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DATE: January 18, 2017
TO: Aitkin County Health & Human Services Board
FROM: Patrick Wussow, Interim County Administrator
RE: HHS Director Appointment

At the January 3, 2017, County Board meeting, the Board authorized Mark Wedel, Anne Marcotte, Patrick Wussow, Bobbie Danielson, and Liz DeRuyck to serve as the interview panel for the HHS Director position, and authorized Interim County Administrator Wussow to make a conditional job offer to the top finalist.

Interviews were held on January 12, 2017 and a conditional job offer has been made to Ms. Cynthia M. Bennett, with a starting salary of \$98,000. Ms. Bennett is currently the Clinic Manager for Riverwood Healthcare Center, and prior to that she served as the Aitkin County Public Health Supervisor from 5/2000 – 10/2013. The HR Office is conducting a thorough employment reference and criminal background check and will report findings to the interview panel. We anticipate the background will be completed by January 24, 2017.

Action Requested: Motion to appoint Cynthia M. Bennett as the Health and Human Services Director, effective February 27, 2017, per Minnesota Statute 402.05.