

WOODBURY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM(S) REC

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Date: 6/6/2016

Weekly Agenda Date: 6/14/2016

ELECTED OFFICIAL / DEPARTMENT HEAD / CITIZEN: Supervisor Jackie Smith

WORDING FOR AGENDA ITEM:

Consideration of the establishment of a Woodbury County Minimum Wage Advisory Committee

ACTION REQUIRED:

Approve Ordinance

Approve Resolution

Approve Motion

Give Direction

Other: Informational

Attachments

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This agenda item is placed before the Board of Supervisors as an informational item with the intent to bring before the Board an action item the following week to consider the establishment of an advisory committee to study and issue a report on the impact of the Woodbury County Board Supervisors enacting a county ordinance establishing a minimum wage for non-tipped workers in Woodbury County. It would be similar to an ordinance enacted by the Johnson County board of Supervisors in October of 2015.

BACKGROUND:

The minimum wage in Iowa has been \$7.25 per hour since 2007 and the Iowa legislature has struggled with the issue for several years and there appears that the struggle will continue. Meanwhile, the constituents of South Dakota and Nebraska exercised their rights and petitioned their states and passed ballot measures to increase their respective minimum wage rates. The citizens of Iowa and more pointedly, those of Woodbury County, do not have that option. In February of 2015, the Iowa Senate approved a bill raising the minimum wage in Iowa to \$8.75 per hour on July 1st of 2016. State Senator Rick Bertrand of Sioux City was the only Republican Senator to support the bill. Iowa Governor Terry Branstad and sixty-nine percent of Iowans, according to a recent Des Moines Register/Mediacom poll, favor a raise of Iowa's minimum wage rate.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The financial impact to the county to establish this committee would be negligible but would involve some staff time to assist committee members.

IF THERE IS A CONTRACT INVOLVED IN THE AGENDA ITEM, HAS THE CONTRACT BEEN SUBMITTED AT LEAST ONE WEEK PRIOR AND ANSWERED WITH A REVIEW BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE?

Yes No

RECOMMENDATION:

Consider this information item and place it on the agenda for the meeting of June 21st as an action item.

ACTION REQUIRED / PROPOSED MOTION:

Agreement to place this item on the agenda for the June 21st Board Meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A WOODBURY COUNTY MINIMUM WAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the federal and Iowa minimum wage is \$7.25 per hour for non-tipped workers and has been so in the State of Iowa since 2007 and

WHEREAS, the minimum wage in the State of Nebraska is \$9.00 per hour for non-tipped workers and in the State of South Dakota is \$8.55 per hour for non-tipped workers and

WHEREAS, twenty-nine states and the District of Columbia minimum wages for non-tipped workers are all higher than Iowa's current minimum wage for non-tipped workers,

WHEREAS, the Woodbury Board of Supervisors are concerned with the economic impact that the current minimum wage rates in Woodbury County and the surrounding areas may be having on low wage workers and employers of Woodbury County,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED the Woodbury County Board of Supervisors hereby establishes a Woodbury County Minimum Wage Advisory Committee and issues a charge to this committee to study the economic impact a county ordinance increasing the minimum wage for Woodbury County workers would have on the community as a whole and to issue a report of its findings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this committee will have representation from low income workers, employers, labor unions, state or municipal elected officials, social service providers, the local chamber of commerce, academics with knowledge in the economic field and one member of the Board of Supervisors who will serve in an ex-officio capacity.

SO RESOLVED this 21st day of June, 2016

Board Chair: _____

Attestation: _____