurant owner who then commented that she thought they would be able to buy the property, not lease it. Brief discussion took place on the odd shape of the café property and the work it would take to separate this

small piece of county property and add it to the café property. Commissioner Toquam stated it sounds like a lot of work and money for such a small piece of property. The County Attorney confirmed that the restaurant property is an odd shape and sometimes the additional cost and effort needed to sell such a small piece of county owned property isn't the right thing to do. Motion No Vote

Lisa Kramer, Finance Director reviewed bills with the Board. Motion by Tjosaas seconded by Allen to approve the bills as discussed in the following amounts from the appropriate funds as determined by Finance: 01 Revenue Fund \$ 40,316.62 13 Road and Bridge Fund \$ 58,822.03 16 Environmental Quality Fund \$ 106,144.61 Total \$ 205,283.26 Motion Adopted [Unanimous]

Guy Kohlhofer, County Engineer Road & Bridge 2022 Annual Report Mr. Kohlhofer presented for the Board's consideration the completed 2022 annual report for fund 13, Road & Bridge. The report covers in detail the activities of the various accounts within the Road & Bridge Fund. The activities reported on are the revenues and expenditures necessary for the maintenance of the road and bridges within the county. The Finance Director was available to comment on the Highway Department budget. Motion No Vote Set Hearing for CR V and CR K Turnback to Vernon Township. The County Engineer informed the Board that county highway staff met with the Vernon Town Board at their monthly meeting to discuss and plan for the turnback of 3.0 miles of CR V (from T.H 30 to South County Line) and 3.0 miles on the South side of CR K (from C.S.A.H. 9 to C.S.A.H. 13) to the township. The Board and citizens present understood that the turnback was practical and made sense. The next step is to hold a public hearing in Vernon Township for official public input. The plan is to turnback the roads this fall. The township will assume authority over the roads however the county is required to maintain them for 2 years. The county highway staff will replace/update necessary culverts, clean some ditch as needed and requested by the township. Motion by Allen seconded by Toquam to schedule the CR V and CR K turnback for the Vernon Township meeting on September 19, 2023 at 6:00 pm at Vernon Town hall in Oslo. Motion Adopted

Mr. Elmquist and Ms. Kramer presented for the Board's consideration the 2024 budget. The County Administrator informed the Board that the budget included in the Board packet isn't the correct budget. Last Friday they received bad news from the insurance company regarding insurance rates but the Board packet had already gone out so they were unable to get the updated information in the Board packet. The corrected budget has an increased levy percentage of 7.1% with the new CPA certification being less than anticipated (delivered 7/31/23). Guy Kohlhofer and Amy Evans were present to review their budget requests for 2024. 2024 Highway Department Budget Presentation One item of note not stated at the last meeting is that some years ago, the Board authorized a \$300,000 levy for Road and Bridge Construction and with the onset of Wheelage and Sales Tax to buy the levy down in the past, that levy amount was removed. Last year, the levy amount was increased back to \$150,000 and this year, increased again to \$300,000. This shows up in this budget: 13-

320-000-0000-6600 Construction 2023: \$9,381,768 2024: \$9,646,000 The 2024 Highway budget has only a few changes from the previous year outside the effects of inflation and rising costs. With the completion of the facility renovation there are a few things that are needed but were left undone. The main central tarmac area of bituminous that they do all of their operations on needs replacement. Whether it is frozen, mid-summer or spring thaw they have to continue their operations. Mr. Kohlhofer reported this lot was never built to handle today's equipment and it shows. They are planning to use their forces to sub-cut the area and place quality aggregates prior to having Rochester Sand & Gravel pave the surface. This will also provide improved drainage for the area. A retaining wall along the new cold storage building will be finished to accommodate large vehicle parking in the area. They will also be completing sidewalks on the north side of the main facility and installing a privacy fence. Budgeted funds are: \$223,000 (\$150k from fund + \$73k left over from the building bond). As these are fund dollars, it will not affect the levy and whatever they do not use will remain in the fund. Construction is planned at \$9.6 million. Using \$800,000 wheelage tax (\$440k this year, \$360k from reserves). \$300,000 is targeted to come from levy funds while the remaining \$8.5 million will come from state aid, bridge and federal funds. Although these are substantial funding levels there still remains a large backlog of roads needing work. The last reported Ride Quality Index (RQI) for the county was 60 in 2018. The roads were just rated this summer and the RQI now stands at 50. Some routine maintenance items saw additional funding needed due to cost increases. Items such as; pavement markings are being increased from \$60k to \$80k, aggregates from \$300k to \$325k and chip sealing from \$175k to \$250k.

