

# MINUTES

## Metro Management Council

Friday, December 28th 2018  
07:33 AM – 08:50 AM  
County Admin Building  
415 N Dakota Ave

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Members Present: Mayor Paul TenHaken, Council Member Rick Kiley, Commissioner Jeff Barth, Commissioner Gerald Beninga.

Attendees: Keith Allenstein, Michelle Boyd, Matt Burns, Aimee Chase, Alicia Collura, Carey Deaver, Craig Dewey, Danielle Ferguson, Maggie Gillespie, Brad Goodroad, Dr. Jeff Luther, Mike Milstead, Jesseca Mundahl, Paul Niedringhaus, Shawn Pritchett, Council Member Theresa Stehly, Monte Watembach

### 1. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Commissioner Barth, seconded by Council Member Kiley, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

### 2. Public Comment

None.

### 3. Discussion on future structure, governance and oversight of Metro Communications and Metro Management Council.

In depth discussion regarding the structure, governance and oversight of Metro Communications.

Metro has been a standalone agency since 2008. There was a recommendation from the Director at that time that Metro could be more efficient as a standalone entity. Another consideration was the intent for Metro to be a regional center and the feeling at the time was that this would be easier to accomplish as an independent agency instead of being a department under the city or county. Regardless of under the county or as a standalone entity, there has been a Metro Management Council who has provided oversight.

While the Agency is doing well as an independent agency, there are some challenges and concerns with future sustainability. Concerns noted included 1) health insurance costs and being able to offer reasonable employee costs while maintaining reasonable employer contributions 2) having appropriate redundancy with financials and payroll 3) having access to other services such as legal representation and human resources to best serve the interests of the Agency.

Concern was noted how smaller towns/departments serviced by Metro would feel if the Agency was under the City. It is important that smaller departments continue to have a voice, decision making ability and that their service will not negatively be impacted by any changes in governance. There is also a need to maintain some independency to allow for future opportunities servicing other public service entities around the region. All agreed that Metro has a structure that is working well; there was not a concern or identified need to change how oversight is provided.

The council also expressed concern of not losing any momentum with regarding facilities of Metro Communications. There continues to be a working group reviewing options, costs and future plans.

The Director hiring process has been put on hold until further discussions regarding the structure, governance and oversight of Metro Communications can be reviewed.

The recommendation from the Mayor was to form a committee to review legal and financial considerations of moving the Agency under the City, County or identify other possibilities for efficiency for the Agency if it remains independent.

**4. Executive Session for the purposes of and as authorized by SDCL § 1-25-2(1).**

Time entered into Executive session was 08:15 am. Time returned to open meeting was 08:50 am.

**5. Executive Coordinator/Liaison Appointment**

As the Agency reviews transition options for future structure and governance, continues to keep momentum with new facility discussions and works with Zuercher to address software concerns there was a need identified to bring on a Coordination/Liaison to oversee progress in these areas.

The Mayor introduced a motion to adopt resolution 18-03 appointing Michelle Boyd as Executive Coordinator Liaison effective January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019.

Motion made by Council Member Kiley, seconded by Commissioner Barth to adopt resolution 18-03 appointing Michelle Boyd as Executive Coordinator/ Liaison effective January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019. Motion carried.

**6. Adjournment**

Motion made by Commissioner Barth, seconded by Council Member Kiley to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried at 08:50 am.