

Scott County Board of Supervisors
June 11, 2020 5:00 p.m.

The Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment with Croken, Kinzer, Maxwell, Beck and Knobbe present. Due to social distancing concerns relating to COVID19, Supervisors and staff were separated into different rooms and spaced apart during the meeting. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Beck, seconded by Maxwell a motion approving the minutes of the May 28, 2020 Regular Board Meeting. All Ayes.

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

Angela Kersten, County Engineer, reviewed quotes from local quarries for FY21 road rock and ice control sand. She said the River Stone Group rock prices are up twenty five cents and sand is up ten cents per ton, and the nearest neighboring quarries held to last year's prices.

Supervisor Croken said, since the agenda says roll call votes, it would be prudent to do so.

Knobbe agreed that a roll call vote was in order.

BE IT RESOLVED: 1) That the quotes for road rock and ice control sand be accepted from the following: River Stone Group, Inc: ITEM #1 Rock; \$8.75 LeC/McC, ITEM #1A Rock (New Lib); \$8.25 New Lib, ITEM #2 Sand; \$9.00, ITEM #2a Sand Delivered; \$13.60 Semi, ITEM #2a Sand Delivered; \$15.00 Tandem, ITEM #3 Macadam; \$9.00 LeC/McC, ITEM #3a Macadam; \$8.50 New Lib, ITEM #4 Class "A" Rock; \$9.00. Linwood Mining: ITEM #1 Rock; \$10.00, ITEM #2 Sand; No Quote, ITEM #2 Slag Sand; \$5.00, ITEM #2a Sand Delivered; No Quote, ITEM #3 Macadam; \$13.00, ITEM #4 Class "A" Rock; \$10.65. Wendling Quarries: ITEM #1 Rock; \$9.00, ITEM #2 Sand; \$8.00, ITEM #2a Sand Delivered; No Quote, ITEM #3 Macadam; \$8.00, ITEM #4 Class "A" Rock; \$9.00. 2) That the amounts purchased will be based on the lowest hauled in-place cost based on county needs. 3) That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Kersten reviewed FY21 ice and snow control salt quotes. She said the County bought 1,870 tons of salt last year and has approximately 450 tons of salt on hand. She said a significant amount of salt was used early last year, and based on the types of storms encountered, the majority of roads plowed had salt put on them. She recommended contracting for 1,900 tons of salt from Cargill through the state bid at \$64.23 per ton. She said the County is required to purchase a minimum of 80 percent (1,520 tons), and could purchase up to a maximum of 110 percent (2,090 tons) at this price.

Croken asked if the price has changed.

Kersten said the price decreased \$7.03 per ton compared to last year. She noted she also requested quotes from local suppliers but the Cargill state bid was the low bid.

Supervisor Beck asked about the local bids.

Kersten said the responding companies were Cargill, Morton Salt and Central Salt. She noted that the Cargill price through state letting was lower than the local price quote.

Supervisor Knobbe asked what is the most that can be stored at one time.

She said all of it can be stored. She said the salt shed has one bay that is all salt and one bay that is a mixture of half sand and half salt, and can store about 800 tons per side. She said the hoop shed could hold three times that amount.

Croken asked if it would make any sense to acquire more salt since the price is low.

Kersten said the state letting process requires stating an up-front tonnage to purchase before prices are given, with the ability to purchase up to 110 percent of that amount.

Supervisor Kinzer asked if the County would be able to get more at that price if there is a horrific winter and the County went through a lot of salt.

Kersten answered the maximum at this price would be 2,090 tons. She said if more is needed she would have to negotiate with Cargill or another provider. She said normally the County buys 1,200 to 1,500 tons of salt. She said she increased the amount to buy this year to be in a better position going into next year.

Croken asked if there is a cost to storing the salt.

Kersten said the strategy was buying enough salt but not too much because prices could go down the next year. She said the shed was built about 40 years ago to store salt and the cost of the shed would be the cost of the storage.

Knobbe said there are no variable costs.

