

Scott County Board of Supervisors
June 25, 2020 5:00 p.m.

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

Moved by Beck, seconded by Maxwell a motion approving the minutes of the June 1, 2020 Special Board Meeting (Emergency), the minutes of the June 5, 2020 Special Board Meeting (Emergency), the minutes of the June 9, 2020 Special Board Meeting (Election Canvass) and the minutes of the June 11, 2020 Regular Board Meeting. All Ayes.

Moved by Beck, seconded by Maxwell a resolution setting a public hearing date on a road vacation for Thursday, July 9th at 5:00 p.m.

Angela Kersten, County Engineer, reviewed setting the public hearing for the road vacation. She said Monty Shumate contacted the Secondary Roads Department to vacate a piece of road right-of-way. She said he owns the land adjacent to the right-of-way and has been maintaining the area for ingress and egress to his property. She said he would like to extend water service from Valley Drive to his property through the right-of-way to his house and would like to potentially build an addition to his home.

She supported vacating the right-of-way and said the County does not maintain the right-of-way. She said the traveled portion is solely used as a driveway for the property, the width of the road is 20 feet, which is too narrow for a public road, and it would be a greater benefit to vacate the right-of-way and put the land back on the tax rolls.

Supervisor Beck asked if Spencer Road was where the County added and had a bridge and culvert issue a couple of years ago.

Kersten answered no and said that was 249th Avenue, to the east of this area.

Tim Huey, Planning and Development Director, supported the right-of-way vacation.

Moved by Croken, seconded by Kinzer a motion to amend the resolution by moving the public hearing start time from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Roll Call: Two Ayes, with Maxwell, Beck and Knobbe voting Nay.

Supervisor Maxwell said this motion has been made several times in the past, and the reason he has voted no is because he believes that 5:00 p.m. is an okay time for people to come. He said he wanted to be clear that he is not hiding anything, he is very transparent about this and also said he has been quoted as being not transparent about the 5:00 p.m. time. He said the reason he is going to vote no is because 5:00 p.m. is a good time, people can make it and he is not hiding anything and does not want to change the start time to 7:00 p.m.

Beck said they will still have the phone call in line and have had this phone line open for those that need it and want to call in. He said he agrees with the 5:00 p.m. start time.

Supervisor Croken said many people work from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and a 5:00 p.m. start time excludes a significant portion of residents from participating in Board meetings.

Supervisor Kinzer said he has been fighting this fight, as a bi-partisan issue with former Supervisor Diane Holst, since he was elected to the Board and agrees with the time change. He said that other elected bodies hold their meetings later than 5:00 p.m.

The Board voted on the following resolution. Roll Call: Four Ayes, with Kinzer voting Nay.

BE IT RESOLVED: 1) A public hearing date on the vacation of a Scott County Road that is a portion of an alley platted on the North Side of Block 1 of Roswell H. Spencer's Town Lots located in the Southeast Quarter of Section 7, Township 78 North, Range 5 East of the 5th P.M., be set on Thursday, July 9, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. at the Scott County Administration Building. 2) That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Tim Huey reviewed proposed Parkview Rental Regulations. He said in April 2019 Planning Department staff, County Building Inspector and Eldridge's Building Inspector held a public meeting at the Scott County Library to consider adopting rental regulations in Parkview. He said there was a very good turnout with a lot of excellent comments from the public. He said the Sheriff's office has been very supportive of developing rental regulations and the working group is made up of Planning staff, building inspection staff, County Attorney and Health Department staff as well as the Sheriff and his staff and the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board of Supervisors. He said the County Administrator and IT staff have also participated.

He said the group met monthly, and in December the Board held a special committee of the whole meeting, with a very respectful public discussion, and people had adequate time to express their views.

He said the draft includes nuisance activity regulations, procedures and penalties. He said due to COVID-19 there have been some changes. He said the working group recommends that applications be submitted electronically to the Sheriff's Office and would include the contact information for the owner of the property as well as contact information of the local manager of the property. He said there would be a requirement for background checks and the Sheriff's Department staff will conduct the background checks on leaseholders and all occupants over the age of 18. He said the Sheriff's Office would also track nuisance activity.

He said the application would include a three page compliance check list of items from the International Property Maintenance Code, which the County has adopted by reference with local amendments. He said applications which did not indicate

compliance with any of these items would have to include an explanation why it was not in compliance and a plan for coming into compliance.

