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June 9, 2015

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Dee F. Bruemmer, County Administrator

RE: Discussion of Urban County Coalition Memorandum of Agreement

The Scott County Board of Supervisors has been part of the Urban County Coalition since 2011. Last year Dubuque County joined us with Linn, Blackhawk and Johnson County. The attached agreement which normally renews automatically each year has been updated to recognize Dubuque County as a partnering county.

All of the other terms of the agreement have remained the same including the cost of \$20,000 per county. This item is budgeted in the FY16 budget.

## MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

This Memorandum of Agreement ("Agreement"), is made and entered into by and between Black Hawk County, Iowa; Dubuque County, Iowa; Johnson County, Iowa; Linn County, Iowa; and Scott County, Iowa (the "Counties") to serve as a voluntary agreement to jointly develop, communicate and advocate for issues of mutual interest to the General Assembly, Executive Branch of the State of Iowa and other appropriate agencies, departments and organizations and to collaborate on strategic planning to jointly develop regional solutions to issues of mutual interest.

### RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Counties are governmental jurisdictions vested with the authority to exercise any power and perform any function deemed appropriate to protect and preserve the rights, privileges, and property of their respective counties and residents, and to preserve and improve the peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort and convenience of their respective residents; and,

WHEREAS, the Counties acknowledge and agree that developing, communicating and advocating for the interests of their respective counties and residents and engaging in collaborative strategic planning to jointly develop regional solutions to issues of mutual interest is appropriate and prudent and will further and enhance their respective functions; and,

WHEREAS, the Counties agree they have mutual interest in issues deliberated on and regulated by the General Assembly, Executive Branch of the State of Iowa, and other agencies, departments and organizations; and,

WHEREAS, the Counties desire to voluntarily collaborate on developing and advocating for issues of mutual interest and to collaborate on strategic planning to jointly develop regional solutions to issues of mutual interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Counties hereby agree as follows:

1. The Counties will continue as members of the Urban County Coalition ("Coalition").
2. Linn County will serve as the "lead agency" for the purpose of providing a legal entity for entering into any contracts or agreements for the benefit of the Coalition and will serve as the fiscal agent for the Coalition.
3. Linn County agrees to include in its contract with L&L Murphy Associates and Grant Consulting, LLC a section stating that L&L Murphy Associates and Grant Consulting, LLC will assist Linn County in maintaining the Coalition and will coordinate the activity of said organization.
4. Black Hawk, Johnson, Linn and Scott Counties will each appoint two members of their Board of Supervisors, and Dubuque County will appoint one member of its Board of Supervisors, to participate on the Coalition Steering Committee for the purpose of planning strategies and making recommendations for the operation of the Coalition, subject to the direction of their respective Boards of Supervisors.
5. Each County will designate a staff member to help facilitate the operation of the Coalition.

6. Each County will authorize signature by its chairperson to this Memorandum and authorize payment of \$20,000 in Fiscal Year 2016 and subsequent fiscal years for continued membership in the Coalition. Linn County agrees to provide monthly statements of membership dues owing and each County agrees to pay Linn County its membership dues within 30 days of receipt of a statement.

7. This Agreement is effective on the latest date of the signatures below and will automatically renew for subsequent one-year periods coinciding with the fiscal year unless a County, prior to the end of a current fiscal year, provides at least 30 (thirty) days written notice to the other Counties of its decision to withdraw from the Coalition.

8. This Agreement may be modified at any time by written agreement of the Counties.

9. Nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted to limit or otherwise affect any authorities, powers, rights or privileges of the individual Counties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Black Hawk County, Dubuque County, Johnson County, Linn County and Scott County have executed this Agreement on the dates set forth below:

BLACK HAWK COUNTY

by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair, Board of Supervisors

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

DUBUQUE COUNTY

by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair, Board of Supervisors

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

JOHNSON COUNTY

by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair, Board of Supervisors

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

LINN COUNTY

by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair, Board of Supervisors

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

SCOTT COUNTY

by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair, Board of Supervisors

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

THE COUNTY AUDITOR'S SIGNATURE CERTIFIES  
THAT THIS RESOLUTION HAS BEEN FORMALLY  
APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

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SCOTT COUNTY AUDITOR

## R E S O L U T I O N

### SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

June 18, 2015

#### RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN A RENEWAL FOR MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR THE URBAN COUNTY COALITION AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR MEMBERSHIP

BE IT RESOLVED BY the Scott County Board of Supervisors as follows:

Section 1. That a Memorandum of Agreement was approved in January 2012 forming the Urban County Coalition and setting forth the participating Counties, duties and membership payment.

Section 2. That Dubuque County has joined the Urban County Coalition and is recognized in the 2015 Memorandum of Agreement as a member.

Section 3. That the Board of Supervisors authorizes the Board Chairman to sign the agreement and authorizes payment.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.