BE IT RESOLVED: 1) That the bid for ice and snow control salt be accepted from the IaDOT letting to Cargill Inc. for \$64.23/TON – 1,900 Tons to equal \$122,037.00. 2) That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Kersten reviewed Secondary Roads Department vehicle purchases. She said with the emergence of COVID-19 and its negative financial impacts she worked with her team to

analyze operations and look closely at expenditures to determine what is critical and what could be deferred to a future time.

She said she conservatively plans for a \$300,000 decrease in revenue for FY21 in the Secondary Roads Fund. She said she budgeted \$750,000 on equipment in FY21, which includes a single axle dump truck, tandem axle dump truck, a motor grader, a sign truck, a one ton dump truck and three half ton pickup trucks. She said she met with her team over the last three months to discuss purchases, downtime with maintenance, repairs and costs they could encounter. She said heavy equipment is more costly to repair, and pushing the equipment replacement schedule out a year could incur substantial increases for equipment repair and significant downtime without needed equipment, or needing to double up on purchases in the future.

Barb Pardie, Fleet Manager, reviewed the recommended fleet replacements. She said the Department has a 2013 Caterpillar model 140M2 motor grader with 8,643 hours on it. She said that Martin Equipment had the low bid for a total price of \$205,500. She noted an option was for a manual but the Department already has that manual. She said \$215,000 was budgeted for this item and it came under budget by \$9,500.

She said the Department has a 2008 International 7400 single axle chassis with 115,228 miles on it and 5,724 hours on the engine. She said the low bid for the cab is from Thompson Trucks at \$65,335 with a trade-in. She said two bids were made for the dump body and snow equipment. She said Tri-State Truck made the low bid but did not meet the specs on several items. She recommended Henderson Truck Equipment with a price of \$86,408. She said the total price of the two items is \$151,743, which is \$28,257 under the budgeted amount of \$180,000.

She said the Department has a 2014 International 7600 tandem axle chassis with 176,482 miles on it and 6,698 hours on the engine. She said Thompson Trucks made the low bid of \$64,925 with a good trade-in price. She said two bids were made for the dump body and snow equipment with Tri-State Truck's bid not meeting the specs on several items. She recommended the bid from Henderson Truck Equipment in the amount of \$108,536. She said the total price of the two items is \$173,461, which is \$26,539 under the budgeted amount of \$200,000.

Kersten recommended the three purchases for a total of \$530,704 because they are required to perform the basic functions of snow and ice removal and roadway maintenance. She said delaying the purchase of other budgeted equipment would reduce expenditures by \$220,000, and the remaining \$80,000 estimated revenue loss for FY21 could be absorbed in several line items that are conservatively budgeted due to the majority of work being weather dependent. She said she plans conservatively and that she struggled with recommending these expenditures. She said after much discussion and analysis with her team she recommends going forward with purchasing this equipment at this time.

Kinzer asked for comment from the Budget Director.

David Farmer, Budget and Administrative Services Director, said the Secondary Roads Fund is a separate operating fund from the General Capital Fund. He said an investment in infrastructure or equipment needs to be judged on the long term capital maintenance costs. He said in this case that analysis was made to his satisfaction, it is prudent to go ahead and invest in this capital now due to the use of the equipment in snow removal.

Beck said he and Kersten had long discussions about this and he is very sensitive to the fact of spending over half a million dollars on equipment. He said to remember that half the money comes from road tax which cannot be used for the general budget. He said reducing the equipment purchase budget from \$750,000 to \$530,000 shows that the Secondary Roads team seriously considered the effort to keep costs down.

Croken noted that all of these contracts are going to local providers.

Kinzer noted that the motor grader is manufactured at the Mt. Joy John Deere plant in Scott County.

