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To: Goodhue County Board of Commissioners

From: Scott O. Arneson, County Administrator

Date: October 29, 2025

Re: Institution Community Work Crew (ICWC) Contract

Goodhue County currently contracts with the State of Minnesota for an Institution Community Work Crew (ICWC). Through this agreement, the County receives 20 hours of weekly labor from individuals at the Minnesota Correctional Facility, along with one crew leader, at an annual cost of \$54,000. The current contract term runs from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027, and includes a 30-day termination notice provision.

Following the State's discontinuation of its long-standing Sentence to Serve (STS) program in June 2025, the County Board approved the establishment of a locally operated Goodhue County STS Program. Two crew leaders and a half-time coordinator have recently been hired, and the program is now operational.

As part of the County's efforts to reduce ongoing operating expenses for 2026 and beyond, the Board may consider terminating the ICWC contract effective December 31, 2025.