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To the Capital Improvement Board:

Monroe County has hosted the Convention Center from its inception and are proud to continue the support, albeit in a different role. Previous County officials justified the purchase of properties, outlined in the map you provided, for the potential expansion of the Convention Center. It has always been the Board of Commissioners' intent to provide all necessary property that it owns or controls to the Capital improvement Board for no compensation. The CIB should understand that County Council's approval is also necessary for the transfer of property. The Commissioners are more than willing to work with the County Council on this issue.

The timing of the transfer will be affected by two issues. The first is that one property is currently being used as election central through the 2024 general election. The second involves the purchasing mechanism requires the property to be owned by the Monroe County Convention Center Building Corporation and then transferred to the County once all payments are made. The final payment is due April 1, 2026. The County is more than willing to discuss the timing, including possible alternatives as it relates to the debt issue.

The Board of Commissioners have reviewed the property under the County's control and were participants in the planning process for the Convention Center and have determined that if any, or all, of the following are found by the CIB to be "necessary" than the Commissioners would agree to transfer the property at the appropriate time:

53-08-04-200-166.000-009
53-01-50-398-000.000-009
53-01-50-871-000.000-009
53-05-33-300-008.000-005
53-05-33-300-010.000-005
53-05-33-300-024.001-005
53-08-04-200-093.000-009
53-08-04-200-163.000-009
53-08-04-200-210.000-009
53-08-04-208-003.000-009
53-05-33-300-006.001-005
53-05-33-300-006.001-005
53-05-33-300-022.001-005
53-05-33-300-022.001-005
53-08-04-200-092.000-009

53-08-04-200-092.000-009
53-08-04-200-210.000-009
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These include the properties east of College Avenue, west of the B-Line Trail, and, of course, the current Monroe Convention Center. The remaining properties, further south, are available, but the Commissioners would require a showing of necessity.

Finally, thank you for your request and your hard work on expanding the Convention Center. This is a great opportunity to promote economic development for both Monroe County and the City of Bloomington. As Commissioners, we have been to many Civic and Convention events at the Monroe Convention Center and appreciate the Center's management cooperation during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Best Regards,

Julie Thomas, President

Penny Githens, Vice President

Lee Jones, Commissioner