

### AGENDA SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING Monday, March 23, 2020 4:00 P.M.

\* \*The Montrose City Council would like to share their concerns about residents attending the *Special City Council Meeting* during the time of the COVID-19 Pandemic. To avoid the spread of the coronavirus, and to protect the general public, the City Council encourages you to contact City staff and/or a City Council Member with any questions or comments that you may have on the following Agenda items. Contact information can be found at the City of Montrose's Website at <a href="www.montrose-mn.com">www.montrose-mn.com</a>. Thank you for your understanding.\* \*

The City of Montrose is committed to maintaining a safe, welcoming, family-friendly community, with affordable housing, where parents can raise their families; to ensuring our skilled, motivated employees provide high quality public services at a value; to sound stewardship and fiscal responsibility to ensure our city remains strong and prosperous, both now and into the future; to nurturing business-friendly partnerships to promote economic development and local jobs; to thoughtfully address community needs and plan for growth, innovation and sustainable development; and to ethical leadership that is responsive and accountable to our citizens.

Montrose Community Center 200 Center Avenue South Montrose, Minnesota 55363

- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- 2. ROLL CALL
- 3. BUSINESS
  - A. Montrose Fire Department Maintenance, Care and Cleaning
  - B. Emergency Management Update

### C. Community Health Emergency

- 1. Resolution No. 2020-13 A Resolution Declaring a Community Health Emergency Regarding COVID-19
- 2. Community Health Emergency Leave Amendment to the City's Personnel Policy

### D. Resolution No. 2020-14 – Summary Publication of Ordinance No. 2020-02

1. Resolution No. 2020-14 - A Resolution Authorizing Summary Publication of Ordinance No. 2020-02 An Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 1003-9 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Montrose, Related to Administrative Fines and Abatements

### E. Resolution No. 2020-15 - Summary Publication of Ordinance No. 2020-03

1. Resolution No. 2020-15 - A Resolution Authorizing Summary Publication of Ordinance No. 2020-03 An Ordinance Amendment to Chapters 10, General Penalty, and 25, Administrative Enforcement, of the City Code of the City of Montrose

### F. Cancellation of Public Meetings

- 1. Approve cancellation of Thursday, April 2, 2020 Park and Recreation Commission Meeting
- 2. Approve cancellation of the Wednesday, April 8, 2020 Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting
- G. Administrative Assistant Letter of Understanding
- H. League of MN Cities Insurance Trust Liability Coverage Waiver Form
- I. Discuss Waiving Utility Billing Late Fee

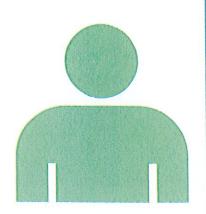
### J. Wright County Non-Profit Community Dental Clinic

- 1. Resolution No. 2020-16 A Resolution Affirming the City of Montrose's Support for State Capital Investments for a Non-Profit Dental Clinic Co-Located with Other Government Services for Low Income People with Medicaid or No Dental Insurance
- 2. Letter of Support

### 4. OTHER

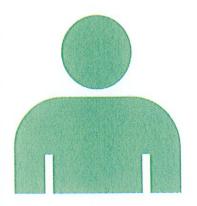
### 5. ADJOURNMENT

### Please maintain social distancing.



Social distancing means keeping

6 feet between yourself and others



For more information on coronavirus (COVID-19), please visit:

www.health.state.mn.us keyword: coronavirus

www.co.wright.mn.us keyword: coronavirus



### Prevent the Spread of COVID-19

Take the same precautions you would to avoid colds and flu.







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**Meeting Date:** 

March 23, 2020

Submitted By:

**Deb Boelter** 

City Clerk-Treasurer

City of CONTROSE MACON It's good to be home.

City Council Request

Subject:

Community Health Emergency

### **ACTION REQUESTED:**

City staff is recommending that the City Council consider the following actions at the Monday, March 23, 2020 Special City Council Meeting:

- 1. Consider adoption of Resolution No. 2020-13 A Resolution Declaring a Community Health Emergency Regarding COVID-19.
- 2. Consider adoption of a Community Health Emergency Leave amendment to the City of Montrose's Personnel Policy.

### **BACKGROUND:**

City staff has done a great deal of research with the League of Minnesota Cities and other surrounding communities to determine both the legal approach and most effective way for the City of Montrose to address the Community Health Emergency created by the COVID-19 coronavirus.

