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TO: Goodhue County Board of Commissioners

FROM: Sheriff Marty Kelly

DATE: May 11, 2026

RE: U.S. DHS Port Security Grant Program Application Authorization

SUMMARY
The Goodhue County Sheriff's Office respectfully requests authorization to apply for the FY2026 Port Security Grant. For this funding cycle, the Sheriff's Office proposes the following two projects to enhance operational readiness and infrastructure:

- **Sheriff's Shed Insulation and Heating Project** (located at Goodhue County Public Works) - Total project cost: $227,700
  - Grant funding is expected to cover 75% of the total cost ($170,775).
  - The required 25% local match ($56,925) is identified within the 2027 Capital Plan.
- **AXS Dispatch Radio Consoles (5 units)** - Total project cost: $378,700
  - Grant funding is expected to cover 75% of the total cost ($284,025).
  - The required 25% match ($94,675) will be funded through E911 grant resources.

If approval is received from the County Board and the Department of Homeland Security, these projects would be completed and funded in 2027.

Approval to proceed with this application will allow the Sheriff's Office to pursue significant external funding to support critical infrastructure improvements and communications upgrades while minimizing the County's financial obligation.

BACKGROUND

AXS Dispatch Radio Consoles

The funding for this project will be used to support replacement of the current Motorola MCC7500 dispatch radio consoles with the next-generation Motorola CommandCentral AXS platform. While this replacement is currently being planned for the 2029–2031 timeframe, the system can be migrated sooner if grant funding is awarded. This project supports the program's long-standing focus on strengthening port-wide risk management, protecting critical maritime transportation infrastructure, and improving coordinated response

capabilities along the Mississippi River corridor. If awarded, the grant would reduce the local financial impact of this necessary communications infrastructure upgrade while improving interoperability, operational resilience, cybersecurity, and continuity of emergency communications and response. Once upgraded, the consoles are expected to be covered for approximately 15+ years under MnDOT's ARMER System Upgrade Agreement, extending the value of the investment and reducing future lifecycle costs. Any maintenance-related expenses will be covered under existing contracts.

Sheriff's Shed Insulation and Heating Project

The funding for this project will be used to support insulation and HVAC improvements to the Emergency Services Building, which houses critical port security and emergency response assets. This facility supports the Sheriff's Office's responsibility to maintain operational readiness for incidents along the Mississippi River corridor, including maritime security events, hazardous materials incidents, mutual aid response, and protection of critical infrastructure. The current lack of environmental control creates long-term risk to specialized equipment, electronics, batteries, communications assets, and other deployable resources that must remain reliable and ready for immediate use. Only heating is required for this building, as it remains sufficiently cool during the summer months. The ventilation system effectively circulates air throughout the building, maintaining comfortable environmental conditions without the need for additional cooling. This project supports the Port Security Grant Program's focus on strengthening port-wide risk management, protecting critical maritime transportation infrastructure, and sustaining core response capabilities. If awarded, the grant would reduce the local financial impact of needed facility improvements while helping ensure the Sheriff's Office can properly protect, maintain, and deploy federally supported port security assets when needed. The annual expense associated with this project is the utility expense of electricity and gas, which will be included in the Sheriff's Office operating budget, and projected to be less than $5,500 annually. The ventilation system sensor will need to be replaced in 7-10 years for an estimated amount of $5,000 and the heating system will need to be replaced in 20 years with an estimated amount of $25,000.

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of the Sheriff that the County Board approve the FY2026 Port Security Grant application and authorize the projects listed above, contingent upon funding approval.