BE IT RESOLVED: 1) That the bid for one 2020 John Deere Model 772G Motor Grader for Secondary Roads is approved and hereby awarded to Martin Equipment of Illinois Inc., Rock Island, Illinois, in the amount of \$205,500.00. 2) This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

BE IT RESOLVED: 1) That the bid for one 2020 single axle International HV507 SFA for Secondary Roads is approved and hereby awarded to Thompson Trucks, Davenport, Iowa, in the amount of \$65,335.00. 2) That the bid for installation of one dump body with snow equipment for Secondary Roads is approved and hereby awarded to Henderson Truck Equipment, Manchester, Iowa, in the amount of \$86,408.00. 3) This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

BE IT RESOLVED: 1) That the bid for one 2021 International HV513 SFA for Secondary Roads is approved and hereby awarded to Thompson Trucks, Davenport, Iowa, in the amount of \$64,925.00. 2) That the bid for one dump body with snow equipment for Secondary Roads is approved and hereby awarded to Henderson Truck Equipment, Iowa, in the amount of \$108,536.00. 3) This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Tammy Speidel, Facility and Support Services Director, reviewed a bid for modification of the Administrative Center elevator. She said a committee formed to discuss reopening the Administrative Center has met several times. She said the committee includes DHS, the Treasurer's Office and the Recorder's Office representing all 5th floor offices. She said DHS has no plan to reopen. She said DHS is at minimal staffing, does not have staff to handle walk-in traffic and only meet with public by appointment. She said DHS is planning for continued telework due to concerns about the resurgence of COVID-19 in the fall with the flu season. She said the County needs to figure out how to keep public using the elevators from exiting onto the DHS floors.

She said access control for elevators has been discussed in the past. She said this is the appropriate time for such controls and to have the ability to assign a time for each floor to be open. She said employees could swipe their IDs for access to a closed floor while the general public would not have this access. She said closing off floors would increase overall building security for times when various office might be open but the rest of the building would be closed, such as during elections or public health clinics. She said because this purchase is specifically related to COVID-19 the County could apply for FEMA grant funding but would not know about approval until later.

Beck asked if there are ongoing maintenance, computer programming or software costs.

Speidel said no. She said when the elevators were updated a new controller panel was installed which has this ability built-in. She said there is no ongoing additional cost.

Croken asked if there has been any discussion of DHS helping with the expense.

Speidel said the County is required to provide space to DHS and treat DHS like any other County department. She said the County is typically reimbursed between 35 and 37 cents on the dollar for the cost of housing DHS. She said any common improvement to the building would be eligible for that reimbursement.

Kinzer asked if this has been discussed at department head meetings and if there had been any thoughts or comments that came out of the meetings.

Speidel said there has not been any negative feedback and she thinks everyone is in favor of increased security. She said while the elevator was not specifically pointed out during the Homeland Security audits, she thinks that any security improvement in the building will have wide support. She said County Recorder Rita Vargas is sharing information with all offices on the 5th floor and she is working with those offices on how to limit the amount of people in the 5th floor lobby.

David Farmer said the elevator modification has been discussed at department head meetings.

Kinzer asked if the second floor doors will be reopened when the building exterior work is done.

Speidel said no, and that every security audit has pointed to opening these doors as a safety issue, and if they were open then a second security staff would be needed.

Maxwell asked what percent of FEMA reimbursement could this get.

Farmer said if this qualifies for FEMA the standard 75 percent federal, 10 percent State and 15 percent local would apply. He said if approved, 35 percent of the 15 percent local match could be applied to the DHS reimbursement. He said FEMA would have to agree that the expense is related to health and safety related to COVID-19.

Knobbe said this makes sense and would work in an emergency or a temporary situation.

BE IT RESOLVED: 1) That the bid for elevator modification work is hereby approved and awarded to Otis Elevator in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00. 2) That the bid for access control in conjunction with elevator modification work is hereby approved and awarded to Night Watch Security in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00. 3) This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mary Thee, Human Resources Director, reviewed the temporary information desk at the Administrative Center. She said this week the Treasurer's Office started taking appointments through the Qmatic System. She said the issue arose on how to control traffic flow going to other floors and other departments that have not developed an appointment process or are not ready to receive customers once the building is open. She said the suggestion was to have a temporary employee greet people at the front door, have conversations with them about any potential risk, offer a face mask, (but not requiring them to wear one) and then determine whether they have an appointment with a department in the building before letting them through the second set of doors.

She said the Treasurer's Office has requested a second temporary employee that can serve at the County General Store. She said a staff member is fulfilling this function which removes that staff from serving customers. She said the Treasurer's Office has a backlog of work due to being closed for the last 60 days. She said staff considers this as a bridge as other departments work to open their departments.