The information being presented to the City Council for their consideration is driven by the immediate presence and potential threat caused by the COVID-19 coronavirus. There are two (2) actions proposed for City Council consideration and the background information for both follows:

1. Resolution No. 2020-13 – A Resolution Declaring a Community Health Emergency Regarding COVID-19

Consider adoption of a Resolution establishing a Community Health Emergency. In a briefing from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), the MDH advised all local communities that they are shifting from a mode of containing COVID-19 to community mitigation of its health impacts. The means acting upon plans to help slow the transmission of the virus ("flatten the curve") and begin operating in a mode to protect and preserve critical services. Wright County has one (1) documented case in the City of Buffalo, Minnesota and confirmed positive tests in surrounding counties; as well as, the number of cases is increasing daily. As a result, the City of Montrose has already shifted into the Community mitigation mode.

Resolution No. 2020-13 is not intended or drafted to pre-empt any status recommendation of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) or MDH; rather, it is a local statement authorizing staff to implement necessary measures of the City's Emergency Plan and authorize use of Community Health Emergence Leave if necessary. At this time, City staff is recommending approval of Resolution No. 2020-13.

2. Community Health Emergency Leave – Amendment to the City's Personnel Policy

Attached is a DRAFT amendment to the City of Montrose's Personnel Policy to provide a framework on how City employees are impacted by changes in service levels, closing of facilities, and the need to continue providing critical services in a Community Health Emergency.

The DRAFT Personnel Policy amendment would provide the following during a declared Community Health Emergency (Resolution No. 2020-13):

- a) Ongoing compensation for employees who are temporarily displaced from performing their work due to service disruptions, facility closure, or other impacts. Compensation would be for all classes of the work force full-time and part-time based on average hours worked over the previous two-month period.
- b) Two (2) weeks paid leave for all employees in all classes during the Community Health Emergency, to be used for quarantine after contact with an infected person, assisting a family member or family members infected and/or if infected himself/herself. This leave is in addition to any sick leave the employee may have or be eligible to use.
- c) Flexibility for employees to work remotely and for employees to perform duties outside of normal work assignment in the event it is needed to meet critical service needs.

Providing this flexibility will allow the City to encourage all employees to stay home when sick, thus protecting other employees. It will also provide the City flexibility needed in the event of employee shortages to have a remotely-working workforce that can be adaptable to the City's needs. Lastly, it will provide ongoing compensation to support the City's employees and retain them during this temporary period; so, that the permanent impacts on the organization are minimal.

At this time, City staff is recommending approval of the amendments to the City's Personnel Policy.

### FINANCIAL/BUDGET:

There is no funding necessary at this time. All positions covered by the Community Health Emergency Leave are funded through the City's annual budget and no increases in expenditures are expected.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- Resolution No. 2020-13
- > DRAFT amendment to the City of Montrose's Personnel Policy regarding Community Health Emergency Leave

### CITY OF MONTROSE COUNTY OF WRIGHT STATE OF MINNESOTA

### A RESOLUTION DECLARING A COMMUNITY HEALTH EMERGENCY REGARDING COVID-19

### RESOLUTION NO. 2020-13

Whereas, the World Health Organization has declared COVID-19 a global pandemic; and

Whereas, the City of Montrose has established a Community Health Emergency Plan that identifies the Center of Disease Control (CDC) and Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) as authorities on community response and management of potential health emergencies; and

Whereas, COVID-19 has been identified by both the CDC and MDH as an outbreak affecting the United States and Minnesota specifically; and

Whereas, the MDH is providing guidance to local communities that the spread of COVID-19 is moving towards community transmission and has defined community mitigation as the emerging response strategy; and

Whereas, the City of Montrose's Community Health Emergency Plan provides a phased response plan that attempts to reduce impacts of health emergencies, such as COVID-19, and maintain critical municipal services during the health emergency phase; and

Whereas, this declaration of a Community Health Emergency provides the City with necessary direction regarding the management of services, personnel, facilities, and implementation of emergency plans.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, the Montrose City Council hereby declares a Community Health Emergency regarding COVID-19, until May 1, 2020, or such date as amended.

Adopted by the Mayor and Council of the City of Montrose, Minnesota, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2020.