He said because of COVID-19 none of the cities are conducting on-site inspections of occupied apartments, and the County is not conducting on-site building inspections but not conducting on-site inspections would not alleviate the requirement to meet the inspection standards. He said a tenant could provide photographic evidence of some clear or present danger or a violation that the County could act on.

He said the penalties for violations will be in accordance with Scott County Chapter 29, Municipal Infractions. He said that the Court's are not accepting these simple misdemeanor cases for prosecution but that does not eliminate the ability to issue the citation or issue warning of the violation and the need to correct a violation.

He said the fee schedule would be set by Board resolution, but the committee recommended that the fees be waived during current economic conditions to avoid adding a financial burden on landlords. He said each building would have a registration and each unit in a building would have a separate rental permit. He said this approach allows for shutting down one noncomplying unit rather than an entire building. He said the committee recommended appeals be handled through the County Building Board of Appeals and he hopes through this program that the need for landlords to appeal decisions would be minimal. He said the definition of rental units would only apply to Parkview multi-family and townhouse rentals and would not apply to any units that owners or family members occupied, or to duplexes or single family rentals.

He said the Sheriff's Office would accept and review applications for concerns and then forward to the Planning Department. He said as the building official he would send an order of correction if violations were determined and people would have 20 days to file an appeal. He said municipal infractions are a \$250 fine for the first offense, \$375 for subsequent offenses. He said the Sheriff's Office would track and review the nuisance activity violations. He said nuisances would include commission within 12 months of one of 13 listed crimes or serious housing code violations, or commission of two or more of a list of nine crimes or violations, or commission of three or more of a list of seven crimes or violations. He said when the courts are back in full action the County can issue citations for violations. He said repeated citations can result in a suspension or revocation of a building permit.

Croken asked what becomes of the background check and could it be used as a reason to deny an application.

Huey said that would be up to the landlord and he or she would decide who to rent to, and having the benefit of the background check may help landlords make the determination if they want this type of person as a tenant.

Croken asked who pays for the cost of the background check.

Huey answered that the cost would be absorbed by the Sheriff's Office and would leave the question of the amount to the Sheriff's Office.

Croken asked what the cost of the inspection is and who pays for it.

Huey answered that the initial inspection cost would be covered by the permit fee, which is being waived right now, but the County would charge for follow-up inspections.

Croken said he is struggling with why Scott County taxpayers should subsidize this program.

Huey said his office largely is paid for with permit fees.

Croken asked if the permit fees would cover the costs of the program.

Huey said that he hopes the fees would offset the office costs.

Knobbe asked what period of time is being recommended for the initial waiver.

Huey said the recommendation is for the first year as the program is rolled out and implemented. He said the group recommends that permits be renewed every July 1st.

Knobbe said another reason to waive the first year fee is that the Iowa Department of Revenue ordered a 20 percent increase in assessed value for all rental properties in Scott County, which would cause a 20 percent tax increase for the landlords.

Huey said that due to COVID-19 initially there would not be building inspections unless there was a complaint. He added that the regulations are intended to be a self-enforced code requirement with landlords certifying they are in compliance. He said he shared the concern about creating a huge increase in the work load for his staff without other responsibilities suffering. He said he wanted to avoid putting off inspections for home builders who pay several thousand dollars for permits in order to perform rental inspections in Parkview. He said that would be unfair and he would prefer to put off rental inspections in Parkview. He said the 293 rental units in Parkview will increase administrative work for his office but that the increase was manageable.

Croken said that he was sympathetic to landlords getting a tax increase, but that fact did not address the concern that tax payers elsewhere in the County would subsidize the rental regulations. He asked if participation by the Home Owners Association (HOA) had been considered.

Huey said it had not been considered, and that historically the HOA has not been able to raise funds sufficient to meet its obligations for maintaining open space and park areas.

Beck said the Sheriff's Office responds to more nuisance calls for rental properties in Parkview than anywhere else in the County, and this program will offset the costs to the Sheriff. He added that by getting good players in Parkview, it will raise property values in Parkview as a whole. He said this is a program that will offset other costs.

Maxwell said he wants to see the costs for a year, how many fewer calls are made and then evaluate possible fees.

Kinzer asked if the proposed regulations will be presented to the Parkview Home Owners Association.

Huey said yes.

Knobbe said they would also be presented to the general public.

