

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

Date: 03/05/2026 Weekly Agenda Date: 3/10/2026

ELECTED OFFICIAL / DEPARTMENT HEAD / CITIZEN: Kevin Grieme, Siouxland District Health

WORDING FOR AGENDA ITEM:

Ida County Public Health Service merger discussions

ACTION REQUIRED:

Approve Ordinance

Approve Resolution

Approve Motion

Public Hearing

Other: Informational

Attachments

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This is information only agenda item is to inform the Woodbury County BOS of discussions being held with Ida County Board of Health and Ida County BOS related the provision of public health services.

BACKGROUND:

Horn Memorial Hospital in Ida Grove has notified that they will not be renewing their agreement to host public health services. This agreement ends 7-01-26. The Ida County BOS and Board of Health reached out to see what options there might be for Siouxland District Health Dept. to provide oversight/managment of Ida County Public Health.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is intended to be no financial candidate. Discussions have focused on assuring that no county dollars cross over county lines for the provision of these services.

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:

Identify two BOS of supervisor members to serve as representatives of the Board to participate in future discussions. They would work with SDHD Board of Health Members to continue these discussions.

ACTION REQUIRED / PROPOSED MOTION:

Information only for Board of Supervisors.

**Siouxland District Health Department/Ida County Public Health
Services Merger Information
March 2026**

Background: In December of 2025, Ida County Public Health reached out to Siouxland District Health Department about entering discussions on what a public health services merger would look like. They had been notified by Horn Memorial Hospital, who had been the designated entity by the Ida County Board of Supervisors to provide public health services. Horn Memorial had made the decision that they could not continue with this designation because of impact on their Centers for Medicare & Medicaid cost report. During December, Kevin Grieme, Health Director of SDHD, attended a joint meeting with the Ida County BOS and BOH to discuss what options Ida County had. Following that meeting, they decided they would like to move forward with discussions.

Parameters that were identified:

1. No county tax dollars could cross county lines either way in any agreement that was developed.
2. This would involve the transfer of Ida County Local Public Health Services and Immunization services contracts to SDHD. This amount currently totals \$35,985.
3. Ida County BOS as the designated taxing authority would budget for additional local tax dollars to fund public health services.
4. To maintain a physical presence in Ida County.

Siouxland District Health Department currently provides Child Health and Woman's Infant and Children (WIC) to Ida County residents through contracts we have with the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services. These are done through Ida County based clinic days held every month.

What Siouxland District Health Department can provide:

- Administrative support for grants management and grant writing
- Community Health Needs Assessment/Health Improvement plan support
- Staffing support and expertise on public health topics and issues

Current areas of discussion

Ida County Public Health Staff would become employees of SDHD

How does the IT infrastructure work?

This would not include Environmental Health services at this time.

A cooperative agreement would be formed between the Boards of Supervisors and Boards of health in Ida and Woodbury Counties that outlines the responsibilities of all parties.