Signed:	
Signed.	
Michelle Otto	
Mayor	
City of Montrose	

ATTEST:

Deborah Boelter City Clerk-Treasurer City of Montrose

### **Community Health Emergency Leave**

In the event of a community-wide health emergency accompanied by major contagion risks, the City Council may declare the need to enact a Community Health Emergency Declaration. During the time period the Declaration is in effect, employees shall be eligible for the following additional benefits:

- 1. Up to two weeks paid leave necessary for sickness or self-quarantine resulting from exposure to a person or persons with the illness identified in the Declaration. This paid leave must be approved by a supervisor. In the event of contracting the sickness or self-quarantine due to exposure, the employee shall provide information to his or her supervisor identifying all possible sources of the exposure and justification for the need for self-quarantine.
- 2. This paid leave shall be provided in addition to any standard, accrued sick leave.
- 3. Part-time employees are eligible for this paid leave based on the average hours worked per week over the previous two-month period.
- 4. In the event sickness or self-quarantine necessarily extends beyond the leave authorized by this policy and beyond the time the City Council's Declaration is in effect, the employee may use accrued sick leave and unpaid leave as permitted pursuant to the City's general personnel policies.
- 5. During the time the City Council's Declaration of a Community Health Emergency is in effect, employees shall take all reasonable steps, erring on the side of caution, to report to their supervisor any potential symptoms of the illness specified in the Declaration and self-quarantine as soon as reasonably possible.

In the event, during a declared pandemic leave period, the City elects to close facilities and/or temporarily suspend services, employees may be required to work remotely or not allowed to report to work. During this period, employees not able to work due to closed facilities and/or temporarily suspended services shall continue to receive compensation based on average hours worked per week over the previous two-month period. Employees continuing to receive compensation must be available to work remotely and perform any work assigned by the City, even if such assigned work is outside of the employee's standard scope of work responsibilities.

### CITY OF MONTROSE COUNTY OF WRIGHT STATE OF MINNESOTA

### **RESOLUTION 2020-14**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCE No. 2020-02 AN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 1003-9 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MONTROSE, RELATED TO ADMINISTRATIVE FINES AND ABATEMENTS

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Montrose has determined the publication of the title and a summary of "Ordinance No. 2020-02 AN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 1003-9 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MONTROSE, RELATED TO ADMINISTRATIVE FINES AND ABATEMENTS", finding a summary publication would clearly inform the public of the intent and effect of the Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Minnesota Statues 412.191, Subdivision 4 and M.S. 331A.01, Subd. 10, the City Council may, by a four-fifths vote of its members, direct that only the title of the Ordinance and a summary be published with notice that a printed copy of the Ordinance is available for inspection by any person during regular office hours at the City Offices; and,

WHEREAS, Prior to the publication of the title and summary, the City Council has read and approved the text of the summary and determined that it clearly informs the public of the intent and effect of the Ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Montrose, Minnesota that the title and summary of "Ordinance No. 2020-02 AN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 1003-9 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MONTROSE, RELATED TO ADMINISTRATIVE FINES AND ABATEMENTS" be published with notice that a printed copy of Ordinance No. 2020-02 is available in its entirety for inspection by any person during regular office hours at the City Offices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: the publication shall read as follows:

"On March 9, 2020 the Montrose City Council approved the reading of Ordinance No. 2020-02 AN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 1003-9 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MONTROSE, RELATED TO ADMINISTRATIVE FINES AND ABATEMENTS."

The Ordinance, in its entirety is available for review and/or photocopying during regular office hours at the City of Montrose Offices, 311 Buffalo Avenue South, Montrose Minnesota.

Ordinance No. 2020-02 shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage (March 9, 2020) and this summary publication according to law."

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly made by Council Member and seconded by Council Member and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor:

And the following voted against the same:

Whereupon said Resolution was declared duly passed and adopted this 23rd day of March, 202	
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	Michelle Otto Mayor
	City of Montrose
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ATTEST:	
D.L. I.D.D. I.	
Deborah R. Boelter City Clerk-Treasurer City of Montrose	

### CITY OF MONTROSE COUNTY OF WRIGHT STATE OF MINNESOTA

### **RESOLUTION 2020-15**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCE N₀. 2020-03 AN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO CHAPTERS 10, GENERAL PENALTY, AND 25, ADMINISTRATIVE ENFORCEMENT, OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF MONTROSE

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Montrose has determined the publication of the title and a summary of "Ordinance No. 2020-03 AN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO CHAPTERS 10, GENERAL PENALTY, AND 25, ADMINISTRATIVE ENFORCEMENT, OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF MONTROSE", finding a summary publication would clearly inform the public of the intent and effect of the Ordinance; and

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Montrose, Minnesota that the title and summary of "Ordinance No. 2020-03 AN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO CHAPTERS 10, GENERAL PENALTY, AND 25, ADMINISTRATIVE ENFORCEMENT, OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF MONTROSE" be published with notice that a printed copy of Ordinance No. 2020-03 is available in its entirety for inspection by any person during regular office hours at the City Offices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: the publication shall read as follows:

"On March 9, 2020 the Montrose City Council approved the reading of Ordinance No. 2020-03 AN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO CHAPTERS 10, GENERAL PENALTY, AND 25, ADMINISTRATIVE ENFORCEMENT, OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF MONTROSE."

