



Legislation Text

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To: Mayor and City Council
City Administrator

From: David E. Bennett, Public Works Director/City Engineer

Approve Rice County Road Maintenance Agreement.

Action Requested:

The Northfield City Council approves the attached Resolution entering into a Maintenance Agreement with Rice County regarding County State Aid Highways 28 and 43 and County Road 79.

Summary Report:

The City Council is being asked to enter into a routine maintenance agreement with Rice County for portions of County State Aid Highways 28 and 43 and County Road 79 within the City of Northfield. New this year to the agreement is the addition of County Road 79 from Spring Creek Road to Fourth Street East. This comes from discussion and research that this County Road is still under the Jurisdiction of Rice County, as no formal record of a turn back of this roadway to the City was found.

This agreement (Attachment 2) provides compensation for maintenance activities including road patching, snow and ice control, roadside vegetation, and other minor items from January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2020.

The price is consistent with the maintenance agreement with MnDOT. Per this agreement, Rice County agrees to place, install and maintain guide signs, warning signs, route markers and center lines on those trunk highways. The segments of highway included in this agreement are indicated in Attachment 3.

The amount of compensation provided by the County is based on the number of lane-miles maintained by the City. Northfield will receive compensation in the amount of \$11,816.04 in 2019 and 12,052.35 in 2020. Under this agreement the City agrees to maintain 5.88 lane miles of County highway.

Rice County Board approved the agreement on January 22, 2019.

Alternative Options:

The City Council could choose not to accept this agreement, at which point, Rice County would then be responsible for maintaining these roads within the City of Northfield. However, the maintenance may be delayed as it would have to compete with other county needs.

Financial Impacts:

The compensation provided by Rice County will cover the costs related to the maintenance in the agreement.

Tentative Timelines:

The agreement would be effective for the timeframe from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020.