

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

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Date: 11/16/17 Weekly Agenda Date: 11/21/17

ELECTED OFFICIAL / DEPARTMENT HEAD / CITIZEN: David Gleiser, CED Director

WORDING FOR AGENDA ITEM:

Quarterly Update on SIMPCO City/County Membership Dues Project

ACTION REQUIRED:

Approve Ordinance

Approve Resolution

Approve Motion

Public Hearing

Other: Informational

Attachments

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This is the 1st quarterly update from SIMPCO on their work with the 10 rural cities participating in the FY17-18 city/county membership dues project.

BACKGROUND:

On 9/5/17, the Board accepted a proposal to pay 50% of the membership dues (FY17-18) to SIMPCO for rural cities wishing to participate. \$7,293 in Local Option Sales Tax funds were budgeted for all 14 cities. 10 cities accepted the offer for a total cost to the county of \$5,489.

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:

Acknowledge the information contained within the 1st quarter update.

ACTION REQUIRED / PROPOSED MOTION:

None - Informational Item




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MEMORANDUM

TO: David Gleiser, Woodbury County Rural Economic Development Director

FROM: Michelle Bostinelos, SIMPCO Executive Director 

DATE: November 15, 2017

RE: SIMPCO Progress Report Qtr. 1 | July 1 – September 30, 2017

The Woodbury County Board of Supervisors agreed to pay for one half of rural Woodbury County communities’ membership dues to SIMPCO for FY 2018 (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018). The goal of the partnership is for rural Woodbury County communities to utilize the Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council (SIMPCO) in providing tools, research, technical assistance and regional collaboration to help grow community and economic development project across Woodbury County.

For FY 2018, the following communities signed-up for a SIMPCO Membership: Anthon, Bronson, Cushing, Danbury, Hornick, Lawton, Merville, Oto, Sergeant Bluff and Smithland.

At the end of the 1st quarter, SIMPCO had been in contact with all ten communities, with the goal of developing a project list. Information in this report demonstrates project(s)/information requested, total time, and estimated value of services offered directly to each of the communities as well as the indirect value of SIMPCO membership and regional collaboration.

During the 1st quarter, SIMPCO spent approximately 56 direct hours which equals an estimated value of \$3,808 assisting member communities in Woodbury County. Indirect time working on projects, committees, regional projects, and outreach that indirectly benefits Woodbury County communities is estimated at 108 hours or an estimated value of \$7,344. The net benefit of SIMPCO membership for rural Woodbury County communities in the first quarter is equaled \$11,152.

First Quarter Notes:

- Unlike the other rural Woodbury County communities, Sergeant Bluff is part of the SIMPCO Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the urban area of Sioux City. MPO work may not be specifically directed to Sergeant Bluff but pertains to metropolitan transportation planning as a whole and Sergeant Bluff’s placement in the MPO. Twenty percent of MPO funds are from MPO members’ dues used as local match to complete the necessary work required to ensure federal transportation funds continue to flow into the metropolitan region.
- The decision to fund ½ of SIMPCO’s membership dues did not come from the County Supervisors until September, the last month of the 1st quarter. SIMPCO staff spent a majority of the time in the 1st quarter relating to securing membership and to set up meeting times with each community.



- Woodbury County communities received the following electronic newsletters and information sent out by SIMPCO:
 - *SIMPCO Update* – August 2017 & September 2017
 - *SIMPCO Newsletter*- August 2017
 - *Regional Policy & Legislative Committee invitation* - September 2017

- SIMPCO staff sits on the Mid-states Community and Economic Development Conference Planning Committee. This conference will take place in April 2018. The conference is one of the largest rural development events in the three state region and is a joint project of several agencies and organizations in Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota. It is designed for local leaders and offers workshops on strategies and ideas for rural development. Woodbury County communities will be encouraged to attend the event.