The Ordinance, in its entirety is available for review and/or photocopying during regular office hours at the City of Montrose Offices, 311 Buffalo Avenue South, Montrose Minnesota.

Ordinance No. 2020-03 shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage (March 9, 2020) and this summary publication according to law."

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly made by Council Member and seconded by Council Member and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor:

And the following voted against the same:

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	Michelle Otto
	Mayor
	City of Montrose
ATTEST:	
Deborah R. Boelter	
City Clerk-Treasurer	
City of Montrose	

Meeting Date:

March 23, 2020

Submitted By:

**Deb Boelter** 

City Clerk-Treasurer



### City Council Request

Subject:

Administrative Assistant – Letter of Understanding

### **ACTION REQUESTED:**

City staff is recommending that the City Council consider the following action at the Monday, March 23, 2020 *Special City Council Meeting*:

1. Consider adoption of the Letter of Understanding for the City's Administrative Assistant, Ms. Heidi Dahlin.

### **BACKGROUND:**

On January 1, 2020, the City of Montrose's Administrative Assistant, Ms. Heidi Dahlin, moved from a part-time work schedule of twenty-four (24) hours per week to thirty-two (32) hours per week. This increase in hours allowed Ms. Dahlin to become a part of the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 49.

The contract for the employees of the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 49 is in effect until December 31, 2020. To include Ms. Dahlin in the current contract, a Letter of Understanding (LOU) was prepared by the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 49 Representative, Mr. Chris Chantry under the direction of the Personnel Committee, Mayor Michelle Otto and Council Member Tom Marszalek.

The LOU includes the following conditions:

- 1. The job classification of Administrative Assistant will be inlouded in the recognized bargaining unit of the Agreement;
- 2. The Administrative Assistant wage range will be a minimum of \$17.00 to a maximum of \$25.00;
- 3. All terms and conditions of the Agreement will apply to the Administrative Assistant classification;
- 4. During contract negotiations the City and Union agree to incorporate the applicable provisions of this LOU into the Agreement;
- 5. Employee Heidi Dahlin is the current Administrative Assistant;
- 6. Ms. Dahlin's wage will be \$17.41;
- 7. Ms. Dahlin's hours will be 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Friday for a total of thirty-two (32) hours a week;
- 8. All other terms and conditions of the Agreement will apply to Ms. Dahlin.

The LOU has been reviewed and approved by the City of Montrose's Personnel Attorney, Mr. Soren Mattick.

At this time, City staff is recommending approval of the Letter of Understanding for Ms. Heidi Dahlin.

### FINANCIAL/BUDGET:

Ms. Dahlin's increase to \$17.41 per hour will be effective April 1, 2020.

There is no additional funding necessary. Ms. Dahlin's wage was budgeted in the year 2020 Budget at a rate of forty (40) hours per week from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

Since Ms. Dahlin is only working thirty-two (32) hours per week, the year 2020 Budget supports the increase to \$17.41 per hour and will also see a savings to the Budget.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

> Letter of Understanding – Administrative Assistant Position, Ms. Heidi Dahlin

### Letter of Understanding Between The City of Montrose And

### The International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 49

WHEREAS, the City of Montrose ("City") and the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 49 ("Union") are parties to a Collective Bargaining Agreement ("Agreement") in effect from April 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, this Letter of Understanding ("LOU") is intended to address the job classification of Administrative Assistant and employee Heidi Dahlin; and

WHEREAS, the Union and City wish to include the job classification of Administrative Assistant in the recognized Union bargaining unit covered by all terms and conditions of the Agreement, unless modified by this LOU; and

WHEREAS, the City and Union wish to recognize that Ms. Dahlin is the Administrative Assistant subject to certain terms and conditions of employment as outlined below; and

WHEREAS, this LOU will be effective March 9, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND STIPULATED that the parties mutually agree as follows:

- 1. The job classification of Administrative Assistant will be inleuded in the recognized bargaining unit of the Agreement;
- 2. The Administrative Assistant wage range will be a minimum of \$17.00 to a maximum of \$25.00;
- 3. All terms and conditions of the Agreement will apply to the Administrative Assistant classification;
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- 8. All other terms and conditions of the Agreement will apply to Ms. Dahlin.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on March , 2020

Christopher Chantry	Michelle Otto	
Area Business Representative	Mayor	
International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 49	City of Montrose	



### LIABILITY COVERAGE - WAIVER FORM

Members who obtain liability coverage through the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust (LMCIT) must complete and return this form to LMCIT before the member's effective date of coverage. Return completed form to your underwriter or email to pstech@lmc.org.

