



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: November 24, 2020

Title of Item: NE MN Office of Job Training Update - Kari Paulsen

<input type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY	Action Requested: <input type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft) <i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing*
Submitted by: Jessica Seibert		Department: Administration
Presenter (Name and Title): Kari Paulsen, NEMOJT		Estimated Time Needed: 20 min.
Summary of Issue: The Board previously expressed interest in learning more about NEMOJT and their programs. Kari Paulsen will be present to update the Board.		
Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments: 		
Recommended Action/Motion: Information only.		
Financial Impact: Is there a cost associated with this request? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$ Is this budgeted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>Please Explain:</i>		

Legally binding agreements must have County Attorney approval prior to submission.

Employment & Training Services Update

- Employment & Training Services Response to COVID-19
- NE MN 2020 Virtual Career Fair
- 218 Trades
- Pre-ETS & High School Engagement

Build Thriving Communities by Guiding &
Empowering Individuals



NEMOJT's Response to COVID-19

Business Outreach:

- Staff contacted businesses to offer resources
- Assisted self-employed through UI process
- Post jobs and forward applications
- Marketing Webinar - 27 employers

Customer Outreach:

- Unemployment Assistance
 - Program Enrollments
 - MFIP
- Dislocated Worker/Adult
 - Youth
- Referrals and Resources
- Job Search Assistance

PHONE, SOCIAL MEDIA, EMAIL, VIRTUAL CAREER COUNSELING, IN PERSON/OFF-SITE

Community Outreach

YouTube Chanel – Educational Videos – Job Searching and Support during Pandemic

5 news stories aired on WDIO & Lakeland News

Virtual Career Fair – 218 Trades – Youth Programming

Virtual Career Fair

- Developed and implemented with both job seeker and employer input
- October 27, 28, 29
- 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Northeast Minnesota – Aitkin, Itasca, Cook, Lake, Koochiching, St. Louis, Carlton
- 74 employers
- 945 registered job seekers
- 22 high schools



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Fall 2020 Virtual Job Fair - October 27, 28, 29

