

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

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Date: 4-12-2017 Weekly Agenda Date: 4-17-2017

ELECTED OFFICIAL / DEPARTMENT HEAD / CITIZEN: Supervisor Taylor

WORDING FOR AGENDA ITEM:

Passage of SF 444 and "24/7" Bill and Subsequent Action by Woodbury County

ACTION REQUIRED:

- Approve Ordinance
- Approve Resolution
- Approve Motion
- Public Hearing
- Other: Informational
- Attachments

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The passage of 24/7 within SF 444 gives Woodbury County an opportunity it has sought to implement an alternative to incarceration with personal responsibility related to alcohol-related offenses.

BACKGROUND:

Faced with a dilapidated and unused Prairie Hills building and a Law Enforcement Center originally built in 1987 to house 90 (a population of which has grown to a capacity of 234), Woodbury County engaged in aggressive but thoughtful long-term planning to uphold public safety. Lobbying the Legislature on 24/7 became a key priority which appears on its way to becoming law.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

No financial impact. However, the \$1.2 million in waste will be repurposed toward the optimization and expansion of the LEC mitigating a \$20 million bond-approved jail. Also, this program will alleviate overcrowding and along with the Jail Alternative Coordinator is the other critical piece the county added.

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:

Woodbury County has already ratified an LEC plan, hired a jail alternative coordinator, and reconfigured ACH taking over medical. All of this upholds public safety while at the same time being the best stewards possible of taxpayer dollars. The addition of 24/7, which Sheriff Dave Drew and the Board of Supervisors has supported, is becoming reality and should be planned for in upcoming plans.

ACTION REQUIRED / PROPOSED MOTION:

Information only.