

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SARPY COUNTY, NEBRASKA
RESOLUTION FOR AMENDMENT AND ADDENDUM TO
NIRMA/NIRMA II INTERGOVERNMENTAL/INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §23-104(6)(Reissue 2012), the County has the power to do all acts in relation to the concerns of the County necessary to the exercise of its corporate powers; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §23-103(Reissue 2012), the powers of the County as a body are exercised by the County Board; and,

WHEREAS, Sarpy County has previously entered into Intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreements with various other Nebraska Counties and other public agencies to form and participate in the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA) and the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association II (NIRMA II) as authorized by the Intergovernmental Risk Management Act (Neb.Rev.Stat §44-4301 et seq.) and the Nebraska Interlocal Cooperation Act (Neb.Rev.Stat. §13-801 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, Counties and other Public Agencies as defined in Ne.Rev.Stat §44-4303 are allowed to participate in said cooperative undertakings; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has found that proper risk management requires the spreading of risk so as to minimize fluctuation in insurance needs and that benefits can be derived through the pooling of insurance purchasing by local government, and

WHEREAS, NIRMA and NIRMA II have provided coverages to the County in a cost effective way which meet and exceed that provided by standard insurance carriers; and

WHEREAS, NIRMA and NIRMA II provide risk management services such as loss prevention, safety audits, claims and litigation management, and coverages tailored to address loss exposures counties and other related public entities face not economically available from other sources; and

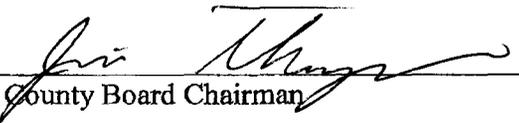
WHEREAS, these coverages and risk management services are essential for the continued effective and efficient use of county taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, the current Intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreements will expire on June 30, 2015, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SARPY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, that Sarpy County:

1. Extends its commitment to participate in NIRMA and NIRMA II for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018; and
2. Declares that this Resolution shall serve as an amendment and addendum to the previous Intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreements entered into by the County Board, said Intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreements readopted by and incorporated herein by this reference as amended.

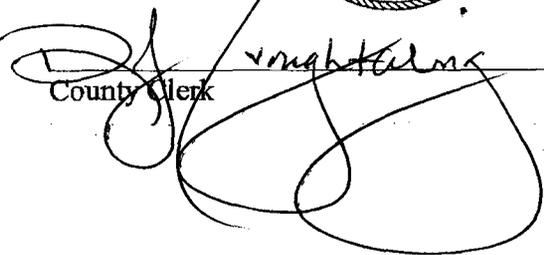
The above Resolution was approved by a vote of the Sarpy County Board of Commissioners at a public meeting duly held in accordance with applicable law on the 28th day of October, 2014.


Sarpy County Board Chairman

Attest:

SEAL




County Clerk



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Craig L. Nelson, Executive Director

October 14, 2014

Jim Thompson, Chair
Sarpy County Board
1210 Golden Gate Drive, #1250
Papillion, NE 68046

RE: NIRMA Dividend and Membership Recommitment

Dear Jim:

I was very pleased to announce at last week's NIRMA Membership Conference in Kearney that the NIRMA Board of Directors had declared yet another membership dividend, this time in the amount of \$1 million. This marks the 19th consecutive year that one or more dividends had been returned to our members. Such dividends continue to be made possible by the strong balance sheets of NIRMA and NIRMA II. We all know that financial strength and stability is critical in these uncertain economic times.

Of this \$1 million dividend, \$600,000 was already distributed to those attending last week's conference as a regular dividend to those member counties who have participated in our program for at least five (5) policy years in accord with the dividend policy NIRMA has adopted. However, there remains \$400,000 and that sum is designated as a recommitment dividend and will be distributed to those eligible member counties that extend their membership in NIRMA.

It is important for you to know that the recommitment portion of the dividend offered is based on a premise that the eligible member county on or before December 31, 2014, recommit for another three-year membership in NIRMA/II in order to receive this dividend. This is consistent with the procedure extended by the NIRMA Board in 1996, 1999, 2002, 2005, 2008, and again in 2011 when all eligible members recommitted. Therefore, we ask that your county and the other member counties eligible to receive the recommitment portion of this dividend timely review and act upon this request.

It is important to point out that this is a mutual commitment. In exchange for the county's recommitment, NIRMA is also committing itself to continuing to provide its coverages and services to Sarpy County for this same time period. NIRMA's focus is county government and we are in this business for the long term as demonstrated by our more than quarter century partnership with and ownership by our member counties.

By your action to extend the county's membership with NIRMA, Sarpy County will receive a recommitment dividend of \$40,072 which will supplement the regular dividend of \$60,107 distributed for a combined total of \$100,179. The recommitment dividend check will be issued and sent out by mail once the recommitment resolution is received in our office. As you might imagine, not all counties will receive an equal amount because the dividend is computed on a pro-rata basis using the individual equity balance of each county in comparison to the total equity held by all of the members of the pool. Counties have each participated in NIRMA for varying lengths of time and have different loss histories so those equity and dividend amounts will understandably vary from county to county.

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This dividend, when added to the previous dividends issued by NIRMA, will bring to **\$1,604,648** the cumulative dividends received by Sarpy County since the NIRMA program began, and will increase to **\$16 million** the total dividends issued by NIRMA since 1994. We are able to do this because of NIRMA's success, the outstanding loyalty and hard work of our member counties, and the exceptional financial condition of both pools. As of September 30, 2014, NIRMA and NIRMA II had combined total assets of more than **\$48 million** of which more than **\$25 million** is designated as the Member Fund Balance and represents the equity of our members.

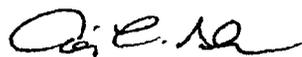
Any decision to recommit and accept that portion of this dividend is a determination to be made solely by each respective member county board. We fully respect that process. Any such dividend actually accepted and paid will be deducted from that county's individual member equity balance. Please note, the member equity account of any county choosing not to recommit will be unaffected by this dividend and any amounts in that account will remain unchanged and available for that county if future dividends or distributions are made.

In summary, NIRMA continues to provide the broadest coverages and services available designed to meet the ever-changing needs of our members, all at a stable cost to our members, which is especially important now with the financial challenges being faced by counties. I believe there are a number of compelling reasons for Sarpy County to extend its membership in NIRMA and hope your County Board feels the same way.

If so, at your earliest convenience, and certainly before the end of December, please place on your board agenda the item of NIRMA recommitment. A recommitment resolution is enclosed for those purposes. If the resolution is adopted by your County Board, please have a copy sent immediately to the NIRMA office. **Once again, this must all be done no later than December 31, 2014, in order to receive the recommitment portion of this dividend.**

On behalf of the NIRMA Board of Directors and myself, I do hope Sarpy County will extend its participation in your very successful member-owned program. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call.

Sincerely,



Craig L. Nelson
Executive Director

CLN: sml

Enclosure

cc: County Board (w/enclosure)
County Clerk (w/enclosure)
Contact Person (w/enclosure)