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Salt/sand went from \$85k to \$111k as they depleted their typical end of year carry over during this past winter. A line item for concrete repairs was added at \$10k as they are doing more bridge maintenance and have aging concrete surfaces. The Parks Department has an added \$15k for professional services for the upcoming seminary grant the county received in the last legislative session. On a positive note, there is a substantial decrease in right-of-way expenditure as there are few projects requiring additional area. They now only need additional easement for bridge projects. This line was decreased by \$102k. 2024 Public Health Budget Presentation Ms. Evans reported Dodge County Public Health has experienced numerous changes to the department over the past 2 years, most as a result of the 4-year COVID-19 Pandemic. General fund revenues have stayed consistent since 2015 while expenditures continue to rise at a significant rate. Revenues in some programs are slow to return to pre-pandemic levels. In 2024, many of the COVID-19 funds will be unavailable moving forward. However, the work of COVID vaccinations, education and outreach, along with updating their response plans to account for the previous lessons learned will all continue well past 2024, creating an additional burden on the tax levy. Additional losses of revenue will include the elimination of the tobacco licenses in Kasson, decline in immunizations, and a slow increase of client visits. Expenditures have continued to increase over the years. Significant increases include personnel, professional and technical services, PHDoc, rent and IT. The proposed budget has had almost \$10,000 removed from its current budget in various line items, especially supplies and postage. Conferences and training fees have been reduced from the general fund due to a new 5-year CDC Infrastructure grant. Once the grant ends, these costs will need to be added back to the budget. While this year's budget looks as though there is a significant increase in 2024,

this may have been spread across the past couple of years. The addition of a full-time director was not reflected in the past budget due to the COVID-19 funds masking the impact to tax levy. Mr. Elmquist informed the Board that budget presentations will also take place at the next two meetings. IT and Maintenance budget presentations will take place at the second meeting in August and Sheriff (Dispatch included) and Environmental Services budget presentations will take place the first meeting in September. Motion No Vote

The Dodge County Commissioners met in regular session August 22, 2023, in the County Board Room at the Dodge County Government Services Building, Mantorville, MN, at 5:00 p.m. Chair Rodney Peterson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Dodge County does not currently have an ordinance or provision within the tobacco ordinance (#98-01) that prohibits smoking of tobacco products in public spaces. Research shows there is an impact of second-hand smoke on individuals in the same space. Dodge County's Tobacco Ordinance expands the limitations of the MN Clean Indoor Air Act to include electronic delivery devices. Use of cannabinoid products indoors is covered under the MN Clean Indoor Air Act. On August 14th, the City of Duluth passed amendments to its tobacco ordinance to prohibit smoking or vaping of any cannabinoid in a public park and placed restrictions on smoking and ingesting prohibited substances within medical facilities and transit shelters. The City of Albert Lea held its first public reading of its proposed ordinance prohibiting smoking of cannabinoid products in public spaces. Commissioner Peterson wanted to know if this would be part of the interim use. The Public Health Director stated that most of the interim use policies do not include the use in public spaces, this would be something different. Commissioner Peterson questioned whether or not it would fit into the tobacco ordinance. Ms. Evans discussed the fact that we don't have an ordinance that bans smoking in public parks. The Public Health Director informed the Board that we don't have to eliminate tobacco products, we can just limit the use of cannabinoid products. Commissioner Allen supported banning the use of cannabinoid products in parks. The Public Health Director reported if we write an ordinance to limit the use of cannabinoid products in public spaces at the county level and the city doesn't have a policy, our policy

would apply. Commissioner Kenworthy supported creating an ordinance that bans the use of cannabis in public spaces. Ms. Evans reported that this will be something that will take a little time to get language put together and an ordinance written. Motion No Vote

