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(SIOUX CITY, IA) May 8, 2018 — With a majority of the Rolling Hills Governance Board member counties voting to accept Woodbury County with Sac County voting yes this morning at their board meeting, Woodbury County will hold a press conference starting at 2:30 pm in the lower level of the Woodbury County Courthouse. At that time, Chairman Rocky DeWitt and Supervisor Jeremy Taylor will announce the next steps for Woodbury County in joining Rolling Hills. They will be joined by CEO Dawn Mentzer who will be available to answer questions as well as the county's largest provider, Siouxland Mental Health, and its Executive Director Sheila Martin and Board President Bev Zenor. Five counties—Cherokee, Buena Vista, Ida, Calhoun and Sac—have voted to accept Woodbury County while Crawford has voted against bringing the vote total to 5-1.

"We believe this is a great day for the future of mental health services in our community. We are excited to begin working with all member counties and their CEO as we plan for the future," said Chairman Rocky DeWitt.

Woodbury County announced its intentions and timely withdrawal as of June 30, 2018 from Sioux Rivers Region, which is comprised of both Sioux and Plymouth counties as provided for in the 2017-2018 28E intergovernmental agreement. The reasons Woodbury County supervisors laid out in the withdrawal and subsequent petition into Rolling Hills included more transparency, a better budgeting process, the integrity of mental health dollars, increased communication, and long-term stability. Effective July 1, 2019, Woodbury County will be a member of Rolling Hills subject to final approval by the Woodbury County Board of Supervisors.

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