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MEMO

TO: County Commission

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Date: April 14, 2023

Subject: Robert D. Johnson Building

Updates have been provided at the last several Cass County Building Commission meetings about ongoing discussions between Cass County and the Fargo Parks Districts about potential County acquisition of the Parks District-owned Robert D. Johnson Building located at 1104 2nd Avenue S. immediately to the west of the Annex Parking Lot.

Most recently Commissioners Peterson and Scherling, along with Robert Wilson, Assistant Administrator Tracy Peters and Finance Director Brandy Madrigga met with Parks Districts representatives on Monday, April 11th to continue exploring a possible transaction. Informal discussions about this potential purchase have occurred in various forms over several years, but it was recognized that neither governing Board has formally considered the transaction.

As a result of that conversation, it was suggested the County Commission consider action to authorize submission of a proposal to purchase the Robert D. Johnson Building from the Parks District for \$750,000.

<u>SUGGESTED MOTION</u>: Authorize Submitting a Purchase Offer to the Fargo Parks District for the Robert D. Johnson Building in the amount of \$750,000.