

Scott County Board of Supervisors
February 20, 2020 5:00 p.m.

The Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment with Maxwell, Beck, Knobbe, Croken and Kinzer present. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Beck, seconded by Maxwell a motion approving the minutes of the February 4, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting, the minutes of the February 6, 2020 Regular Board Meeting and the minutes of the February 11, 2020 Special Board Meeting (Closed Session). All Ayes.

Moved by Croken, seconded by Kinzer that the following resolution be approved. All Ayes.

BE IT RESOLVED: 1) That the Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim February 2020 as Black History Month in Scott County and encourages all citizens to recognize the continuing impact African Americans have in our county and the lasting contributions they bring to the success of our community. 2) This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Supervisor Knobbe invited the guests in attendance to accept the proclamation to introduce themselves and share some of their background. Vera Kelly and Patrick Peacock introduced themselves and shared stories and background.

Moved by Beck, seconded by Maxwell a motion to open a public hearing relative to the proposed maximum tax levy. All Ayes.

David Farmer, Budget and Administrative Services Director, addressed the Board regarding the public hearing for the maximum tax levy dollars. He said the Board and staff have discussed a revenue budget of \$87,324,826 of which 65.8 percent is funded through property taxes. He reviewed the general fund, mental health, debt services and rural services levies.

He said the hearing involves only the general fund and rural services levies. He said in FY 20 the County had general fund property tax revenues of \$47,393,809, and the proposed maximum FY 21 for general fund property tax revenue is \$51,019,414, which is 7.65 percent more. He said the percentage increase triggered the need for the public hearing because it is more than a two percent change in property tax revenue from the prior year.

He said staff has projected a revenue budget for general fund property taxes of \$49,996,983, which is a 5.49 percent increase in dollars, and based on that revenue the tax rate per thousand dollars of valuation results in a 2.38 percent increase rather than the 4.47 percent increase under the maximum tax levy.

He said a public hearing for the rural services levy is not needed as the percent change is less than two percent, but it is included because it is all the same process.

He said that these dollars provide for continuing operations, salary and benefit adjustments, departmental staffing requests, increased costs of occupancy for adult and juvenile corrections and contract costs escalations such as IT, professional services, risk management, etc. He said the County's valuation grew at three percent and the unincorporated area grew at 1.3 percent.

He said the expense budget will be \$95.6 million. He said the departmental requests came from the departments in October, and departments and elected officials provided narratives to help identify their wants and needs for FY21. He said the operating budget of \$77.8 million excludes capital and debt services. He said the general fund, which is tied to the property tax levy, addresses cost of living adjustments, salary steps, and the required transfers for SECC, EMA and Secondary Roads. He said the budget does not use tax revenue to fund \$130,000 for strategic plan elements. He said instead the County will use reserves to fund the strategic plan, and so the budget projects a deficit of \$130,000. He said the budget also addresses the JDC and Sheriff contractual costs for out of County placement based on current projections.

He said the County's ending general fund balance is expected to be 18.3 percent of expenditures.

He said the overall urban levy rate, including mental health and debt service is going to move from \$5.99 to \$6.21 and the rural will move from \$8.91 to \$9.11.

Supervisor Knobbe asked Farmer to explain why it makes sense for the County to levy and otherwise raise revenue of \$87 million and in the same year spend \$95 million.

Farmer said the operating budget is generally funded with current revenues, and for capital projects the County issues debt, one time funding sources in FY20 that will be expended into next year related to the SECC 911 project, which is about \$6 million of the difference. He said the other funding source is related to Secondary Roads capital projects that they have occurring in both in FY20 and into FY21. He also said the general fund is a balanced budget.

Supervisor Croken said he has no major issue with the budget or the maximum tax levy increase, but he noted that no one from the public was there to attend this public hearing. He said he has to believe they are interested, but that the Board's practice of meeting times is not consistent with encouraging public participation in this process.

Joan Maxwell, 10600 275th Street, Donahue, Iowa, said Farmer and other staff did a great job explaining the budget at the recent Farm Bureau meeting where in excess of 20 people attended and they had very much interest in what Farmer and staff said.

Moved by Beck, seconded by Maxwell a motion to close the public hearing. All Ayes.

Moved by Beck, seconded by Maxwell that the following resolution be approved.
All Ayes.

BE IT RESOLVED: 1) That the bid for one Roadside Sprayer for Secondary Roads is approved and hereby awarded to Spray-Land USA, Marion, Iowa, in the amount of \$19,575. 2) That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Beck, seconded by Maxwell that the following resolution be approved.
All Ayes.

