



BLUE EARTH COUNTY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD WORK SESSION AGENDA
MAY 7, 2019

*Work Session will immediately follow the County Board Meeting and will be held in the Fireplace Room, Historic Courthouse

1. Housing Update (1)
Ms. Kristin Prosocki, Housing and Economic Development Director
Ms. Nancy Bokelmann, Housing Coordinator
2. Library Update
Ms. Kelly McBride, Library Director
3. Administrative Services
Mr. Robert Meyer, County Administrator
 - Departmental Reorganization
 - Government Center Project Update
 - Budget Update
 - Set Next Work Session Date
 - Other

12:30 P.M. Boulder Tap House, Mankato
Public Invited to Attend



To: Blue Earth County Board

From: Kristin Prosocki, Associate Director – Housing and Economic Development

Date: May 7, 2019

Re: Housing Updates

Housing staff will update the Blue Earth County Board about the following topics during the May 7, 2019 work session.

Bridges Program Renewal – Minnesota Housing has granted continued funding for 14 Bridges vouchers for Blue Earth County. A contract and resolution will come before the County Board during the May 21, 2019 meeting.

Gateway project – The Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership will be submitting a tax credit application in June for the Gateway project, located at 221 Lamm Street in Mankato. The proposed project contains 80 units of affordable housing, including 30 supportive units, as well as a 10,000 square foot daycare center. The County Board will be asked to consider a \$50,000 no interest, deferred loan at the May 21, 2019 Board meeting.

Asset Repositioning – Staff will provide an update regarding recently released guidance from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that provides options related to the repositioning of public housing assets. Generally speaking, this would change the funding source for housing units operated by Blue Earth County. Staff is recommending the use of a consultant to provide technical assistance to evaluate the options.

Housing Study – Staff will provide information regarding a housing study for Blue Earth County (not including the City of Mankato), including the cost and value of a study, for County Board discussion.