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MEMO

TO: County Commission

FROM: Robert W. Wilson

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Subject: Updated purchase offer for Robert D. Johnson Building

In April the Commission approved submitting a purchase offer of \$750,000 to the Fargo Parks District for the Robert D. Johnson Building. The Parks District considered and rejected that offer, and made a counter offer the County Commission did not accept.

I have continued to communicate with Parks District officials including Interim Director Susan Faus about potential sale terms that may be acceptable to both parties. Based on those conversations I recommend the Commission authorize and direct me to present an updated purchase offer to the Fargo Parks District for the RDJ Building in the amount of \$825,000.

I have engaged Foss Architecture to complete a building inspection on the property and I expect an inspection report will be completed and presented shortly. Buildings and Grounds Supervisor Gene Gartner has walked through the building several times and is visually familiar with the facility.

SUGGESTED MOTION: Authorize a purchase offer in the amount of \$825,000 for the Robert D. Johnson Building located at 1104 2nd Avenue S. in Fargo pending the results of a building inspection report.