**CAREER
FAIR/HIGH
SCHOOL
STUDENTS**

**VETERANS/
MILITARY/
CORRECTIONS**

**APPRENTICESHIPS/
BUILDING TRADES**

TRANSPORTATION

**HOSPITALITY/
TOURISM/
ENTERTAINMENT**

PRODUCTION

**IT/ BUSINESS/
OFFICE**

HEALTHCARE

RETAIL

**SOCIAL
SERVICES/
GOVERNMENT**

**OTHER
INDUSTRIES**

**SEASONAL/PART-
TIME**

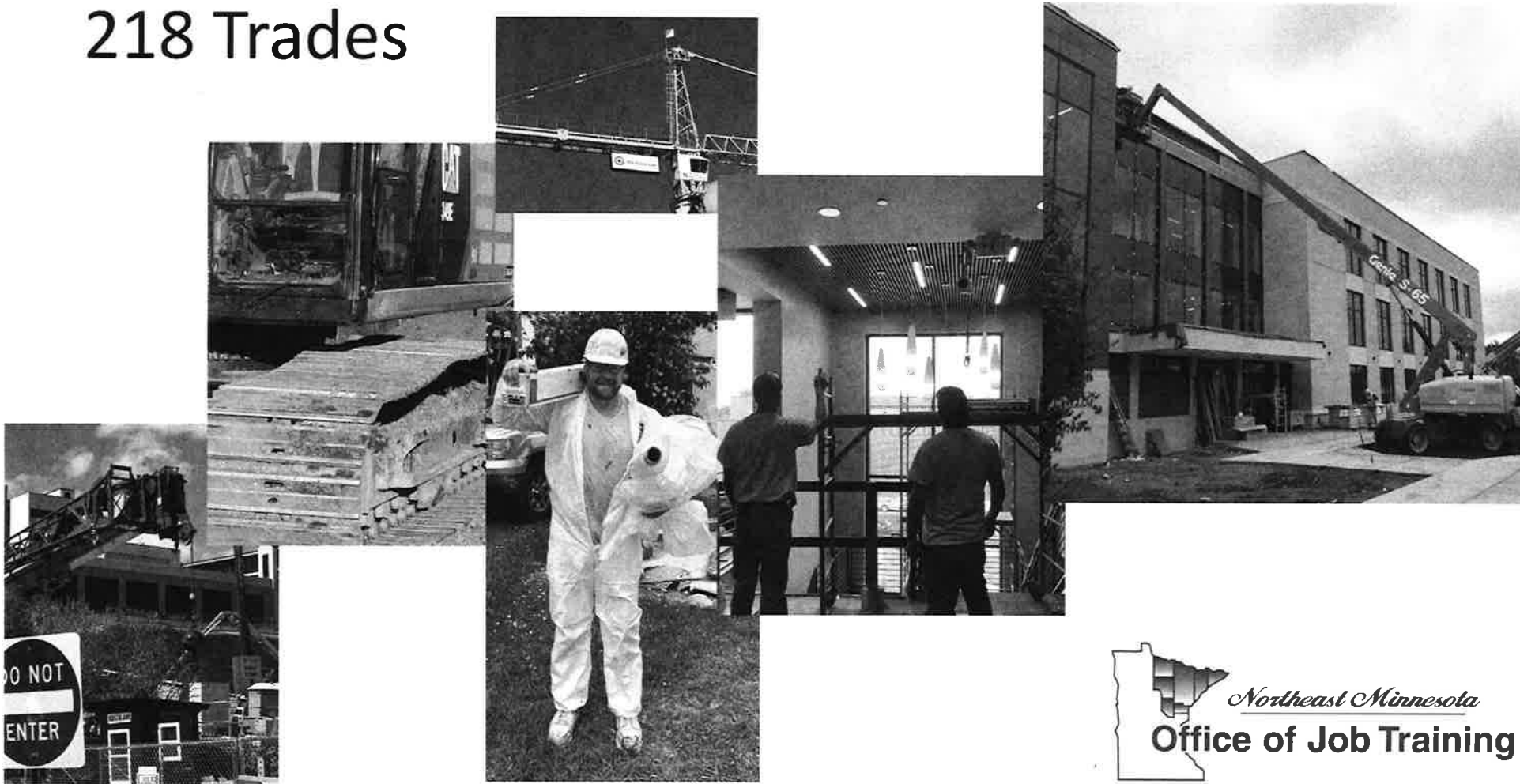


Future Plans

- Virtual Career Fair – Spring 2021
 - Obtaining input from employers on specific dates and time frame
- Marketing will target high school seniors
 - 3,000 will be graduating, approximately 2,000 will be seeking part-time & full-time employment



218 Trades



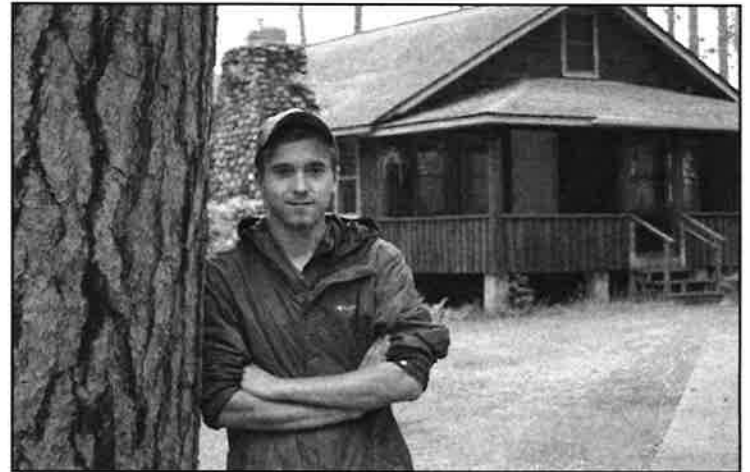
218 Trades

- Regional awareness initiative promoting careers in the construction trades
- Website & Social Media Campaigns – Instant Accessibility
- 218 Trades Presentations – Statewide

#workhereplayherestayhere
218trades.com



Youth Programming



Youth Programming

- WIOA Youth Services
 - One to one counseling, tailored work experiences, training funds, support services, career exploration services
- Career Edventure
 - Collaboration with area schools, individual student consultations, group & classroom activities, workshops, business interaction opportunities
- Pre-ETS (Employment & Transition Services)
 - Collaboration with State Vocational Rehabilitation to specifically serve high school students with disabilities
 - Job exploration, counseling, workplace readiness training, instruction in self-advocacy, and work experiences

NEMOJT has eight percent of youth participants statewide, but 26 percent of all youth with a WEX activity (counted by the person, not the number of activities/experiences).

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CARES Funding Category	Amount Spent/Allocated	Notes
13. PPE	\$ 52,360.35	
14. Public Health Expenses	\$ 262,426.72	Supplies needed to sanitize and disinfect buildings, webinar capabilities
18. Other	\$ 27,767.57	Signage, additional furniture needed
3. COVID-19 Testing and Contact Tracing	\$ 274.86	
3. Payroll Expenses	\$ 952,768.67	Includes Public Health, Sheriff, Government Center Front Desk, and other additional COVID related hours by county workers.
9. Improve Telework Capabilities of Public Employees	\$ 128,182.23	laptops, software allowing remote access, etc.
Business Grant	\$ 681,614.91	
City/Township Allocation	\$ 11,639.23	
Grand Total	\$ 2,117,034.54	

Original Grant Amount including small townships and cities:	\$2,007,508.00
Large township and city amounts sent to County:	\$109,526.54
Total:	\$2,117,034.54



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Title of Item: Approve CARES Expenditures

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Submitted by: Jessica Seibert	Department: Administration
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Presenter (Name and Title): Jessica Seibert, County Administrator	Estimated Time Needed: 5 min.
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Summary of Issue:

The Board previously directed staff to use remaining CARES funds to purchase PPE for local Fire Depts./EMS and fully fund the second round of businesses/non profit grants. Sheriff Guida has worked with a local medical supply company to order the following:

- \$10,000 in first aid bags with oxygen kit
- \$10,000 in AEDs with pads (around 20)
- \$5,000 in the best quality n-95 masks
- \$5,000 in medical gowns
- \$2500 in various sizes medical gloves
- \$2500 in medical backboards with straps
- \$2500 in neck collars
- \$2500 in traffic safety vests

Upon receipt of supplies, Administrator Seibert and Sheriff Guida will work together to develop a simple process for requesting and distributing supplies as needed to local Fire Dept./EMS

Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:

Recommended Action/Motion:
Approve CARES expenditures of \$33,082.80 for the 2nd round business/non-profit grants and \$40,000 to purchase PPE supplies for Fire Dept./EMS.

Financial Impact:

Is there a cost associated with this request? Yes No

What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$ 73,082.80

Is this budgeted? Yes No *Please Explain:*

Use of CARES funds.

Aitkin County Board of Commissioners Board Meeting Attendance Record

Date: November 24, 2020

Name	Please check the boxes that apply.		
	Aitkin County Citizen	Aitkin County Employee	Company Representative – please list.
Hari Paulson	x		NEMUJT
Carli Goble		x	
Cynthia Bennett		x	
Kirk Peysar		x	
Kami Benz		x	
Terry Neff		x	