- The SIMPCO Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDS) committee is working with U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) to develop a proposal for a U.S. Highway 20 Economic Development plan for the new four-laned corridor through Woodbury and Ida counties within the SIMPCO region. If funded through a U.S. EDA Technical Assistance grant, SIMPCO would develop a study which inventories the corridor and would create a land use strategy to optimize economic development along the corridor.

- Through SIMPCO's Western Iowa Community Improvement Regional Housing Trust Fund, two housing rehabilitation projects have been completed in Woodbury County communities for a total of \$38,077

- SIMPCO leads or participates in several groups and committees that benefit Woodbury County rural communities through regional cooperation. During the first quarter, SIMPCO lead or participated in the following committees/boards/organizations/groups:
 - Grown Siouxland Taskforce
 - SIMPCO MPO Transportation Advisory Committee and Policy Board
 - Highway 20 Association (including co-hosting the July 7 meeting in Sioux City)
 - Siouxland Economic Development Corporation (SEDC)
 - Tri-State Incident Management Team
 - Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
 - Western Iowa Community Improvement Regional Housing Trust Fund
 - Iowa Association of Councils of Governments (ICOG)
 - SIMPCO MPO Bicycle/Pedestrian Roundtable
 - Siouxland Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committee
 - Siouxland Chamber Legislative Committee
 - Siouxland Regional Transportation Planning Association (SIMPCO-RPA)
 - SIMPCO's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDS) Committee
 - Siouxland Regional Transit System Board
 - Coalition for a Greater Siouxland
 - IEDA Downtown Conference
 - SIMPCO Regional Policy and Legislative Committee
 - Woodbury County Supervisor's Town Hall Meeting

Anticipated work in 2nd Quarter:

- SIMPCO staff will continue to meet with communities to develop project lists
- Metropolitan Planning Organization work will continue which will affect Sergeant Bluff including MPO meetings, Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) management, work with IJR Technical Committee, Tri-State Incident Management Team, and MPO Bicycle/Pedestrian Roundtable.
- SIMPCO staff will develop a proposal for Sergeant Bluff to update their Comprehensive Plan
- SIMPCO staff will develop a proposal for Oto to update their Code of Ordinances
- Assist the communities for Smithland and Oto with their Annual Financial Report
- SIMPCO will continue to work with Siouxland District Health Department on projects related to Safe Routes to School and bicycle/pedestrian improvements in Sergeant Bluff, Lawton, Sloan and Merville.
- SIMPCO will set up a meeting with the Woodbury County mayors to discuss ambulance service
- SIMPCO will respond to data requests, grant writing and general requests for information from member communities
- SIMPCO will work with the County and region to submit a grant application to Iowa Homeland Security to update the Hazard Mitigation Plan
- SIMPCO will continue to work with the CEDS committee to finalize a proposal and start to complete an application to U.S. EDA to conduct a U.S. Highway 20 Economic Development Corridor Study
- SIMPCO will continue to distribute electronic newsletters and grant blasts about upcoming activities/events/trainings/grants.
- On December 1, SIMPCO will host a Tri-State Legislative Forum, at WITCC. All SIMPCO members are invited to attend.
- During the second quarter, SIMPCO will lead or participated in the following committees/boards/organizations/groups which benefit Woodbury County Communities:
 - Grow Siouxland Task Force
 - Mid-States Conference Planning Committee
 - Region III Regional Entrepreneurship Project
 - Transportation Advisory Group (TAG)
 - Iowa Association of Councils of Government (ICOG)
 - MPO Bicycle/Pedestrian Roundtable
 - Siouxland Economic Development Cooperation
 - Interchange Justification Report (IJR) for Woodbury County
 - Tri-State Incident Management Team

- SIMPCO MPO Transportation Advisory Committee and Policy Board
- Siouxland Chamber Legislative Committee and Transportation Committee
- Siouxland Regional Transit System Board
- Siouxland Regional Transportation Planning Association (SIMPCO-RPA)
- Tri-State Governor's Conference
- SIMPCO Regional Policy and Legislative Committee

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Progress Report: July 1 – September 30, 2017