Huey said Patrick Dodge has been the liaison from the Parkview Home Owners Association to the working group, and the group plans to have a third public input meeting.

Kinzer said Parkview is the County's responsibility, and he agreed that nuisance calls from Parkview reduce the Sheriff's Office ability to respond to other calls. He asked if references in the regulations to various building codes should be to the most current edition of those codes.

Huey said for each code cycle adoption the County adopts the new edition, also adopts each member of the family of codes and repeals the previous Code.

Mary Thee, Assistant County Administrator, said often times the County has not adopted the most recent Code, so this should list the actual Code the County operates under at this time.

Huey said the County usually skips a cycle and adopts the new code every six years rather than every three years, and he cited as an example that the County is under the 2014 Electrical Code despite the fact that there is a 2017 Electrical Code.

Kinzer asked about section 302.4 Weeds allowing weeds of 18 inches in height, and commented that 18 inch weeds would be pretty tall.

Huey said that could be changed to a lower number.

Beck suggested looking to other jurisdictions on weed and mowing heights.

Huey said his department participates with the Illowa Building Inspectors Committee and coordinates with local jurisdictions for adoption of building codes somewhat concurrently.

Knobbe said Croken and Beck have valid points. He said that he did not believe it was fair for taxpayers elsewhere in the County to pay for services delivered to only one, distinct area of the County. He said the Sheriff's staff could be better utilized in other areas rather than Parkview. He said a fee schedule eventually will be put out.

Huey said when the draft is finalized the Board can hold another special Committee of the Whole meeting, available through Web Ex format, with the documents available on the County website and in the Planning Office. He said the earliest this meeting could occur would be July 28th. He said after that meeting staff would consider comments and draft a final ordinance. He said the Board would hold a public hearing and then consider the ordinance for the necessary readings. He suggested that an effective date be set for 30 to 60 days after the adoption date, and to set an additional 60 to 90 day period for compliance.

Kinzer asked if this would be strictly a Web Ex meeting and where would it occur.

Knobbe said the intent was that the meeting would be both in-person and via Web Ex.

They suggested the meeting occur in the Board Room which is set up with microphones for the supervisors as it already is hard to hear each supervisor in a Web Ex meeting and would be even more difficult without the microphones.

Beck suggested checking with the County Library for the availability of a meeting room and accommodating a Web Ex meeting.

Croken said that Parkview is the most densely populated area of the County and asked why the residents have declined to incorporate.

Huey said he did not want to speak for the residents of Parkview but his impression was that the County has provided excellent services to the area and residents fear the incorporation would result in poorer services and greater costs through higher taxes.

Patrick Dodge said the bigger reason residents have opposed incorporation is the costs associated with incorporation rather than the fear of higher taxes, although some residents would cite that factor as well. He said if another entity would pay the costs of incorporation then residents would be interested in discussing incorporation.

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

BE IT RESOLVED: 1) The hiring of Misty Bunker for the position of Deputy Sheriff in the Sheriff's Office at the entry level rate.

Moved by Croken, seconded by Kinzer the first of three readings of an ordinance to repeal Chapter 32 of the Scott County Code relative to Solid Waste Haulers. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Kathy Morris, Waste Commission Director, said it is not the best use of funds or time for the Commission or the Health Department to continue enforcing the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL CHAPTER 32, OF THE SCOTT COUNTY CODE
RELATIVE TO SOLID WASTE HAULERS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SCOTT COUNTY, IOWA:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 32 "Solid Waste Haulers" of the Scott County Code, be and the same is hereby repealed in its entirety.

SECTION 2. REPEALER All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its final passage and publication as by law provided.

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

Lori Elam, Community Services Director, reviewed the FY21 contractual agreement between Scott County and the Center for Active Seniors. She said the contract amounts reflect the Board's budget decisions and there is no increase in dollars.

She said item two in the contract is very different due to COVID, CASI has not opened yet and plans to open August 2nd or 3rd, primarily to keep safe the elderly that they serve. She said item two allows the monthly amount for the Day Center for July to go towards the Outreach Program, which has been more active in providing services to elderly who have been shut-in due to COVID-19.

Croken said he has personally worked with CASI for years and said they provide a unique and invaluable service and the funding change is appropriate, desirable and in the best interest of the community.

Beck asked if the transfer of funds is on a monthly reviewed basis.

