MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 20, 2020
TO: Penn. Co. BOC & Auditor
FROM: Dustin Willett
SUBJECT: Authorization of Emergency COVID-19 Homeless Shelter Costs

At the May 19th BOC meeting, the Board authorized the expenditure of up to $75,000 for the operation of the Emergency COVID-19 Homeless Shelter under the item title EMERGENCY HOMELESS SHELTER COST SHARE. This money was matched by a commitment of $75,000 from Rapid City. In May, the intent was to operate the shelter through June 26th. At the City/County meeting on the morning of June 19th, leadership directed the continuance of shelter operations beyond the 26th of June.

We have successfully transitioned the shelter operations to a smaller facility that incurs a smaller cleaning fee and fewer staff to run, thus marginally trimming our operational costs – however the original City/County allocation of $150,000 dollars was depleted on July 2nd.

Mayor Allender has indicated that an additional $75,000 allocation will be on the City Council agenda on July 20th.

Costs incurred thus far in the operation of this shelter have been compiled and will be submitted to the State for anticipated/expected reimbursement through the CARES Act funding made available by the Governor.

EM currently has unpaid invoice related to the operations of the shelter that we need spending authority to submit.

EM is requesting that the BOC “approve a cost share agreement with the City of Rapid City up to $75,000 for continuing operational costs of the temporary Emergency Homeless Shelter”