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Quarterly Report Submitted by Falls City EDGE

(KLZA)-- Falls City Economic Development and Growth Enterprise Executive Director Beckie Cromer presented the 2015 4th quarter report to the Falls City Council and the Richardson County Commissioners this week.

Despite a net loss in manufacturing jobs in the 4th quarter in Falls City, 2015 was a good year with 50 new positions filled. Cromer reported Falls City's newest industry, Gold Star Sausage opened in the 4th quarter. Production is underway after a significant investment in the facility. Cromer says it will take 6-months to a year for them to be fully operational.

EDGE continues to work with Southeast Community College for a location for a learning center in Falls City. Although the search for a location has been frustrating, SECC remains committed to Falls City. The college will be asking voters to pass a bond issue in their service area that would help provide funds to construct a new facility in Falls City.

Progress is also underway on the second phase of the Excel Development housing facility. Weather has put the project behind schedule. Dirt is being moved. Weather will be a determining factor in how soon construction can begin.

Cromer also noted that FAST Global Solutions, formerly known as WASP is planning an office expansion construction project in 2016.

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