

**WOODBURY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM(S) REQUEST FORM****#11c**Date: 8/25/2016Weekly Agenda Date: 8/30/2016**ELECTED OFFICIAL / DEPARTMENT HEAD / CITIZEN:** Kenny Schmitz**WORDING FOR AGENDA ITEM:**

Woodbury County Courthouse Exterior Terra Cotta Report

**ACTION REQUIRED:**Approve Ordinance ☐Approve Resolution ☐Approve Motion ☒Give Direction ☐Other: Informational ☐Attachments ☐**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Current condition of the Courthouse exterior Terra Cotta is of a concern.

**BACKGROUND:**

Spacing and gaps in Terra Cotta were noticed as viewed from ground level on the South side of the Courthouse. Since the Terra Cotta is about 40' from ground level it was necessary to evaluate closer by use of a high lift. On 8/24/2016 a high lift was utilized to conduct an extensive review of the Terra Cotta on all sides of the building with pictures being taken for reference.

Conditions observed indicate severe deterioration as seen in photo images.

A great deal of mortar has fallen-out and is missing between the separate pieces of Terra Cotta including the top cap pieces. This allows rain water to penetrate the gaps. Rain water when frozen expands further speeding up the deterioration process by widening these areas and then allowing the water to make contact with the metal wires attached to structural beams that hold the Terra Cotta in place. It is not possible to determine the condition of the retaining wires without removing each Terra Cotta piece. There are several pieces of Terra Cotta that are sagging on all four sides of the building causing concern.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

**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:**

Building Services has placed this item on the Historical Committee meeting agenda scheduled for 9/01/2016 for discussion.

**ACTION REQUIRED / PROPOSED MOTION:**





