Lisa Hager, Employee Relations Director presented the Personnel Agenda for the Board's consideration. Motion by Kenworthy seconded by Toquam to approve the following personnel actions: A. Administration A.1 Brenda Vieths - Custodian Step increase from A13 step 3 \$21.17 to A13 step 2 \$21.97. Effective Date: 8/9/23 B. Sheriff's Office B.1 Stephanie Miner - Deputy Sheriff Step increase from C41 step 2 \$30.27 to C41 step 3 \$31.33. Effective Date: 8/27/23 B.2 Mary Head - Jury Attendant - On-Call No longer employed. Effective Date: 8/3/23 B.3 Dallas Ness - Jury Attendant - On-Call No longer employed. Effective Date: 8/3/23 B.4 Justin Thurmes - Deputy Sheriff Step increase from C41 step 9 \$36.22 to C41 step 10 \$37.13. Effective Date: 5/31/23 B.5 Jodi Froelich - Dispatcher Authorization to employ at B23 step 2 \$24.85 to fill approved vacancy. Effective Date: 9/11/23 Motion Adopted [Unanimous] Jim Elmquist, County Administrator Mr. Elmquist provided the Board with a County Administrator update. Motion No Vote Lisa Kramer, Finance Director Bills Reviewed Ms. Kramer reviewed bills with the Board. Motion by Kenworthy seconded by Tjosaas to approve the bills as discussed in the following amounts from the appropriate funds as determined by Finance: 01 Revenue Fund \$ 130,983.22 13 Road and Bridge Fund \$ 59,939.27 16 Environmental Quality Fund \$ 20,253.56 Total \$ 211,176.05 Motion Adopted [Unanimous] Jim Elmquist, County Administrator & Lisa Kramer, Finance Director 2024 Budget & Presentations by IT and Facilities/Fleet Tobey Hicks and Duke Harbaugh were available to present their budget requests. Mr. Hicks provided the Board with an overview of IT's budget request for 2024 and 2025, including capital items and other line-item changes for the next two years. 2024: Capital Items for 2024 are one server and one firewall. The server is the main one for anything on the BCA network. This consists of all Sheriff's and Attorney's data. Mr. Hicks noted this server is a very important piece of equipment and needs to be updated due to the age and reliability of the server. The other item needing to be replaced is one of our two firewalls. This is the main thing that protects and routes all traffic on our network. The other firewall is a redundant one and will be in next year's capital plan. These items will cost a total of \$20,000. In the General Services line item is a Microsoft Office subscription at a G5 plan level. The G5 license subscription will cost \$525 per person per year. The county has 200 people/accounts which calculates to \$105,000 per year. This would eliminate the need to spend \$20,000 on Microsoft Office for each computer that is replaced yearly, \$5,000 yearly on Zix Encryption email service, \$3,000 on GFI Spam Filter, and includes the previous year's work for the Sharepoint program, at a cost of \$22,000 per year. The total increase for this subscription would be \$55,000. The money it would take to have a server for email, maintenance, and backup of the server would also be a cost savings. This G5 plan also includes Microsoft Teams capabilities. Mr. Hicks believes there is a need for Dodge County to have both Zoom and