The decision to waive or not waive the statutory tort limits must be made annually by the member's governing body, in consultation with its attorney if necessary.

Members who obtain liability coverage from LMCIT must decide whether to waive the statutory tort liability limits to the extent of the coverage purchased. The decision has the following effects:

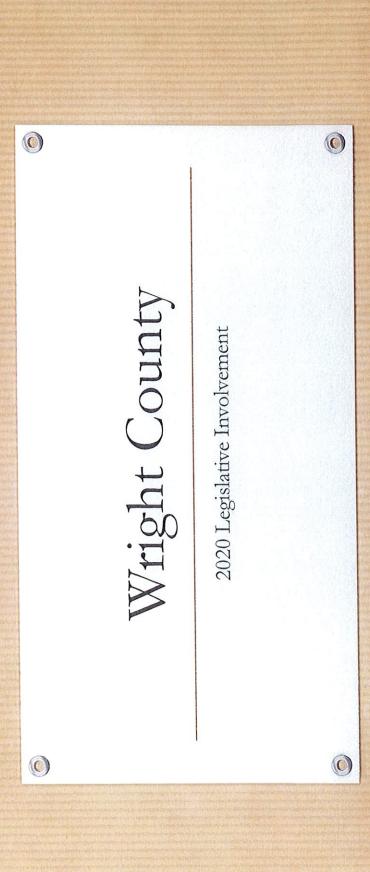
- If the member does not waive the statutory tort limits, an individual claimant could recover no more than \$500,000 on any claim to which the statutory tort limits apply. The total all claimants could recover for a single occurrence to which the statutory tort limits apply would be limited to \$1,500,000. These statutory tort limits would apply regardless of whether the member purchases the optional LMCIT excess liability coverage.
- If the member waives the statutory tort limits and does not purchase excess liability coverage, a single claimant could recover up to \$2,000,000 for a single occurrence (under the waive option, the tort cap liability limits are only waived to the extent of the member's liability coverage limits, and the LMCIT per occurrence limit is \$2,000,000). The total all claimants could recover for a single occurrence to which the statutory tort limits apply would also be limited to \$2,000,000, regardless of the number of claimants.
- If the member waives the statutory tort limits and purchases excess liability coverage, a single claimant could potentially recover an amount up to the limit of the coverage purchased. The total all claimants could recover for a single occurrence to which the statutory tort limits apply would also be limited to the amount of coverage purchased, regardless of the number of claimants.

Claims to which the statutory municipal tort limits do not apply are not affected by this decision.

TF: (800) 925-1122

FX: (651) 281-1298 www.lmc.org

	LMCIT Member Name: CITY OF MONTROSE
	Check one:
X	The member <b>DOES NOT WAIVE</b> the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by Minn Stat. § 466.04.
	The member WAIVES the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by Minn. Stat. § 466.04, to the extent of the limits of the liability coverage obtained from LMCIT.
	Date of member's governing body meeting: MARCH 23, 2020
	Signature:Position:



## Dental Center Bonding

Requested \$2 million in capital investment funds to assist Wright County in constructing a dental care facility.

Dental facility would be located in lower level of New Government Center which is under construction.

Bills were introduced in February. HF 3644 / SF 3442





# Dental Conditions in Wright County

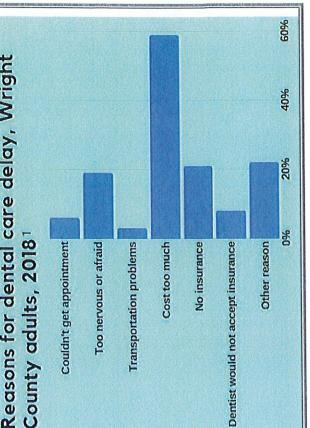
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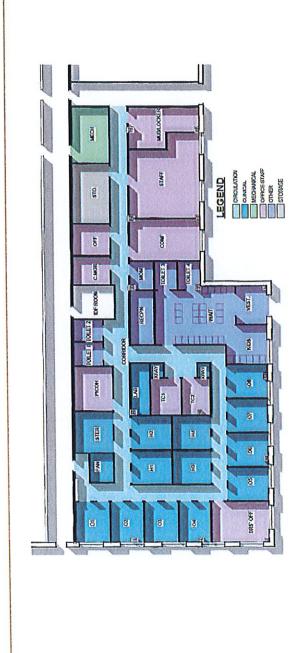
- 15,000 residents in Wright County receive their health insurance through medical assistance.
- accept patients insured through Minnesota health care programs when last 36 dentists are located in and provide care to residents in Wright County, two surveyed.
- 84% of dental providers in Wight County stated that the biggest barrier to accepting clients who have medical assistance was inadequate funding and/ or compensation for service.