Elam said that was correct, and based on CASI's current plans to open in August would only apply to July.

Knobbe asked if the transfer of funds dated back to March 2020.

Elam said this contract starts July 1st and the period from March through June 2020 was under the old contract.

Knobbe asked if the County is mandated to provide these services and chooses CASI to provide them. He also asked what the history of the County funding CASI is.

Elam said the County has been providing funding for CASI for 30 or more years, and when she began work for the County 17 years ago the County funded five programs and now funds two. She said that the County is not mandated to provide the services it funds for CASI.

Beck asked if any of these services are reimbursable by Medicare.

Elam said that none of the outreach services are reimbursable by insurance, and Jane's Place services can be billed to Veterans Affairs, some Medicare and Medicaid and private insurance depending on individual coverage.

BE IT RESOLVED: 1) That the FY2021 contractual agreement between Scott County and the Center for Active Seniors, Inc. for the provision of programs for older persons in Scott County is hereby approved. 2) That the Chairman is authorized to sign said agreement. 3) This resolution shall take effect July 1, 2020.

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

Elam reviewed General Assistance policy updates. She said after discussing policy changes with the Board additional revisions were made, particularly to the cremation and burial option for individuals.

She said it was suggested that the County would offer cremation as an option for individuals seeking financial assistance, and if the individuals who apply are set on wanting a burial we have that option, but the applicant would be responsible for paying \$1,500 of the burial costs.

She said she checked with the Iowa Department of Public Health and found that Section 144C of the Iowa Code addresses final disposition of remains. She said the law lists the individuals, such as next of kin, who have the right to control the final disposition of a deceased person. She said the County could pursue a court order for a cremation, but that would come with legal costs. She said the County can still do a burial for someone who has no family.

Croken said the Board has the option to talk to the ISAC or the major county association about amending the Section 144C to give counties the authority to order a cremation when there are no next of kin available. He said allowing cremation rather than requiring burial would lower costs.

Tom Lahl, 8180 160th Street, Blue Grass, said he is on the Board of Directors of Pine Hill Cemetery and Fairmont Cemetery which has the contract for County burials. He said he does not know if they will bid this contract again, or continue without a bid. He said the cemeteries are nonprofits and do not make a whole lot of money. He said the plots were donated by Royal Neighbors at Fairmount Cemetery and those spaces are used for County burials.

Croken and Beck asked for clarification about the contract.

Elam said the County has contracted for a fixed number of burial plots, and when that number has been used the County will purchase plots as needed. She said there have been more cremations than burials recently, and the change in county policy may further increase the number of cremations, therefore plots have been purchased as needed.

Beck said the contract for buying plots is separate from paying for funerals.

Elam said yes, it is separate.

BE IT RESOLVED: 1) The General Assistance policies are updated and clarified in terms of definitions, eligibility, and program requirements. 2) That the language for "On-Going" assistance is removed. 3) That the General Assistance Program will provide funding for cremation as the primary option in the amount of \$1,600. If a family requests a burial, they would be required to pay the difference between cremation and burial to the funeral home; approximately an additional \$1,500.00. 4) This resolution shall take effect July 1, 2020.

Moved by Maxwell, seconded by Beck a resolution authorizing the Scott County Juvenile Detention and Diversion Programs to provide the Youth Transition Decision Making (YTDM) program Services through a contract with the Iowa Department of Human Services.

Jeremy Kaiser, JDC Director, said the contract is with the Decategorization Board and is money funneled from Juvenile Court and not the Iowa Department of Human Services. He said the YTDM assists juveniles in transitioning back to their home community after long term residential placement. He said since March 20th due to COVID-19 staff were not able to have face to face visits. He said face to face contacts have restarted except for juveniles placed at the State Training School which remains closed to outside contacts due to COVID-19. He said the contract would start July 1st.

Moved by Croken, seconded by Maxwell a motion to amend the resolution by adding the words "continue to" and "Decategorization Board." All Ayes.

The Board voted on the following resolution as amended. All Ayes.

BE IT RESOLVED: 1) That the Scott County Juvenile Detention and Diversion Programs will continue to provide the YTDM for youth through a contract with the Iowa Department of Human Services, Decategorization Board ending June 30, 2021. 2) This resolution shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

Moved by Maxwell, seconded by Beck a resolution authorizing the Scott County Juvenile Detention and Diversion Programs to provide the Auto Theft Accountability

(ATA) program services through a contract with the Iowa Department of Human Services.