BE IT RESOLVED: 1) That the bid for one 2020 Vermeer BC1500XL Gas brush chipper is approved and hereby awarded to Vermeer Iowa and Northern Missouri, Tipton, Iowa, in the amount of \$37,340.00. 2) This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Beck, seconded by Maxwell that the following resolution be approved.
All Ayes.

BE IT RESOLVED: 1) That the bid of two 2020 B-B trailers for Secondary Roads is approved and hereby awarded to REXCO Equipment, Davenport, Iowa, in the amount of \$16,775.00. 2) This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Beck, seconded by Maxwell that the following resolution be approved.
All Ayes.

BE IT RESOLVED: 1) That the bid for one 2020 Ford Transit Van with prisoner compartments installed for the Sheriff's Office is approved and hereby awarded to Courtesy Ford, Davenport, Iowa, in the amount of \$55,326.75. 2) This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Croken, seconded by Kinzer that the following resolution be approved.
All Ayes.

BE IT RESOLVED: 1) The second half of the 2018 property taxes, due March 2020 for Norma Adams, 5905 Lorton Avenue, Davenport, Iowa, in the amount of \$2,761.00 are hereby suspended. 2) The County Treasurer is hereby requested to suspend the collection of the above stated taxes and utility fees thereby establishing a lien on said property as required by law with future collection to include statutory interest, if any. 3) This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Maxwell, seconded by Beck that the following resolution be approved.
All Ayes.

BE IT RESOLVED: 1) The assessment of election costs to school districts and municipalities as detailed in the County Auditor's Office is hereby approved for the following elections and total amounts:

ELECTION	AMOUNT
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School Board Elections	
Bennett	\$93.87
Calamus-Wheatland	46.93
Davenport	25,331.40
Durant	93.87
Bettendorf	4,946.78
North Scott	3,801.59
Pleasant Valley	4,167.67
Eastern IA Comm. College	18,701.93
SCHOOL BOARD TOTAL	\$57,184.04
Municipal Elections	
Bettendorf City	\$9,067.50
Blue Grass City	384.85
Buffalo City	281.60
Davenport City Primary	59,447.67
Davenport City Municipal	23,171.20
Dixon City	46.93
Donahue City	75.09
Durant City	18.77
Eldridge City	1,501.86
LeClaire City	1,070.08
Long Grove City	206.51
Panorama Park City	32.59
Princeton City	225.28
Riverdale City	103.25
Maysville City	40.73
McCausland City	75.09
New Liberty City	24.44
Walcott City	356.69
MUNICIPAL TOTAL	\$96,130.13
GRAND TOTAL	\$153,314.17

2) This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Maxwell, seconded by Beck that the following resolution be approved.
All Ayes.

BE IT RESOLVED: 1) The County will adopt a maximum proposed tax levy of \$51,019,414 for general services (General Fund) and \$3,333,416 for Rural Services. 2) This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Maxwell, seconded by Beck a resolution approving the setting of a public hearing on an amendment to the County's current FY20 Budget for Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Moved by Croken, seconded by Kinzer a motion amending the resolution by moving the board meeting start time from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Chairman Knobbe requested a roll call vote. Roll Call: Two Ayes, with Maxwell, Beck and Knobbe voting Nay.

The Board voted on the following resolution. All Ayes.

BE IT RESOLVED: 1) A public hearing date on an amendment to the County's current FY20 Budget is set for Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. 2) The County Director of Budget and Administrative Services is hereby directed to publish notice of said amendment as required by law. 3) This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Maxwell, seconded by Beck a resolution approving the setting of a public hearing on the FY21 annual budget and the five year capital improvement plan for Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Moved by Croken, seconded by Kinzer a motion amending the resolution by moving the Board meeting start time from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Chairman Knobbe requested a roll call vote. Roll Call: Two Ayes, with Maxwell, Beck and Knobbe voting Nay.

The Board voted on the following resolution. All Ayes.

BE IT RESOLVED: 1) All County departmental FY21 budget requests and all authorized agency FY21 funding requests are hereby authorized for filing and publication as the budget estimate for FY21. The published budget levy amount for the General Fund (General Services) and Rural Services Fund shall not exceed the maximum tax levy amount approved by board resolution. 2) The Board of Supervisors hereby fixes the time and place for a public hearing on said budget estimate for Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the Scott County Administrative Center. 3) The Scott County Director of Budget and Administrative Services is hereby directed to publish the notice and estimate summary as required by law. 4) This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Maxwell, seconded by Beck that the following resolution be approved. All Ayes.