Speidel said the Treasurer's Office is very pleased with how it is working and she thinks there are a lot more positive comments as people come to the building that do not have an appointment. She said the greeter can give those people a sheet with the various office phone numbers so people can call to get an appointment or schedule one for another day. She said the greeting process allows for asking questions, such as, do you have two or more symptoms, have you been around someone with a positive result or do you have an appointment. She said about 50 masks are distributed to the public

every two days. She said a fair amount of staff are nervous about opening the building to the general public and getting people to take a mask will help alleviate some the fear. She said with the second temporary greeter at the General Store that the program may exceed the \$15,000 spending limit without prior Board approval.

Barb Vance, Treasurer's Office Operations Manager, said it has been spectacular having a greeter and the temporary employee deflects those individuals that do not have an appointment and those with an appointment do not have to stand in line and can complete their business quickly.

Speidel said having the security personnel do that work was considered, but rejected because the security person is here to provide security in the building, including walking rounds on the floors and patrolling the parking lot.

She said that Mike Fennelly, County Treasurer, reported to her that another County opened the Treasurer's Office and had about five hundred customers waiting to get in.

Croken said it is important to protect the health and safety of county workers and asked why are people not required to wear a mask.

She said that option was discussed with the County Attorney's Office and the Risk Manager. She said there have been private businesses that have seen violence erupt because they have required people to wear masks before they would serve them. She said the concern was about potential violence that might occur if a county government office refused to serve a customer for not wearing a mask. She said the decision was to go with a soft approach where a mask would be offered.

Speidel said she contacted Kathy Gaylord, District Court Administrator, about what the courts intended to do, and Gaylord said there is direction from the Iowa Supreme Court that the courts, as a government agency, cannot require people to wear masks.

Croken said he disagrees and the County ought not to subject employees to potential infection because of fear someone might get violent.

She said to protect employees Plexiglas barriers between them and the customer have been put up and employees are offered masks or face shields, whatever they feel comfortable with for their own protection.

Speidel said every workstation in the Treasurer's Office has been retrofitted with a hanging Plexiglas shield, and every public counter in an open lobby has been retrofitted with a shield.

Croken said he appreciates all that has been done.

Beck asked what is temporary.

Speidel said maybe through the end of June to mid-July, but she said it will depend on how other departments open and when the other departments determine an appointment process, which they are working on now. She said that the Health Department has used an appointment system for some time, but the Qmatic system is not an option due to the types of questions staff asks before setting up an appointment. She said the clients of the Community Services Department are more challenging and the Department plans to continue using the mail to conduct business and will go last in opening to the public. She said discussions continue with the 5th floor offices.

Beck commented that having the right person in the position makes a difference, especially given the current social climate.

Speidel said the greeter is very good, she wears a mask and offering a mask to customers implies the need to wear one, and while very polite she is also assertive in telling people without an appointment that they need to make one before entering the building. She said that the greeter allows people with appointments for the Treasurer's Office into the building, but staff from other offices must accompany those with appointments for other departments in the building.

Thee said that staff will monitor the cost and bring the program back to the Board for consideration if it approaches the spending limit.

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

Mary Thee reviewed a temporary over-hire in the Sheriff's Office. She said an individual is scheduled to retire at the end of June and the Sheriff would like that person to train a new person. She said there are currently 3.5 FTE's in the Senior Office Assistant position and the retiring employee agreed to stay to conduct that training should the Board approve this request. She said from a cost perspective this would not be that costly at about \$950 per week for two or three weeks. She said if it bridges two different months, there is a possibility of health coverage that could add another \$1,500.

She said the real question is whether this is an actual hire rather than an over-hire. She said since March the County has been hiring only essential staff, such as custodial staff, Corrections Officers, a Deputy and positions along that line. She said this is a situation where the County is hiring clerical staff. She said she is not saying that clerical staff are not essential, but the County's major cost is for staff. She said County Policy C states that during times of economic necessity, the Board or County Administrator may direct the Human Resources Department to receive Board approval before proceeding with the recruitment process. She said she sees this action as the approval of hiring for this position. She said this is an AFSCME position which means that it potentially could be a promotional situation which create a vacancy in another department. She said that a vacancy for a multi-service clerk exists in the Recorder's Office and Human Resources has advised the Recorder that she would have to seek Board approval before seeking to fill the vacancy due to the current economic situation.