Kaiser reviewed the ATA program and said this also is funded by money from Juvenile Court Services.

Moved by Croken, seconded by Maxwell a motion to amend the resolution by adding the words "continue to" and "Decategorization Board." All Ayes.

The Board voted on the following resolution as amended. All Ayes.

BE IT RESOLVED: 1) That the Scott County Juvenile Detention and Diversion Programs will continue to provide the Auto Theft Accountability Program for youth through a contract with the Iowa Department of Human Services, Decategorization Board ending June 30, 2021. The contract can be renewed for five years with the final year ending on June 30, 2024. 2) This resolution shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

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

Rhonda Oostenryk, Risk Manager, reviewed annual insurance renewals.

Jeff Young, Insurance Agent from Arthur Gallagher, reviewed trends in the past year and said rates have increased for property, liability, and excess insurance. He said there were several large catastrophic claims across the world, which in turned caused the reinsurance industry to increase rates, and in turn those reinsurance rate increases were passed down to the local level, with increases of 15 to 25 percent. He said Scott County's premium is up 15 percent but with an exposure increase of 3.5 percent for buildings, vehicles and contents. He said workers' compensation coverage is up six percent with the payroll increasing 10 percent, with a second year coverage increase of one percent. He said these low increases are due to the County's outstanding handling of workers' compensation claims. He said medical professional coverage had the most drastic increase at 57 percent for this year. He said the increase will probably continue into the next few years due to increasing jury verdicts for medical treatment of prisoners.

BE IT RESOLVED: 1) That the renewal of liability insurance with Travelers in the amount of \$240,188 for fiscal year 2021 is hereby approved. 2) That the renewal of property insurance with Chubb in the amount of \$127,593 for fiscal year 2021 is hereby approved. 3) That the renewal of medical-professional insurance with Coverys in the amount of \$75,750 for fiscal year 2021 is hereby approved. 4) That the renewal of workers compensation insurance with Midwest Employers in the amount of \$71,407 for fiscal year 2021 and \$72,843 for fiscal year 2022 is hereby approved. 5) This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Tim Lane, County Sheriff, reviewed the RACOM wireless communications service support contract. He said this is a renewal for the same contract as last year. He said RACOM recommends, since it comes from the same pool of money, that next year, instead of separate contracts for the Sheriff's Office, SECC and FSS, the County puts all of the contracts into one, and might result in a better overall rate.

Beck asked if time to combine contracts is when the County goes onto the new system.

Lane said yes and that is what was recommended.

Knobbe asked Lane if he had been in discussions with Dave Donovan, SECC Director.

Lane said he wanted to bring up the recommendation to the Supervisors first.

BE IT RESOLVED: 1) That the RACOM service support contract with the Sheriff's Office is hereby approved as presented. 2) That Sheriff Lane is hereby authorized to sign said contract. 3) This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

David Farmer, Budget and Administrative Services Director, said there were no appropriation changes in the fourth quarter and this is a standard renewal that is done at this time each year.

BE IT RESOLVED: 1) Appropriations and authorized positions for the FY21 budget adopted March 19, 2020 are hereby approved in the amount of \$96,670,681 and 493.77 FTE's as presented by the County Administrator. 2) The County Administrator is hereby directed to establish appropriations totaling \$96,970,681 as found in the summary schedules in the Office of the County Auditor and the Office of the County Administrator. 3) This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Farmer said the Board approved initial fund transfers in September 2019. He said the To Be Determined numbers will be defined and updated in September after year end accounting. He said due to COVID-19 the County may not make all of the transfers.

BE IT RESOLVED: 1) FY20 year-end fund transfers as presented by the County Administrator are hereby approved. 2) This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Maxwell, seconded by Beck a motion approving a cigarette/tobacco permit for Kwik Shop #589. 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 305808 through 306029 as submitted and prepared for payment by the County Auditor, in the total amount of \$742,049.13. 2) This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Under other items of interest, Sharma read a note from a member of the public thanking Sharma, Ed Rivers, and the Health Department for the COVID press briefings.

He said the staff of Scott County thanked the Supervisors for helping deliver lunches to employees recently.

He said beginning with the Board cycle of July 7th, the Committee of the Whole and the Board Meetings will be split into separate meetings. He said social distancing still will be required in the Board room and anyone can call-in to the meeting.

