

**URBAN COUNTY COALITION
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 develop, communicate, and advocate jointly for issues of common interest to the Iowa Legislature, the executive branch of the State of Iowa, and other appropriate agencies, departments, and organizations, and to collaborate on strategic planning for the joint development of regional solutions to issues of common 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 common interest is appropriate and prudent and will further and enhance their respective functions; and

WHEREAS, the Counties agree they have common interest in issues deliberated on and regulated by the Iowa Legislature, the executive branch of the State of Iowa, and other agencies, departments, and organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Counties desire voluntarily to collaborate on developing and advocating for issues of common interest and to collaborate on strategic planning to jointly develop regional solutions to issues of common 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, and Scott Counties will each appoint two members of their Board of Supervisors, and Dubuque and Linn Counties will each appoint one member of their 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 Agreement and authorize the payment of \$25,000 in Fiscal Year 2024 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: _____
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Date: _____

LINN COUNTY

By: Louis J Zumbach
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Date: 5-24-23

DUBUQUE COUNTY

By: _____
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Date: _____

SCOTT COUNTY

By: _____
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Date: _____

JOHNSON COUNTY

By: _____
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Date: _____

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

DATE

SCOTT COUNTY AUDITOR

R E S O L U T I O N

SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

June 8, 2023

A Resolution authorizing the Chairman to sign a Memorandum of Agreement for the Urban County Coalition and Authorizing payment in Fiscal Year 2024 for Membership

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

Section 1. Whereas, the Scott County Board of Supervisors has previously discussed and approved board participation in the Urban County Coalition, and

Section 2. Whereas, the Memorandum of Agreement forming the Coalition sets forth the participating Counties, duties and membership payment.

Section 3. Therefore the Board of Supervisors authorizes the Board Chairman to sign the agreement and authorizes the FY 2024 payment.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.