

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

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Date: 9/12/2019

Weekly Agenda Date: 9/17/2019

ELECTED OFFICIAL / DEPARTMENT HEAD / CITIZEN: Kenny Schmitz

WORDING FOR AGENDA ITEM:

Law Enforcement Center- "Receive" and "Award" Financial Advisor Request For Proposals

ACTION REQUIRED:

Approve Ordinance

Approve Resolution

Approve Motion

Public Hearing

Other: Informational

Attachments

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

"Receive" and "Award" Financial Advisors Request for Proposals related to a potential Law Enforcement Justice Center. It is beneficial for Woodbury County to utilize services of a professional financial advisor when considering a major capital project. In August 2019, the Board of Supervisors approved a Request For Proposals (RFP) draft and process related to a potential Law Enforcement Justice Center. Proposals from interested financial advisors RFP's were to be "submitted" September 17th, 2019 at 10:00am. and "opened" at that time.

BACKGROUND:

Woodbury County is considering the potential for a new Law Enforcement Center. A financial advisor assists when engaging in major capital projects by identifying amounts to borrow, debt structure, finance documents, obtaining favorable bond ratings, terms, and negotiating final rates. The role of a financial advisor is to solely work in the Woodbury County Board's best interest to establish favorable financing terms in an effort to reduce finance costs on major capital projects. The LEC Committee, LEC Citizens Advisory Group, Building Services Department, Sheriff's Office, architects, & engineers over the past 4.5 years have diligently examined, investigated, and studied in detail the needs of a deteriorating 30-year aged facility operating at over capacity, originally designed for 90 inmates and currently housing 234. Studies encompassed cost analysis to address inmate over-population, detention compliance shortfalls, equipment repairs/replacements, and building CIP projects (\$22 million) all of which are necessary or will become apparent by way of forced emergency: air handlers which have exceeded life expectancy of 20-25 years (\$5.8 million for like replacements) may fail and facility would otherwise shut down causing enormous inmate transportation and court relocation costs exceeding \$2.9 million. Cost comparison associated with population, compliance updates, and equipment repairs to the current facility to those of a new facility were projected following fact finding which determined costs of current facility updates (that include outsourcing inmate housing, transportation, courts relocation while work is completed) and future CIP needs combined are nearly one-half that of a brand new facility that is more energy efficient, larger, and could help pay for itself with inmate revenue rather than taxpayer dollars.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Financial impact will be identified as submitted in the Financial Advisors RFP, and as "awarded" by the Board of Supervisors.

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 Finance Director & Building Services Director, in conjunction with Goldberg Group Architects recommend that the Woodbury County Board of Supervisors receive and approve the most advantageous RFP submission.

ACTION REQUIRED / PROPOSED MOTION:

Motion to "Receive" the Woodbury County Law Enforcement Justice Center Financial Advisor Request for Proposal submissions.

Motion to "Award" the Law Enforcement Justice Center RFP.