Sharma said the Conservation Department is the recipient of an award for innovative waste water treatment.

David Farmer gave a COVID-19 financial update. He identified revenue shortfalls for charges for services, license permits and some governmental streams. He said property tax collections are about \$1,000,000 short of budget but most likely will be able to collect them. He said charges for services in Conservation, Health and Treasurer are about \$1,100,000 short. He said the Interest and Investments revenue amount is a question. He said Iowa committed to full distribution of local option taxes of \$450,000 which places overall revenues about \$1,670,000 short of FY20 budget.

He said the General Fund potential revenue impacts for FY21 could be a reduction of \$1,196,260, with reductions of \$690,000 from local option sales tax, \$500,000 from interest income, and \$228,500 from other revenue sources, with offsetting grants from FEMA and other federal sources of \$222,240.

He said General Fund potential expenditure impacts for FY21 include savings of \$108,000 for Salaries for open positions, \$77,095 for Elected Official salaries, \$8,630 for benefits, \$109,290 in travel and purchase of services. He noted increases of \$280,223 in purchase services for insurance and elections may cost more. He said the overall saving is \$19,000.

He said the General Fund will have a balance budget gap of \$1,200,000. He recommended the FY19 savings of \$783,000 be kept in the general fund. He said the County will re-evaluate 2021 long-term and short-term strategic plans.

Beck noted that the County has not counted on commercial/industrial backfill and the State may fully fund this revenue.

Farmer said that revenue for the capital fund will be down \$170,000 in FY20 and \$100,000 in FY21. He said that the capital plan will see some changes.

Farmer then reviewed FY20 Revenue Updates as of June 24, 2020. He said Gaming Revenues were down slightly at \$547,145. He said Recorder Revenue is running ahead of projections by \$140,221. He said Road Use Tax is at \$3,981,896. He said Local Option Sales Tax is at \$4,234,140. He said Interest Income is \$1,007,270 and the number will end closer to the budgeted amount when reallocated to other funds. He said Building Permits are up to \$290,232 and are running well above the budgeted amount. 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 completed for the year and has hit the mark of \$423,139.

He reviewed General Fund Revenues to date, and noted the County brought in \$514,086 in revenue in the past two weeks and is at 86.7 percent of the amended budget.

He said the County spent \$1,772,481 which is at 76.3 percent of the amended budget.

Croken raised a requirement for face coverings by the public in County buildings. He said he has Scott County employees' safety in mind and said many places require wearing a mask.

Kinzer asked if this requirement is both for the public and employees.

Croken said he could ask both wear masks, but he was just thinking of the public.

Kinzer said some places require a mask but some employees do not want to wear a mask.

Beck said he researched an OSHA hazard assessment which found that face masks should be the last option. He said the OSHA assessment said Plexiglas barriers were recommended first. He asked how the County would enforce this requirement.

Ed Rivers, Health Department Director, said mask provide a minimal benefit against catching the infection and greater benefit in preventing its spread. He said those benefits would need to be weighed against other alternatives, such as Plexiglas barriers and the cost of enforcement and resistance to compliance.

Croken said that compliance should not be an issue of forcing people to wear masks but rather denying service to those who do not.

Knobbe said that people have choices of where to obtain goods and services in the private sector, but do not have that choice when it comes to government services. He also cited the examples where some have become violent when denied service for not

wearing a mask. He said he supported encouraging mask wearing and the current approach taken by the County in offering masks to customers.

Croken said that the fear of violence should not prevent the Board from acting to protect the health of County employees. He said the County employs an armed guard to deter the already existing threat of violence.

Maxwell asked various staff members in attendance how they felt about requiring the public to wear masks. He said that he cares deeply about the safety of staff, which includes the potential of a violent reaction of some member of the public. He said that wearing a mask is a good thing and should be encouraged. He said employees should wear masks unless they are in their own work spaces and sufficiently distanced, especially so if the public is required to wear masks.

Beck said that before acting he wanted the opinions of the Board of Health and the Health Department.

Kinzer said that the County as an employer is under the purview of OSHA and is required by law to provide a safe working environment. He said that wearing masks have become the new normal. He said he did not see this as a big issue as most people will comply. He suggested someone from the Board of Health appear at the next meeting.

Rivers said that cases have begun to dramatically increase since June 10th.

Moved by Maxwell, seconded by Beck at 8:20 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