Teams. Zoom is used for Board Meetings and webinars, and Teams is used by other departments including Public Health. The IT Director reported that collaboration is something we have not been able to do with cloud-based documents and such. This will allow us to work more efficient with our teams of employees and other counties and vendors. We also would benefit from a Mobile Device Management System called Intune that comes with this subscription. Intune can also be used to create and manage computer images to deploy computers quicker compared to how they do it now. The county also has had a need for Multi Factor Authentication for a higher security level, and this upgrade will allow us to do that. This option will also help out with the need for extra cyber insurance or possibly any cyber insurance if it becomes required. Capital line items for this year include server replacements and a firewall. The Highway Department Server and Dodge County's Main Server are the two pieces of equipment up for replacement. These servers are very important and need to be updated due to the age and reliability. The firewall is the redundant one that is needing to be replaced for end-of-life support. These items will total \$25,000. Mr. Hicks was thanked for the information. The Facilities & Fleet Manager presented for the Board's consideration his budget request for 2024. Mr. Harbaugh informed the Board that looking at the actuals from 2021 and 2022 it shows they were short in a few lines and they worked to balance them to have as little impact as possible on the overall increase. The Facilities & Fleet Manager stated he understands the impact every increase has on the overall budget and noted that he looks to be as flat as possible when working on his budget for the next year. The following increases were explained:

- 6250 (Electricity) o Inflated energy price, we will work on energy reduction through software and equipment.
- 6260 (Professional Services) o Increase for HVAC and equipment maintenance contracts
- 6311 (Building Maintenance) o With inflation all products are on the rise and it is anticipated that these costs will continue to rise for all materials.
- 6312 (Grounds Maintenance) o Decrease due to actual fertilizer costs in 2023
- 6412 (Natural Gas) o Increases with cost of inflation on fossil fuels
- 6660 (Capital Outlay) o Increase for inflation Commissioner Peterson noted that Mr. Harbaugh's memo to the Board indicated grounds maintenance has increased. According to the budget figures provided, grounds maintenance has actually decreased. Mr. Harbaugh confirmed that information was correct. Mr. Peterson asked that they look at the Maintenance wages line-item again, it showed a 10% increase when Mr. Harbaugh reported he tries to keep the overall budget as flat as possible. The Facilities & Fleet Manager was thanked for the information. Mr. Elmquist noted that in the submitted budget is a 6.3% levy increase. HR costs - The current status of our health insurance options are still unknown as the meeting with the cooperative is taking place on August 30th. MnPrairie- Their budget renditions are still very tentative at this point so the number showing in the current budget is only an estimate. DOCC- Their budget is still unknown at this time and is only an estimate.

The next meeting will include presentations by the Sheriff and Environmental Services



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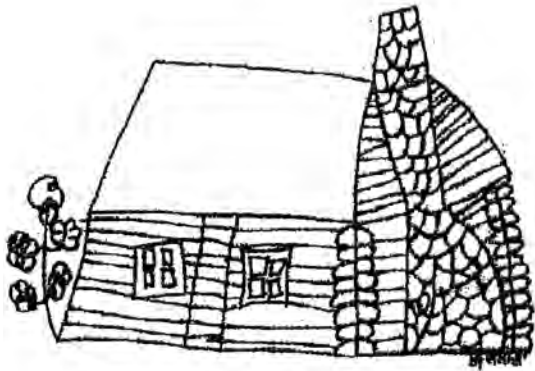
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Ordinance Regulating the Use of Cannabis and Cannabis Derived Products in Public Places

(continued from page 1)

State legislation authorizes the adoption of a local ordinance establishing a petty misdemeanor offense for public use of cannabis. See State Legislation Article 4, Section 19, Minnesota Statute §152.0263, Subdivision 5 or successor statute. Dodge County (hereinafter "the County") recognizes the risks that unintended access and use of cannabis products and exposure to cannabis and its effects present to the health, welfare, and safety of members of the public and in particular the youth of the County. State legislation authorizes adoption of ordinance to regulate actual or potential threats to the public health. See Minn. Statute §145A.05, Subdivision 1 and 7. The County wishes to be proactive in protecting public health and safety by enacting an ordinance that will mitigate threats presented to the public and public health by the public use of cannabis. SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS Except as may otherwise be provided or clearly implied by context, all terms shall be given their commonly accepted definitions. The following words, terms, and phrases, when used in this ordinance, shall have the meanings ascribed to them except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning or revisions occurred to definitions in Minnesota Statute §342. (a) Adult-use cannabis flower. "Adult-use cannabis flower" means cannabis flower that is approved for sale by the Min-