BE IT RESOLVED: 1) That the appointment of Meg Flenker, Long Grove, Iowa, to the Benefited Fire District #2 for a three (3) year term expiring on March 10, 2023 is hereby approved. 2) This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Maxwell, seconded by Beck that the following resolution be approved. All Ayes.

Croken asked if this was an appointment or a reappointment.

Knobbe answered that it is a reappointment.

BE IT RESOLVED: 1) That the appointment of Donna Furrow, Eldridge, Iowa, to the Benefited Fire District #4 for a three (3) year term expiring on April 1, 2023 is hereby approved. 2) This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Maxwell, seconded by Beck that the following resolution be approved.
Roll Call: All Ayes.

BE IT RESOLVED: 1) The Scott County Board of Supervisors approves for payment all warrants numbered 303586 through 303844 as submitted and prepared for payment by the County Auditor, in the total amount of \$2,261,388.13. 2) The Board of Supervisors approves for payment to Wells Fargo Bank all purchase card program transactions as submitted to the County Auditor for review in the amount of \$94,206.90. 3) This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Under other items of interest, David Farmer, Budget and Administrative Services Director, updated the Board on FY20 revenues as of February 19, 2020. He said Gaming Revenues are projected to be close to the \$685,000 budgeted amount. He said Recorder Revenue is currently at \$751,956 and is projected to be about \$1,200,000 by the end of the fiscal year. He said the driving force is document stamps and recording of instruments. He said Road Use Tax has collected \$2,920,281 so far and will probably end up the year at \$4.4 to \$4.5 million, which would be about 14 percent more than projected. He said FY19 Road Use Tax was \$4.28 million and that the increase in Road Use Tax this year will help pay for ongoing capital and operations for Secondary Roads. He said Local Option Sales Tax revenue is at \$2,879,281 and will probably be more than \$4.8 to \$5 million this year. He said much of this revenue is derived from taxes applied to internet purchases. He said Local Option Sales Tax is used to reduce local property taxes and applied to the General Fund and helps everyone in the County equally in that manner. He said County Interest Income is currently at \$721,448. He said when allocated to the various funds this number will reduce to about 60 to 70 percent for the general fund. He said the County is on pace to have an equivalent year to last year in interest income.

Croken asked if Farmer has any reason to suspect the County could improve that performance.

Farmer answered that the County has improved performance already. He said the County's investment policy prioritizes safeguarding assets. He said because we are dealing with the public's money safeguarding assets must be first, with liquidity second and return on investments third in terms of priorities. He said in the Treasurer's Office Treasurer Mike Fennelly and Megan Peterson, Financial Management Supervisor, evaluate our relationships with banks to improve County investment income and actually return at a higher daily rate on cash balances. He said in recent years the County has taken the necessary steps to improve return.

Farmer said Building Permit Revenue is up about 20 percent, which is related to the new charges for sub-contractor permits that started in 2019. He said Sheriff Revenues

are on pace, and that these revenues tend to lag a little longer and could fail to meet projections. He said Attorney Fine Collection is within two percent of projections.

Farmer said the January average daily population of juveniles in the Juvenile Detention Center and in the adult Jail was at 20.97, up three tenths from the daily average in December. He said that so far FY20 average daily population of 22 is running much lower than the FY19 daily average daily population of 33.

He said the January average daily jail population physically in the Scott County Jail, excluding federal inmates, was at 300.61, which was down two from December. He said he is working with the Sheriff's Office to produce more detailed information regarding the managed population housed out of the County. He said this number also includes juvenile placements in the jail. He noted that a change in the State's probation policy in 2018 was a large driver in the increase in the average daily population.

Croken said while the January number was 300, there are no details on how many of them have a diagnosis of a mental illness or how many of them are veterans or how many are awaiting trial and unable to bail out.

Knobbe said Brian Burkholder, the Roadside Vegetation Specialist, will be doing a presentation for the public on "Enhancing our Roadsides" at the Scott County Library in Eldridge on February 26th.

Kinzer noted the success of local high school wrestlers and wished them well in the individual wrestling championships.

Moved by Beck, seconded by Kinzer at 5:47 p.m. a motion to adjourn. All Ayes.

Tony Knobbe, Chair of the Board
Scott County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Roxanna Moritz
Scott County Auditor