



August 4, 2020

City of Shakopee
Board of Adjustment and Appeals
485 Gorman Street
Shakopee, MN 55379

Re: Scott County Government Center
Electronic Message Board Variance Request
Commission No. 182018

Board of Adjustment and Appeals:

On behalf of Scott County, please accept this narrative as justification for the request of an electronic message board at the corner of 4th Avenue West and Atwood Street on the Scott County Government Center campus. The property located at 200 4th Avenue West is zoned as B-2 Office. Under the current City Code, electronic message boards are not allowed within the B-2 Office Zone. We understand that the City is currently considering revising the City Code to allow electronic message boards within the B-2 Office Zone however this may not be in effect until after construction of the new Government Center addition is complete.

As more people will be visiting the Government Center campus for County provided services, there is a need to inform Scott County residents of current news, announcements and upcoming events related to these services. Having access to an electronic message board, built within the proposed monument sign, with the ability to change messages regularly and reach more people will benefit both the City of Shakopee and the residents of Scott County.

We are making this request knowing that this may become a permanent change in the future however the County is trying to maximize the contractors they currently have on site to build this proposed sign. The design compliments and is in harmony with the aesthetic design of the proposed building addition and the request for variance is not for a change in use of the site. We understand that there will also be limitations related to size (area), brightness, height and the change frequency of the messages. All of these requirements will be met with the proposed design. Lastly, this variance request is not related to any requirements set forth within the Floodplain Overlay Zone.

We appreciate the Board's consideration of this request and would be happy to answer any questions the Board may have.

Sincerely,

Wold Architects and Engineers

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Dahlquist".

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