Community	Community Goals/Priorities	Work During 1 st Qtr.	Total Time (hours)	Estimated Value	Additional Member Fee
Anthon Total Dues: \$786 Woodbury County Portion: \$393	In the process of setting up meeting with the Mayor	Member outreach to set up a meeting	Qtr. 1:	Qtr 1: \$68	None
Bronson Total Dues: \$636 Woodbury County Portion: \$318	Would let us know after Comprehensive Plan Approval	Gathered Grant information for Generator funding – wrote a report, presented to council, follow-up with City staff	Qtr. 1: 11	Qtr 1: \$748	None
Cushing Total Dues: \$514 Woodbury County Portion: \$257	Grants Downtown Revitalization	Will meet in the 2 nd qtr.	Qtr 1: 0	Qtr 1:	None
Danbury Total Dues: \$668 Woodbury County Portion: \$334	In the process of setting up meeting with Council	Member outreach to set up a meeting	Qtr 1: 1	Qtr 1: \$68	none

Community	Community Goals/Priorities	Work During 1st Qtr.	Total Time (hours)	Estimated Value	Additional Member Fee
Hornick Total Dues: \$520 Woodbury County Portion: \$260	Policies & Procedures for Council (League of Cities), City Sign Firefighter Grants (<i>equipment</i>), Update Ordinances (<i>social media, fireworks</i>), Form a Community Group	Member outreach to set up a meeting	Qtr 1: 1	Qtr 1: \$68	none
Lawton Total Dues: \$1,113 Woodbury County Portion: \$557	Downtown Revitalization, Trails, Safe Routes to Schools	Finalized IDPH Grant MRHD – Trail Grant Welmark Trail Grant, Safe Routes to School activities (walk to school day prep)	Qtr 1: 12	Qtr 1: \$816	none
Moville Total Dues: \$1,787 Woodbury County Portion: \$894	Meeting set up for November 28	Safe Routes to Schools, Assistance with MRHD Grant, membership outreach	Qtr 1: 2	Qtr 1: \$136	none

Community	Community Goals/Priorities	Work During 1st Qtr.	Total Time (hours)	Estimated Value	Additional Member Fee
Oto Total Dues: \$380 Woodbury County Portion: \$190	Financial Report, Budget Assistance, Code Update, Grants, Trails	MRHD grant for Ambulance Equipment	Qtr 1: 8	Qtr 1: \$544	none
Smithland Total Dues: \$519 Woodbury County Portion: \$260	Financial Report, Budget Assistance	Discussed possible projects with Clerk	Qtr 1: 1	Qtr 1: \$68	none
Sergeant Bluff Total Dues: \$4,054 Woodbury County Portion: \$2,027	Safe Routes to Schools, Street Analysis, Traffic Counts, GIS mapping, Grants, Comprehensive Plan Update, Regional Issues	MPO Work/Documents (TIP, public participation, passenger transportation plan), update to transportation model, presented to Planning & Zoning, Safe Routes to School activities	Qtr 1: 19	Qtr 1: \$1,292	none

Direct Totals: This includes time directly working with Woodbury County communities on projects, data collection and technical assistance.

Totals Dues	Woodbury County Portion
\$10,977	\$5,489

Time Period	Total Time (hours)	Estimated Value
Quarter 1: July 1 – September 30	56	\$3,808

Indirect Totals: This includes time working on projects, committees, outreach that indirectly benefits Woodbury County communities.

Program/Project	Total Time (hours) Qtr. 1	Estimated Value Qtr. 1
Newsletter/Grant Blasts/Notification of Events/ Committees/Meetings/Boards	3	\$204
Regional Work (RPA, HAZ Mat, CEDS)	29	\$1,972
	76	\$5,168
Totals:	108	\$7,344

Total Net Benefit:

	Qtr. 1
Direct Total Estimated Value	\$3,808
Indirect Total Estimated Value	\$7,344
Total:	\$11,152
Additional Grant Awards	
Lawton MRHD	\$50,000
Oto MRHD	\$25,000