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(ii) contains hemp concentrate or artificially derived cannabinoids in combination with other ingredients. (2) Hemp-derived consumer products does not include artificially derived cannabinoids, lower-potency hemp edibles, hemp-derived topical products, hemp fiber products, or hemp grain. (g) Lower-potency hemp edible. A "lower-potency hemp edible" means any product that: (1) is intended to be eaten or consumed as a beverage by humans; (2) contains hemp concentrate or an artificially derived cannabinoid; in combination with food ingredients; (3) is not a drug; (4) consists of servings that contain no more than five milligrams of delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol, 25 milligrams of cannabidiol, 25 milligrams of cannabitol, or any combination of those cannabinoids that does not exceed the identified amounts; (5) does not contain more than a combined total of 0.5 milligrams of all other cannabinoids per serving; (6) does not contain an artificially derived cannabinoid other than delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol; (7) does not contain a cannabinoid derived from cannabis plants or cannabis flower; (8) is a type of product approved for sale by the office or is substantially similar to a product approved by the office, including but not limited to products that resemble nonalcoholic beverages, candy, and baked goods. (h) Public place. A "public place" means a public park or trail, public street or sidewalk, any enclosed, indoor area used by the general public, including, but not limited to, theaters, restaurants, bars, food establishments, places licensed to sell intoxicating liquor, wine, or malt beverages, retail businesses, gyms, common areas in buildings, public shopping areas, auditoriums, arenas, or other places of public accommodation. (i) Place of public accommodation. "Place of public accommodation" means a business, refreshment, entertainment, recreation, or transportation facility of any kind, whose goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations are extended, offered, sold, or otherwise made available to the public." (j) Exceptions to the definition of public place or place of public accommodation. "A public place" or "a place of public accommodation" does not include the following: (1) a private residence, including the individual's curtilage or yard. (2) a private property, not generally accessible by the public, unless the individual is explicitly prohibited from consuming cannabis flower, cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, or hemp-derived con-

sumer products on the property by the owner of the property; or (3) on the premises of an establishment or event licensed to permit on-site consumption. (k) Smoking. "Smoking" means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, pipe, or any other lighted or heated product containing cannabis flower, cannabis products, artificially derived cannabinoids, or hemp-derived consumer products. Smoking includes carrying or using an activated electronic delivery device for human consumption through inhalation of aerosol or vapor from the product. SECTION 3. PROHIBITED ACTS (a) No person shall use cannabis flower, cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, or hemp-derived consumer products in a public place or a place of public accommodation unless the premises is an establishment or event licensed to permit on-site consumption of adult-use cannabis flower and adult use cannabis products. See Minnesota Statute §152.0263, Subdivision 5, Article 4, Section 19, or successor statute. (b) No person shall vaporize or smoke cannabis flower, cannabis products, artificially derived cannabinoids, or hemp-derived consumer products in any location where the smoke, aerosol, or vapor would be inhaled by a minor. See Minnesota Statute §342.09, Subdivision 1, Section 9, or successor statute. SECTION 4. PENALTY (a) Criminal Penalty. A violation of this ordinance shall be a petty misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$300. Nothing in this ordinance shall prohibit the United States, the State of Minnesota, or the County from investigating or prosecuting any other activity that is a crime under any other federal or state statute or county ordinance. (b) An alleged violation or violation of this ordinance may be investigated by a peace officer as defined in Minnesota Statute §626.84, Subdivision 1. Any alleged violation or violation of this ordinance shall be prosecuted by the Office of the Dodge County Attorney. SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY If any section or provision of this ordinance is held invalid, such invalidity will not affect any other section or provision that can be given force and effect without the invalidated section or provision. SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE This ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately from and after its passage and publication as required by law. ADOPTED by the Dodge County Board of Commissioners this 26th day of September, 2023.

