

WOODBURY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM(S) REQUEST FORM

Date: 5/26/21 Weekly Agenda Date: 6/1/21

ELECTED OFFICIAL / DEPARTMENT HEAD / CITIZEN: David Gleiser - CED Dir., Michelle Bostinellos - SIMPCO Exec. Dir.

WORDING FOR AGENDA ITEM:

SIMPCO Membership Dues for Rural Cities Proposal

ACTION REQUIRED:

Approve Ordinance ☐

Approve Resolution ☐

Approve Motion ☒

Public Hearing ☐

Other: Informational ☐

Attachments ☒

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Board will consider a proposal to pay 50% of the SIMPCO membership dues for Woodbury County's 14 rural cities in FY22.

BACKGROUND:

The Board has approved this request for the last 5 previous fiscal year's. During this time the County has expended \$27,802 in local option sales tax (LOST) funds and received a total net benefit in excess of \$400K (direct & indirect costs), and \$4.29M in additional grants (not including FY21 Q4). SIMPCO has provided quarterly and annual progress reports, and their work has been evaluated annually.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Potential maximum amount: $(\$14,557 / 2) = \$7,279$ (LOST funds)

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:

Approve the proposal using LOST funds. Any unused funds will be de-obligated on 8/3/21.

ACTION REQUIRED / PROPOSED MOTION:

Motion to approve the proposal and pay up to \$7,279 in LOST funds for FY22.



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May 26, 2021

David Gleiser
Director of Community and Economic Development
620 Douglas Street
Sioux City, IA 51101

Dear Mr. Gleiser:

Thank you for your interest in Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council (SIMPCO) services for communities in Woodbury County. For over 50 years, SIMPCO has provided planning and community development services to member communities and counties.

SIMPCO, the third oldest multi-state council of governments in the nation, is guided by a Board of Directors comprised of city and county officials. SIMPCO collaborates with local governments in long-range strategic and comprehensive planning, community and economic development, housing assistance, transportation planning, and regional program management. SIMPCO is one of 18 members of the Iowa Association of Council of Governments and is an Economic Development District. It also houses the Western Iowa Community Improvement Regional Housing Trust Fund.

SIMPCO has highly qualified staff and is excited to continue to offer planning services to communities within Woodbury County. If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michelle M. Bostinelos". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michelle M. Bostinelos
Executive Director

Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council

Woodbury County Annual Membership Dues

Community	Annual Dues
Anthon	\$787
Bronson	\$636
Correctionville	\$1,030
Cushing	\$514
Danbury	\$668
Hornick	\$520
Lawton	\$1,113
Moville	\$1,787
Oto	\$380
Pierson	\$689
Salix	\$686
Sloan	\$1,174
Smithland	\$519
Sergeant Bluff	\$4,054
Total	\$14,557

SIMPCO will work with Woodbury County communities to ensure member satisfaction. Staff will reach out to each community to explain planning services and to discuss the needs of the community. This process provides an opportunity for member communities to ask questions and for SIMPCO staff to determine programs that best fit the needs of the community. Based on each individual project, member community will be assigned a SIMPCO staff who will work with that community on their project. Members are encouraged to contact myself or Regional Planning Director, Erin Berzina with ongoing community needs. In addition, SIMPCO staff will reach out to member communities several times throughout the year. If a member community is interested in a SIMPCO service which requires an additional fee, SIMPCO will draft a project proposal which will be approved by the City Council and SIMPCO Board of Directors prior to the start of the project. Please note, member communities receive a discount on planning services which will be reflected on the individual project proposal.

SIMPCO will provide the Woodbury County Board of Supervisors a quarterly report describing the assistance provided to each member community. The report will include the name of member community, project type, total staff time, and the estimated value and cost of the service.

SIMPCO looks forward to working with Woodbury County communities.