

WOODBURY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM(S) REC

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Date: May 20, 2016

Weekly Agenda Date: May 24, 2016

ELECTED OFFICIAL / DEPARTMENT HEAD / CITIZEN: Supervisor Jeremy Taylor

WORDING FOR AGENDA ITEM: Good News Report: Dr. Michelle Skaff, Emergency Mgt. Coordinator and Siouxland Economic Development Corporation

ACTION REQUIRED:

Approve Ordinance

Approve Resolution

Approve Motion

Give Direction

Other: Informational

Attachments

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Supervisor Monson asked to give an update on the further education of Michelle Skaff, Director of Emergency Management Coordinator...

I also wanted to share some great news regarding The Siouxland Economic Development Corporation that I learned during our May 18 meeting.

BACKGROUND:

Pioneer Valley Living and Rehabilitation Center, a 78-bed, state-of-the-art skilled nursing facility in Sergeant Bluff, was given the largest loan award approved by the Executive Committee in Woodbury County in support of this \$13 million project. The facility will create 53 high-paying jobs right here in Woodbury County.

This is great news as SEDC continues to be a strong asset in helping projects come to fruition. Some of the comments from Jackie Nohr and Ken Beekley referenced the modern technologies, great amenities, and design using a “spoke-and-wheel” configuration with centralized lines of sight. They described the facility as having the most modern features available.

On another note, when discussing hotels and in looking at the geographic distribution, SBA requires geographic distribution of SEDC’s loans so that there is not oversaturation/concentration in one market. Even with relative geographic parity, Woodbury County had the highest of the 21 counties included in a table and was shown to have \$4.074 million loaned for hotels such as the Hilton Garden (\$2 million), Southern Hills Lodging (\$1.362 million), and Hemi-Ami (\$712,000).

SEDC continues to be a wonderful asset to our community and deserves our gratitude for partnering in helping businesses such as Pioneer Valley Living and Rehabilitation Center. I have further been impressed by their due diligence, knowledge and vetting of potential projects, and leverage of the necessary intellectual capital to make wise investments in a way that benefits Woodbury County as well as the entire region.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None

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: Receive the information.

ACTION REQUIRED / PROPOSED MOTION: Receive the information, congratulate Dr. Skaff, and express gratitude to the folks at SEDC for their fine contributions to economic development here in Woodbury County.

Approved by Board of Supervisors April 5, 2016.