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Several years ago, SMIF became a member of Welcoming America, joining many other organizations and communities in our region which are dedicated to making southern Minnesota a welcoming place for all. We were ex-

cited to see many of our partners in our region celebrating the nationwide Welcoming Week in early September. One of the organizations that was very active during this time was B.E. Welcoming based out of Blue Earth. SMIF has supported the organization with two Small Town Grants. They organized a number of programs throughout the week, including a community bonfire, a story walk and inclusive yard signs to celebrate the people who make Blue Earth what it is.

Many of the inclusive programs that SMIF supports are focused on children in our region. SMIF's Early Care and Education Grant, which is currently open, helps fund early care and education services for children birth to age five, including initiatives which support underserved and diverse populations. During the previous grant round, Healthy Community Initiatives in Northfield used their grant for community outreach to promote local programming that helps low-income and BIPOC families prepare young children for kindergarten. The Rochester Montessori School used their grant to design weekly lessons for small groups using culturally relevant stories and activities for diverse classrooms. To learn more about this grant, visit smifoundation.org/earlycaregrant and apply by October 2.

We are also excited to open up a special round of SMIF's Inclusive and Equitable Communities Grant in late October. This grant supports initiatives which will build inclusive, welcoming entrepreneurial environments and opportunities, especially for BIPOC individuals and/or immigrants or refugees. Earlier this year, the Council of Churches Refugee Services in Mankato was



awarded an IEC Grant to support small business leadership skills and engage in cross-cultural learning. The Owatonna Public Schools is using their IEC Grant to provide immigrants and BIPOC adults the opportunity to learn more about how to successfully launch a small business. Look for details about this grant on our website in a few

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TRITON ISD NO. 2125 – SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2023 – 6:00 P.M. TRITON HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER – DODGE CENTER, MN & ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING (ANDROY HOTEL 1213 TOWER AVE., SUPERIOR, WI 54880)

-Meeting Proceedings-
Chair Lloyd Henslin, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Those members present: Lloyd Henslin, Jr., Duane Bartel, Jim Jensen, Dale Jensen, Wendy Kenworthy, and Rebecca Knutson; present via ZOOM: Brian Ginder. Also present: Superintendent Craig Schlichting, Principal Shane Van Beek, Principal Luke Lutterman, Dean of Students Tricia Johnson, A.D. Corey Black, Tina Kozisek and 5 visitors.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Logan Tufte spoke during open forum regarding his Senior Project, an instrument drive for the school band.

J. Jensen/D. Jensen moved to approve the agenda as presented. Voting in favor: Kenworthy, Knutson, Ginder, Bartel, J. Jensen, D. Jensen, and Henslin. Voting against: none. Motion carried unanimously.

The Administrative Team was recognized and congratulated as Cobra Pride honorees.

Bartes/Kenworthy motioned to approve the consent agenda including the July 17, 2023 regular meeting minutes and August 2, 2023 study session minutes as presented; budget update; claims and bills; treasurer’s report; open enrollment/nonresident agreements for students #082123A, #082123B, #082123C, #082123D, #082123E, #082123F, #082123G, #082123H, #082123I, #082123J, and #082123K; contracts for Andrea Possehl as School Nurse, Dave Livingston as Bus Driver, and Brad

Spitzack as Bus Driver; resignation for Ray Spalding as Bus Driver effective August 21, 2023, and maternity leave request for #082123A effective January 19, 2024 through June 3, 2023. Voting in favor: Kenworthy, Knutson, Ginder, Bartel, J. Jensen, D. Jensen, and Henslin. Voting against: none. Motion carried unanimously.

J. Jensen/Kenworthy motioned to approve the Triton Elementary School Student Handbook for 2023-2024. Voting in favor: Kenworthy, Knutson, Ginder, Bartel, J. Jensen, D. Jensen, and Henslin. Voting against: none. Motion carried unanimously.

