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To: Honorable Goodhue County Commissioners
From: Sheriff Marty Kelly
Re: Donation
Date: 11-17-2026

Dear Honorable Goodhue County Commissioners,

I am writing to provide information regarding a potential donation of $525,000 from Google to support public safety needs within our county.

We were contacted by Google regarding a potential donation and asked whether there were areas of public safety where additional financial support would be beneficial. In response, we worked collaboratively as a team to identify and prioritize critical public safety needs and develop a list of projects and equipment that would provide meaningful, long-term benefits to our operations.

One of the identified priorities is to upgrade field equipment for licensed peace officers to support their operational needs, enhance their capabilities, and ensure they have the necessary tools to carry out their duties safely and effectively. We intend to follow applicable county purchasing policies and procurement requirements. Equipment selections would be based on operational needs, compatibility, quality, cost-effectiveness, and overall value to the county.

One of the most significant aspects of this opportunity is that the proposed donation has been presented as a no-strings-attached contribution, with no specified obligations or expectations tied to the funding. This would provide our office with the flexibility to direct the funds toward identified public safety priorities based on operational needs and the best interests of the communities we serve.

If accepted, this donation would provide a significant opportunity to address these priorities while reducing the financial impact on our future capital improvement budget. Based on our initial assessment, the funding could positively affect our capital improvement plan for the next ten years by allowing us to address identified needs now without relying solely on county funding.

We view this as an opportunity to be proactive in meeting our public safety responsibilities, improving our capabilities, and making responsible use of an outside funding source. This contribution would allow us to advance important priorities while preserving county resources for other essential needs and future projects.

We appreciate Google's willingness to invest in public safety and recognize the potential value this contribution could bring to our county and the residents we serve. We respectfully ask the County Board to consider accepting this donation and supporting the proposed use of these funds for the identified public safety priorities.

Thank you for your consideration and continued support of public safety in our county.

In service,

Sheriff Marty Kelly

GOODHUE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A $525,000 DONATION FROM GOOGLE FOR GOODHUE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PUBLIC SAFETY EQUIPMENT AND ESTABLISHING CONDITIONS FOR ACCEPTANCE AND USE OF FUNDS

WHEREAS, Goodhue County Sheriff Marty Kelly has advised the Goodhue County Board of Commissioners of a proposed donation of $525,000 from Google to support public safety needs within Goodhue County; and

WHEREAS, the Goodhue County Sheriff's Office has identified and prioritized public safety needs, including upgrades to field equipment used by licensed peace officers to support their operational responsibilities, enhance capabilities, and promote the safety and effectiveness of law enforcement operations; and

WHEREAS, the proposed donation has been presented as a contribution without specified obligations or expectations in exchange for the donation; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to ensure that acceptance and use of the donation serve the public interest, comply with applicable laws and County policies, and do not create an actual or perceived obligation to the donor; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, section 465.03, authorizes counties to accept gifts for the benefit of their citizens and requires acceptance by resolution adopted by a two-thirds majority of the governing body's members, with the terms of acceptance fully expressed in the resolution; and

WHEREAS, the County intends to maintain its independent judgment in all procurement, contracting, regulatory, planning, and other governmental decisions involving Google or any affiliated entity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Goodhue County Board of Commissioners as follows:

1. **Acceptance of Donation.** The County Board accepts the proposed donation of $525,000 from Google, subject to the terms and conditions stated in this resolution and completion of any required documentation.
2. **Specific Purpose and Authorized Use.** The donation shall be used exclusively to purchase and implement approved public safety equipment and related items for the Goodhue County Sheriff's Office. All expenditures shall be consistent with the approved purpose and subject to applicable County budget, purchasing, procurement, and financial management requirements.
3. **Compliance with Minnesota Law.** The donation is accepted pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 465.03, and shall be administered in accordance with applicable state law, County policies, and the terms of this resolution.
4. **No County Endorsement.** Acceptance or use of the donation does not constitute, and shall not be represented as, an express or implied endorsement by Goodhue County, the County Board, the Sheriff's Office, or any County official or employee of Google, its affiliates, or any of their products or services.
5. **Restrictions on Donor Representations.** Google shall not use the donation, the County's acceptance of the donation, or the County's use of the funds to state or imply that Goodhue

County endorses Google, its affiliates, or their products or services. Any public announcement or reference to the donation shall not suggest County endorsement or preferential treatment.

6. **Independent Acceptance.** The County accepts the donation independently of any ongoing negotiations, discussions, proposals, applications, procurement activities, contracts, or other business dealings involving Google or its affiliates. Acceptance of the donation shall not be conditioned on, or exchanged for, any County action or decision.
7. **No Influence on County Decisions.** Acceptance of the donation does not and shall not influence any County decision concerning current or future projects, proposals, land use matters, permits, approvals, contracts, procurements, regulatory matters, or other governmental actions involving Google or its affiliates. All such matters shall be considered independently and in accordance with applicable law, established procedures, and the public interest.
8. **Procurement and Equipment Selection.** Equipment selections and purchases shall be based on documented operational needs, compatibility, quality, cost-effectiveness, and overall value to the County. The County shall follow all applicable competitive bidding requirements, purchasing policies, and procurement procedures. Acceptance of the donation shall not require the County to purchase or use any particular Google product or service.
9. **No Additional Obligations.** The donation shall not create any obligation for the County to provide advertising, publicity, access, preferential treatment, data, services, or other consideration to Google, except for any acknowledgment required by law or separately authorized in writing by the County in a manner consistent with this resolution.
10. **Administration and Accountability.** The Sheriff, in coordination with the County Administrator, Finance Department, and other appropriate County personnel, is authorized to coordinate the receipt and administration of the donation and implement the approved expenditures, subject to this resolution and applicable County policies. The County shall maintain appropriate records of the receipt and expenditure of the funds.
11. **Effective Date and Required Vote.** This resolution shall take effect upon adoption by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members of the Goodhue County Board of Commissioners, as required by Minnesota Statutes, section 465.03.

Adopted by the Goodhue County Board of Commissioners this _____ day of _____, 2026.

GOODHUE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Chair, Goodhue County Board of Commissioners

Attest: _____
County Administrator or Authorized County Official