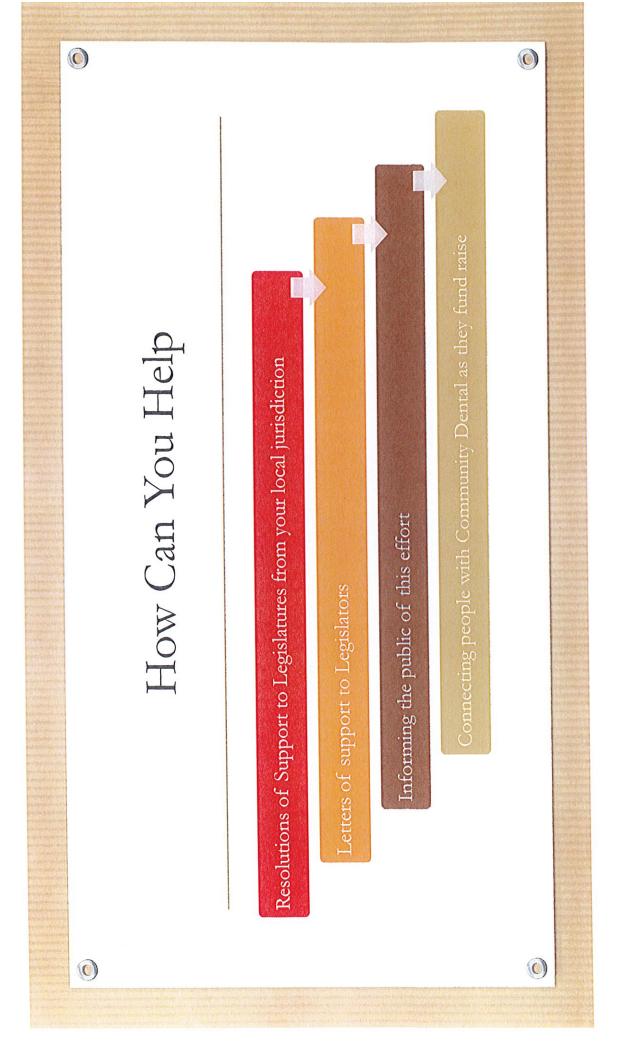


### What is the plan









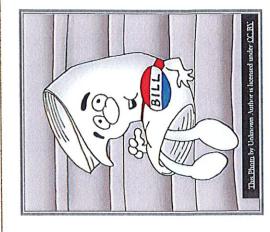
### DMV Legislation

- County has taken efforts to support legislation to delegate road testing authority to counties.
- Current law allows only state testing facilities to administer road test.
- Wait times currently for the next available appointment are 4 to 5 months out.
- Legislation was introduced in the House and Senate Under HF 3300 SF 3036.



## Other Legislative Initiatives

- Working toward creating an understanding between public waters and county drainage systems to better control water related issues.
- Staying vigilant on legislation that may affect state assessed properties in the county.
- Supporting legislation that maintains and effectively funds HHS services that have shifted to local tax payers over the years.







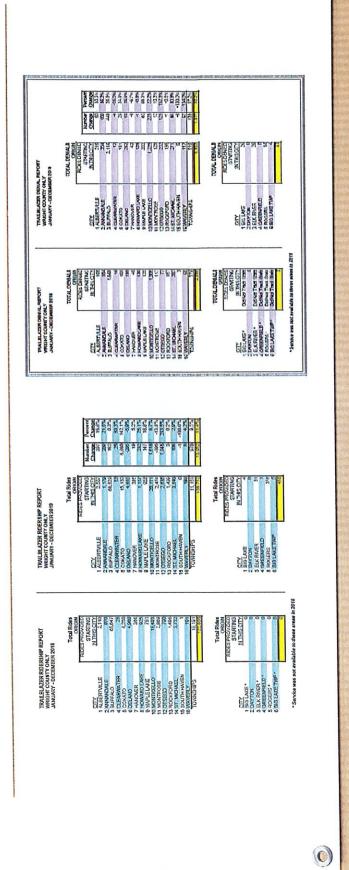
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## Ridership Report 2019