Bartel/Knutson motioned to approve the Triton Middle School Student Handbook for 2023-2024. Voting in favor: Kenworthy, Knutson, Ginder, Bartel, J. Jensen, D. Jensen, and Henslin. Voting against: none. Motion carried unanimously.

Knutson/Kenworthy motioned to approve the Triton High School Student Handbook for 2023-2024. Voting

in favor: Kenworthy, Knutson, Ginder, Bartel, J. Jensen, D. Jensen, and Henslin. Voting against: none. Motion carried unanimously.

J. Jensen/D. Jensen motioned to approve the Staff Handbook for 2023-2024. Voting in favor: Kenworthy, Knutson, Ginder, Bartel, J. Jensen, D. Jensen, and Henslin. Voting against: none. Motion carried unanimously.

Kenworthy/Knutson motioned to approve the Policy updates. Voting in favor: Kenworthy, Knutson, Ginder, Bartel, J. Jensen, D. Jensen, and Henslin. Voting against: none. Motion carried unanimously.

J. Jensen/D. Jensen motioned to approve the Resolution for Appointing an Identified Official with Authority for the External User Access Recertification System. Voting in favor: Kenworthy, Knutson, Ginder, Bartel, J. Jensen, D. Jensen, and Henslin. Voting against: none. Motion carried unanimously. (Attachment A)

Knutson/Bartel motioned to establish December 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. as the regular board meeting to discuss the Levy & Budget. Voting in

favor: Kenworthy, Knutson, Ginder, Bartel, J. Jensen, D. Jensen, and Henslin. Voting against: none. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Jensen/Kenworthy motioned to approve reauthorizing the Safe Learning Plan. Voting in favor: Kenworthy, Knutson, Ginder, Bartel, J. Jensen, D. Jensen, and Henslin. Voting against: none. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Henslin gave a ZED update on the resignation of a counselor and hiring a Dean of Students, SRO agreement with the City of Kasson, ALC age increase to 22, and a presentation of a plan to present their own diploma, requiring 24 credits.

A.D. Corey Black reported on the fall sports kick off, Shelly Bungum awarded the 2023 Minnesota State High School Coaches Association Assistant Coach of the Year for Track & Field.

Principal Van Beek reported addition of a full court basketball court, back-to-school interviews, September 7th is the first day of school, FAST and PRESS training for staff.

Dean of Students Tricia

Johnson reported on Standard Response Protocol and training.

Principal Lutterman also thanked the summer staff and reported on TMS/THS Open House 8/31, 6th grade parent meeting, and 6th grade and 9th grade orientation 9/5.

Superintendent Schlichting reported on Suicide Prevention Week, new teacher workshop, staff workshop week, and summer staff appreciation lunch.

Bartel/J. Jensen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m. Voting in favor: Kenworthy, Knutson, Ginder, Bartel, J. Jensen, D. Jensen, and Henslin. Voting against: none. Motion carried unanimously.

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DODGE CENTER SUMMARY COUNCIL MINUTES Monday, September 11, 2023

This published information is a summary of the full minutes of the September 11, 2023 Dodge Center City Council meeting. A copy of the full minutes is available for viewing at City Hall, 35 East Main Street or online at www.ci.dodgecenter.mn.us.

Present: Bill Ketchum, Gary Trelstad, Cathy Skogen via video, Paul Blaisdell, Matt Maas, Lee Mattson, AJ Gengler, Jeremy Dostal, Mark Barwald, David Myrom, Kathy Freeman and others.

The City Council approved the following items:

- Agenda and consent agenda;
 - Triton High School student, Katherine Ross’ request to place her senior project (designing & building) a swing/glider in North Park once City Staff approve design specifications;
 - Public Hearings:
 - Issue order to abate property -711 2nd St NE ;
 - Monitor progress - 405 1st St NW;
 - Issue order to abate property - 406 1st St NW;
 - Found to be in compliance, no further action taken - 513 3rd St SE;
 - Authorizing staff to apply for DNR Releaf Community Forest Grant.
 - Closed Session – 6:31 p.m.
 - Re-opened Session – 6:40 p.m.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm

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