

**BLUE EARTH COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
May 19, 2020**

A Blue Earth County Economic Development Authority was held on May 19, 2020 at 10:10 AM in the Boardroom, Blue Earth County Courthouse.

Attending were Commissioners Kip Bruender, Colleen Landkamer, Vance Stuehrenberg, Mark Piepho and Will Purvis, and Executive Director Robert Meyer.

The meeting was called to order.

Commissioner Purvis moved and Commissioner Piepho seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried. EDA20-05

Commissioner Landkamer moved and Commissioner Piepho seconded the motion to approve the January 7, 2020 Economic Development Authority minutes. The motion carried. EDA20-06

Ms. Nancy Bokelmann, Housing Coordinator, presented the following item to the Authority:

Commissioner Landkamer moved and Commissioner Piepho seconded the motion to approve the following resolution:

**Resolution Implementing COVID-19 Statutory and Regulatory Waivers for the
Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Programs**

WHEREAS, the Blue Earth County Economic Development Authority administers the Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Programs authorized and funded through the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

WHEREAS, the COVID -19 pandemic presents significant challenges for HUD and the EDA to carry out the fundamental mission to provide decent, safe and sanitary affordable housing for low-income families. The EDA operations have been severely impacted to comply with critically important advisories and directives from public health professionals that include social distancing and other preventative practices in order to slow the spread of COVID-19 and reduce the risk of exposure; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the authority provided under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security(CARES) Act (Public Law 116-136), and HUD Notice PIH 2020-05 - COVID-19 Statutory and Regulatory Waivers for the Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Programs, HUD provides waiver options and alternative requirements for numerous statutory and regulatory program requirements. These waivers provide administrative flexibilities and relief to the EDA in response to the COVID -19 national emergency, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Blue Earth County Economic Development Authority hereby approves implementation of the waivers for its Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Programs as attached and part of this resolution.

The motion carried. EDA20-07

Commissioner Purvis moved and Commissioner Bruender seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 AM. The motion carried. EDA20-08

Vance Stuehrenberg, Board Chair

Robert W Meyer, County Administrator