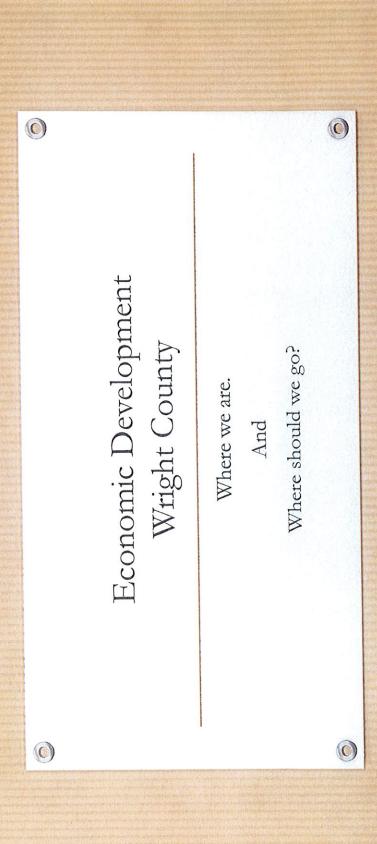


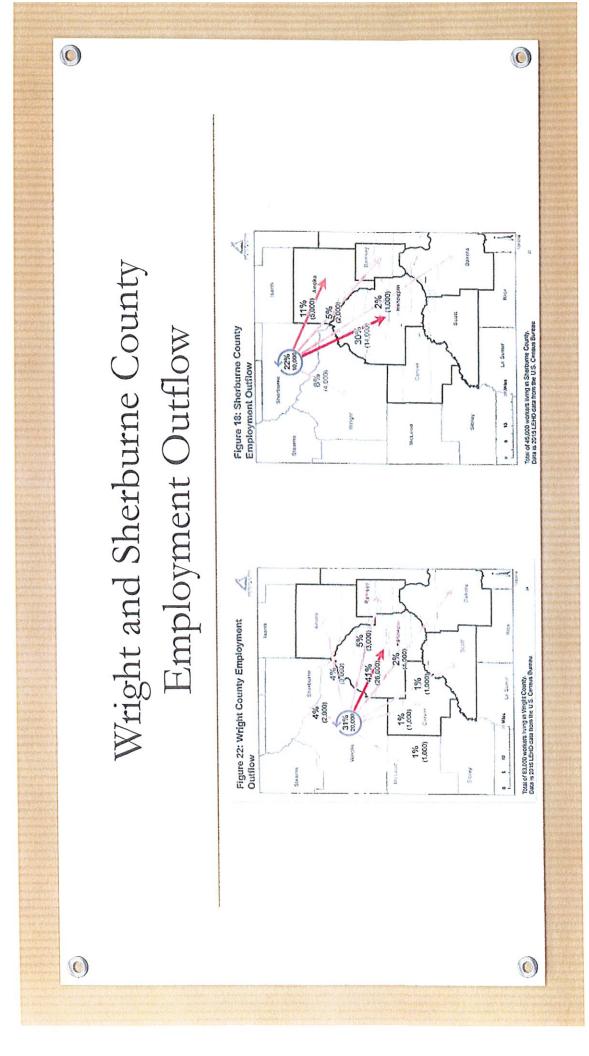


# Ridership and Denials Wright County

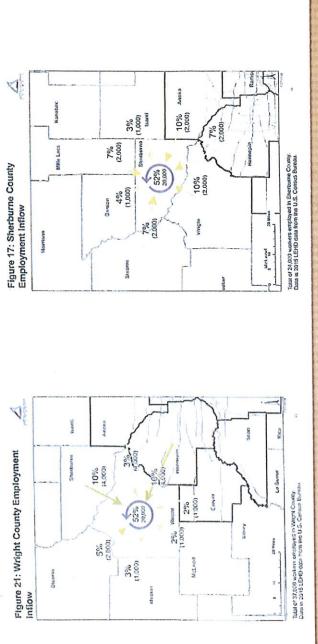








### Wright and Sherburne County Employment Inflow







# What Options Does the County Have?

### **HRA Statutory Powers**

- Buy and sell property
- Issue bonds
- Make loans and grants for housing and redevelopment
- Carry out federal housing programs
- Construct and own housing
- Utilize tax increment financing (TIF)
- Levy property tax as separate entity

### **EDA Statutory Powers**

- EDAs can operate with all HRA powers, plus:
- Clearer authority for economic development
  - More flexibility on loans
- May act as limited partner in projects
   Authority to establish Development Districts & Economic Development Districts
- Many counties that started with HRAs took action in the 2000s to enhance their HRA with EDA powers.
- And then several sought legislative approval to rename their HRAs as Community Development Agencies (CDAs).