Beck said he knows each position is unique and asked if that position could be trained by one of the other people in one of those other positions.

Thee said there are 3.5 FTEs in this position but basically one person performs these tasks on a regular basis and one person performs the tasks as a back-up. She said the Sheriff's Office concern is the ability of the person in the back-up position to be able to train and perform the regular tasks at the same time.

Farmer said there are multiple staff with these titles but each has a unique skill-set.

Maxwell said in his personal business experience, to have the old person train the new person is essential, and he supports this request.

Kinzer said this kind of over-hire has been done before and cited the need to be proactive in training staff when possible.

Croken said he supports the request and an orderly transition is a value, and the price of the over-hire is worth it.

BE IT RESOLVED: 1) That the Board hereby approves the temporary over-hire of 1.0 FTE Senior Office Assistant for up to 3 weeks. 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) That the appointment of Joe Cronkleton Jr., Donahue, Iowa, to the Benefited Fire District #5 for a three (3) year term expiring on July 19, 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) That the appointment of Mary Friederichs, Walcott, Iowa, to the Benefited Fire District #6 for a three (3) year term expiring on June 30, 2023 is hereby approved. 2) This resolution shall take effect immediately.

David Farmer reviewed FY20 Budgeting for Outcomes Quarterly Report as of March 31, 2020 for third-quarter activity. He said he would highlight things that are more COVID related.

He noted under Administration/Financial Management the fund balance as of the third quarter was at 36 percent and that it is heavy on collection of real estate taxes, local option sales taxes, and interest income all up through March 31st. He said the County will start to draw down on the fund balance over the next six months.

He said Conservation/Golf Operations shows a deficit of \$67,088 in operating income because of the winter months. He said the April and May numbers are much better.

He said under Facility and Support Services/Maintenance of Buildings, 32 percent of maintenance was preventative maintenance through the first nine months, but added that in April and May some of that preventative maintenance had to slow down and it was redirected towards cleaning and other maintenance items.

He said under Health/Swimming Pool and Spa evaluations, the Department had completed three and now project to complete only 50 percent of inspections by the end of the fiscal year.

Maxwell asked if the Conservation Department planned to open the pool this year.

Mary Thee said the Department decided to not open the pool because the life guards had already been terminated, the pool could not be set up until July and with school starting in August the Department would not be able to recoup the costs of operation.

Knobbe added that due to Davenport and Bettendorf closing their pools the County pool would be overwhelmed by the number of people seeking to use it.

Croken said he got two phone calls from constituents about the pool not opening.

Farmer said the Sheriff's Office/Traffic Enforcement were about 50 percent, 661 traffic hours. He said with COVID there was less traffic and that number may change in the fourth quarter. He said Pam Brown from the Sheriff's Office indicated that the Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau recommended no or reduced monitoring.

He said the Treasurer/County General Store had 3.5 percent of tax collections going to the General Store and which is usually at least 4.5 percent collected at the General Store.

Farmer reviewed FY20 Actual Revenues and Expenditures for the third quarter. He said as of March 31, 2020 the County incurred \$22,954 in COVID related expenses and as of May 21, 2020 had incurred \$117,359 in those expenses. He said today we are at close to \$200,000 in COVID expenses and at least 50 percent is related to the non-congregate sheltering program that is preapproved for FEMA for reimbursement. He said the County will be reimbursed at 100 percent because the 15 percent local match is being paid by our not-for-profit partners.

Maxwell asked when FEMA would end COVID-19 grant funding.

Farmer said that at some point FEMA will say no more expenses will qualify. He said funding is dependent on showing that increased operating costs are occurring related to public health and safety. He said at some point the County will complete all projects which he projected as sometime in August or September. He said not counting the non-

congregate sheltering program, the County will incur about \$150,000 in COVID-19 expenses. He said the budget amendment projected up \$800,000 in COVID-19 expenses including the non-congregate shelter program. He said the monthly costs of this program were running from \$40,000 to \$70,000 based on volume and for the first four months totaled \$280,000.

