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Date: November 1, 2010

To: Cities, Townships, School Districts and Non-Profits in Goodhue County

From: Scott O. Arneson, Goodhue County Administrator

Cc: Sheriff Dean Albers, Brian Coleman, Jail Administrator, Brian Rubenstein, Department of Corrections, Goodhue County Board of Commissioners, Carolyn Holmsten, Finance Director

Re: Sentence to Service User Fee

As some of you may know, the State of Minnesota reduced Goodhue County's Sentence to Service funding by 25% effective July 1, 2010.

At the May 4, 2010, County Board Meeting, County Commissioners agreed that the program is valuable and an asset to numerous entities within Goodhue County. Conversations were held this summer with various representatives from cities, townships and non-profits. Interest was expressed to assist Goodhue County with the 25% increase to retain the same level of service provided by the program.

Based on those conversations, and to retain the current level of the Sentence to Service Program, the County Board approved the implementation of a Sentence to Service User Fee beginning January 1, 2011.

Effective January 1, 2011

- Entities with levy authority, cities, townships, and school districts will be charged by Goodhue County for work provided by Sentence to Service.
- Non-Profits will not be charged
- Paying entities will have priority over non-profits. Non-Profits can agree to pay the listed rate to have higher priority.

Rates effective January 1, 2011

- \$200 for full day (8 hours)
- \$100 for half day (4 hours)

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Scheduling work will continue as in the past:

- By calling the **MN Department of Corrections at 651-301-7209** or
- By using the online work request form at:
http://www.doc.state.mn.us/STS_ProjectProposal/STS_PPMMap.asp
- Or via the Goodhue County website at www.co.goodhue.mn.us and click on the Sentence To Service Work Request

If you have any questions regarding implementation, how you are going to be charged, if you are going to be charged and a bill, please contact **Stacy Thuman at Goodhue County Administration, 651-385-3001** or stacy.thuman@co.goodhue.mn.us. It is our intent to bill quarterly based on log sheets completed by the crew leaders.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation and look forward to working with you on this partnership. It is Goodhue County's intent to recoup the 25% decrease in funding from the State of MN, and not to make money on this program. A review of this new process will take place six months after implementation and, if necessary, changes will be made then. Any feedback you can provide us with will be appreciated.