## Where Do We Go From Here

## Potential Next Steps on Economic Development

- Start with what you are trying to accomplish in terms of types of new development, business retention and expansion, tax base diversification and growth, local employment, etc.
- Define future role of Wright County Economic Development Partnership vs. potential new Economic Development Authority, and/or another form of public development agency.
- Define whether and when "County" will participate with local partners, vs. direct with developers and process for deciding.
- Identify development tools "County" will consider using e.g. TIF, Abatement, Grants, Loans...Dev Staff funded by EDA Levy?
- Define standardized process by which "County" will receive, evaluate, negotiate, and approve <u>all</u> participation proposals.

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### CITY OF MONTROSE COUNTY OF WRIGHT STATE OF MINNESOTA

### A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE CITY OF MONTROSE'S SUPPORT FOR STATE CAPITAL INVESTMENTS FOR A NON-PROFIT DENTAL CLINIC CO-LOCATED WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT SERVICES FOR LOW INCOME PEOPLE WITH MEDICAID OR NO DENTAL INSURANCE

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2020-16**

WHEREAS, the Wright County Public Health Task Force has identified dental care as a top public health priority for Wright County and the surrounding region; and

WHEREAS, approximately 14,000 low income Wright County residents and 55,000 residents of surrounding counties receive their health insurance through Medical Assistance; and

WHEREAS, Wright County's dental health system does not have the capacity to adequately serve low income patients due in part to low reimbursement rates, lack of available providers, and sporadic availability of non-profit services; and

WHEREAS, a year 2018 community health survey found that 24% of respondents had delayed or not received needed dental care, with affordability and/or insurance coverage being cited as key contributing factors; and

WHEREAS, individuals with untreated dental disease can experience a range of poor outcomes including serious infection and pain, overuse of antibiotics and pain medication, increased complications associated with other chronic diseases including diabetes and cardiac disease, missed work and school, and financial duress; and

WHEREAS, the gaps in the dental health system are not only damaging to individuals and their families, but also result in an inefficient use health care through increased use of emergency room care and serious complications of chronic disease; and

WHEREAS, 1,800 patients visited the emergency rooms in Buffalo and Monticello between the years 2015-2018; and

WHEREAS, Wright County has an opportunity to improve access to dental care for low income individuals in the Central Minnesota region through its investment in new permanent dental home run by Community Dental Care; and

WHEREAS, Wright County is partnering with Community Dental Care to operate a 6,200 square foot, 12 operatory dental clinic that will serve an estimated 7,000 patients a year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** the Mayor and Council of the City of Montrose supports state capital investments of \$2,000,000 for the build out of a non-profit dental clinic co-located in Wright County's new Government Center.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, upon passage, this Resolution be forwarded to the Governor, the Commissioner of Minnesota Management and Budget, the Chairs and Ranking Minority Members of the

Senate Capital Investment Committee, the House Capital Investment Division, and to the member	ers of
the State Legislature representing Wright County.	

Adopted by the Mayor and Council of the City of Montrose, Minnesota, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2020.

Signed:	
, <del></del> .	Michelle Otto
	Mayor
	City of Montrose

ATTEST:

Deborah Boelter City Clerk-Treasurer City of Montrose March 23, 2020

Dear Wright County Commissioners,

On behalf of the City of Montrose Council, I write to support a state capital investment of \$2,000,000 for the development of a non-profit dental clinic. We are in strong favor of increasing access to dental services for those who are low-income, on Medicaid or have no dental insurance. This clinic, to be co-located in the new Wright County Government Center, will provide vital health services to historically underserved populations in Central Minnesota. Many people will finally have a dental home.

Wright County and Community Dental Care have developed a strong partnership and are prepared to effectively and efficiently operate this clinic.

As an organization which supports the welfare, health and betterment of the Montrose Community's residents, we believe a non-profit dental clinic would provide necessary and beneficial services for those in need.

Additionally, we understand that dental care is identified as a priority health issue in the Wright County Health Needs Assessment (2020-2022):

- Between 2015 and 2018, over 1,800 patients visited the emergency departments in Buffalo and Monticello for dental issues
- 14,000 residents in Wright County receive their health insurance through medical assistance (Stearns: 24,000, Sherburne: 10,000, Carver: 7,600, Benton: 6,300, McCleod: 4,500, Meeker: 3,100)
- 33 dentists are located in and provide care to residents in Wright County; two accept patients insured through Minnesota Health Care Programs

We look forward to working with you and continuing to support local efforts to improve dental care access for low income individuals across Central Minnesota.

Sincerely,

Michelle Otto Mayor City of Montrose