He said expenditures were at 72.7 percent and revenues were at 86.7 percent compared to the budget. He said 90.7 percent of real estate taxes were collected by March 31st and today 97.5 percent were collected.

He said the third-quarter total authorized FTE level was at 492.42, with 8.7 authorized overfill positions and 7.9 open positions.

He said the Auditor's Office conducted a reimbursable election in November and is still collecting those revenues.

He said capital improvements are at 26 percent expended and a lot of that is related to West Lake Park and Buffalo Shores.

He said Gaming Revenues were down \$176,000 but when the casinos open this month they will start to bring in some dollars.

He said the Conservation Department is probably going to lose about \$200,000.

He said the Health Department has a special \$50,000 COVID grant.

He said the JDC had about \$7,500 of expenses related to COVID in the month of March that the County will apply for reimbursement.

He said Secondary Roads is expecting a decline in road use tax of about \$300,000. He said that number keeps changing every day. He said road use tax provides about \$4.2 million and so the \$300,000 decrease is about seven percent.

He said the Sheriff's Office had a budget amendment for out of County placements of prisoners and all of the Office's division were running high related to the over-hires.

He said Gross Property Taxes collected was at 90.7 percent as of March 31st and are now at 97.53 percent, leaving about \$1 million to collect for the General Fund.

He said collection of Local Option Sales Tax was at 80 percent of projections on March 31st, but a reduction of \$690,000 was projected. He said the State announced last month a plan to distribute everything in the local option sales tax and reconcile the difference in FY21. He said he still projects a decrease in revenue to be about a \$600,000 to \$800,000 in FY21.

He said golf course rounds were two percent behind budget in March.

He said the self-insurance fund is running positive as there are fewer physician services sought by employees.

Moved by Maxwell, seconded by Beck a motion approving the filing of third quarter financial reports from various county offices. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Farmer reviewed the filing of third quarter reports from various county offices for FY20. He noted that Veterans Affairs continues running ahead of budget and are at 59 percent for Relief Payments. He said the department does a great outreach and has improved outreach over the past twelve months.

Moved by Maxwell, seconded by Beck a motion approving beer/liquor license renewals for Perfect Value Liquor Mart and No Place Special, and cigarette/tobacco permits for Big 10 Mart #29 and Davenport Country Club. Roll Call: All Ayes.

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 305590 through 305797 as submitted and prepared for payment by the County Auditor, in the total amount of \$1,187,715.08. 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 \$77,481.46. 3) This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Under other items of interest, David Farmer reviewed FY20 Revenue Updates as of June 10, 2020. He said Gaming Revenues were at \$509,487, and he projected a decrease of \$175,000 from the original budget. He said those revenues go into the Capital Fund. He said Recorder Revenue is running ahead of projections by \$148,268. He said Road Use Tax is at \$3,802,056. He said projections for Local Option Sales Tax started the year at \$4.6 million, projections went to \$4.8 million in March, went down to \$4.1 million in May and now projections are back to \$4.8 million because the State is not going to true-up distributions. He said Interest Income is \$1,004,408 but the amount will end lower when reallocated to other funds. He said Building Permits are running hot at \$281,512. He said charges for Sheriff Services continues to be behind projections but may finish the fiscal year close to the budget amendment amount of \$939,600. He said Attorney Fine Collection is pretty much done for the year and has hit the mark of \$400,000.

He reviewed General Fund Revenues to date, and noted the County brought in \$1,879,007 in revenue in the past two weeks and is at 86 percent of the amended budget.

He said the County spent \$2,826,260 which is at 74 percent of the amended budget.

He said in May the average daily population in the Scott County Jail, excluding federal inmates, was at 198.74. He said there could be a backlog of cases due to the courts not operating at capacity and when the courts fully operate again there could be a significant increase in jail population. He said for May the average number of self-reported veterans in the jail was 3.05, and the number of individuals who self-reported or took medication for mental health issues was 69.1.

He said the combined average daily juvenile detainee population at the JDC and Jail was 16 for May, and was very comparable to April numbers.

He said in May there were 4,046 rounds of golf, which was the second highest May in the past ten years.

Moved by Maxwell, seconded by Beck a motion encouraging Scott County representatives to the Iowa General Assembly to oppose amendments to HF2486. Roll Call: Croken and Kinzer voted Aye, Maxwell Abstained with Beck and Knobbe voting Nay.

Croken asked if the County's lobbyist registered in opposition.

Knobbe said the County has not registered anything at this point and the County is automatically undecided until taking a stand pro or con. He said it was discussed yesterday in a teleconference and the news at that point was the bill with amendments passed in the Senate. He said he talked to our representatives this afternoon who reported in their opinion those amendments will not survive the House.

Beck said he talked with Senator Lofgren this afternoon who said there is no interest in the House to deal with these particular amendments. He also said the lobbyists indicated there was no interest in the House.

Maxwell said he feels uncomfortable voting either way having not read it and not being informed about it. He said from what we heard about it on Tuesday, it sounded like it would be of interest and there are good things in the bill. He said he does not think it is a good idea to tell the legislators what they should do. He said Supervisors can call up the representatives if they have individual beliefs. He said this sometimes becomes a political football.

Knobbe said watching the concept of early voting play out in the Primary, COVID has encouraged thousands of people to experience absentee voting for the first time. He said it appears that the increases happened in both parties. He said he was with Maxwell and is loath to take a position on a bill that is fluid, that has not taken its final form, and until it has taken its final form his approach is to be on the phone, on the email to express his pleasure or displeasure with the amendments or the entire bill.

Maxwell said he is for getting the vote out the best way we can.

Beck said he agrees with Maxwell and Knobbe and he does not know enough about it and is staying neutral. He said to let the legislators work it out.

Croken said the cost of mailing the ballots was covered under the CARES Act.

Kinzer asked if the Board's vote would be on what was presented to Supervisors during the Election Canvass meeting.

Croken said yes and the vote would be in opposition of Senator Smith's amendments to HF2486.

Kinzer said he does not have a problem stating opposition to HF2486 as amended.

Tammy Speidel updated the Board on the proposed purchase of property on Tremont Avenue north of 53rd Street. She said closing with the Humane Society was delayed to have more thorough soil testing done and the results of the tests are back. She said the consultants looked at what that meant and that the County was looking at an additional \$1.4 million more in costs than the original estimate, including soil remediation, additional structural to get the building to stay without settling, the very real possibility of having to do a lift station for sewer and additional retaining walls. She said the County withdrew the purchase offer last week.

Speidel reviewed progress on exterior repairs to the Administrative Center. She said work was supposed to be finished by June 12th. She said due to difficulties the project was rebid and specs were opened to include other panel manufacturers. She said there has been virtually no communication with Metl-Span, the panel manufacturer, to Waldinger the subcontractor of Swanson. She said Swanson issued a letter saying they would be responsible for all additional expenses. She said Metl-Span sent an email this afternoon that the panels may be on-site in September. She said she is considering pulling the performance bond to see if the next manufacturer will get us any closer to being done. She said the plan was to have windows replaced in the May timeframe. She said there will be coordination issues in gearing up for the general election and how to handle replacement of windows in the areas used for the election. She said the windows cannot be replaced separately and have to be done in conjunction with the metal panels.

Croken asked about contractual remedies to the situation.

Speidel said the County rarely carries liquidated damages in its construction contracts. She said the option to pull the bond would force Waldinger and Swanson to pay the difference in costs between the low bid and the next manufacturer's bid. She questioned the benefit of pulling the bond if doing so does not speed up the project.

Kinzer asked what the drop dead date was for completing the project.

Speidel said the project probably needed to be completed by mid-October to avoid possible snow and other weather events, and the panels would need to be delivered in September to meet the deadline.

Croken said liquidated damages do not subvert good will in business dealings. Kinzer and Beck agreed with Croken.

Moved by Maxwell, seconded by Beck at 6:58 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