

Scott County Board of Supervisors
August 6, 2020 5:05 p.m.

The Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment with Knobbe, Croken, Kinzer, Maxwell and Beck present. Due to social distancing concerns relating to COVID-19, 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 July 23, 2020 Regular Board Meeting. All Ayes.

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

Supervisor Croken asked if there are any townhouse or multifamily units located in unincorporated Scott County other than Park View.

Supervisor Knobbe said yes and that Tim Huey, Planning and Development Director, had previously said there is one four-plex.

Croken asked why this property was not included in the proposed ordinance.

Supervisor Maxwell answered that Huey said there had been no complaints about that property.

BE IT RESOLVED: 1) A public hearing is set for 5:00 p.m. on August 20, 2020 at a regular meeting to hear public comments concerning the proposed ordinance amendment to Chapter 5 the Scott County Construction Codes to repeal and replace Section 5.7 the 2015 International Property Maintenance Code with amendments. 2) This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Angela Kersten, County Engineer, reviewed quotes for the construction of a HMA (hot mix asphalt) Maintenance Patching Project. She said there are several roadways that are severely deteriorated, typically over a culvert where it is difficult to get compaction, and two locations where the culvert was replaced which needed paving for a better ride. She said three quotes were made and Tri-City Blacktop had the low bid of \$72,583.90.

BE IT RESOLVED: 1) That the contract for HMA Maintenance Patching Project be awarded to Tri-City Blacktop Inc. contingent on the submitted unit prices. 2) That the County Engineer be authorized to sign the contract documents on behalf of the Board. 3) That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Lori Elam, Eastern Iowa Mental Health Region CEO, reviewed the updated 28E Agreement for Mental Health Advocate Services. She said Greg Burnett, Mental Health Advocate, serves all five counties in the Mental Health Region. She said his job per Iowa Code Chapter 229 is to ensure the rights are upheld and treatment received for people who the court has committed for mental health treatment. She said per this agreement cases will be reviewed quarterly to ensure each commitment is needed, seek dismissal of those which are not, and that each county pays the correct portion of Burnett's salary and benefits. She said currently Scott County pays 54 percent.

Supervisor Beck asked how long Burnett has been in this position.

Elam answered it has been five years.

Beck asked if Muscatine County had already approved the updated agreement.

Elam said yes.

BE IT RESOLVED: 1) In that Cedar, Clinton, Jackson, Muscatine, and Scott Counties participate in an agreement regarding Mental Health Advocate services pursuant to the statutory authority under Chapter 28E of the Code of Iowa; 2) And that such 28E Agreement provides that Cedar, Clinton, Jackson, Muscatine and Scott Counties agree to share in the expenses based on caseload percentages for each county; 3) Therefore, the 28E Agreement for Mental Health Advocate services is approved and the Chairman is authorized to sign the Agreement. 4) This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Chief Deputy Shawn Roth, Sheriff's Office, reviewed a FY21 JAG Grant application. He said this is a continuing grant received for several years that backfills some of the funding for two Scott County Sheriff's Deputies as well as an officer from the Bettendorf Police Department. He said these personnel are assigned to the Scott County Special Operations Task Force.

Croken asked if the County lose these people if it did not receive this grant.

Roth said he has been told that it is up to the Board to fund the positions.

David Farmer, Budget and Administrative Services Director, said a schedule of grant funded positions is part of the quarterly report provided to the Board. He said it is County policy for the Board to review and potentially eliminate grant funded positions if grants are not renewed.

Croken asked if the grant in question is likely to continue.

Roth said this is a long standing grant and he has not heard any news to indicate it would not be renewed in the future.

Beck asked Roth if this was the grant where payments were delayed because of a situation for Chicago and that the County continued to fund the positions internally until the grant funding was received.

Roth said the County receives two JAG Grants, one has the dollars passed through the State of Iowa and the other is directly from the federal government. He said payment was delayed for a few months.

BE IT RESOLVED: 1) That the Board hereby approves an application for a grant from the Department of Justice (JAG) Program in the Sheriff's Office to support the Scott County Special Operations Unit. 2) That, if accepted, the Board approves receipt of such funding. 3) That the Chair is approved to sign such application. 4) 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 306527 through 306757 as submitted and prepared for payment by the County Auditor, in the total amount of \$1,489,638.82. 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 \$99,218.01. 3) This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Under other items of interest, David Farmer, reviewed FY20 Revenue as of August 5, 2020 and noted the County is at 99.8 percent of the amended budget. He said the County expenditures are coming in much lower than expected at 92.7 percent or \$62,325,956, which gives the County an unassigned fund balance of 21.2 percent. He said \$900,000 of the balance can be reassigned to the FY21 capital fund as the Board had decided to take that amount out of the capital fund as a precaution. He said a significant unknown is the amount of revenue from local option sales taxes for FY21. He said FY20 ended with \$5.006 million in sales tax revenue, but projected that FY21 revenue from sales tax would not be as much.

Supervisor Knobbe said he would agree to that action if there was a foreseeable end to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Maxwell said the amended budget is \$1.2 million short of previously projected revenue.

Farmer said in July the average daily population in the Scott County Jail, excluding federal inmates, was at 211.12; the average number of self-reported veterans was 5.32; and the number of individuals with mental health concerns was 76.

Beck asked how many federal inmates are held in the Jail.

Farmer said the average is 15 inmates.

Knobbe noted that the County is limited on the number of federal inmates by a bond covenant and asked when the bonds would be paid.

Farmer said the bonds would be paid in 2026.

Croken said that theoretically up to 76 of the current inmates might benefit from mental health court or a treatment program which would save the County money.

Beck observed that these are inmates who self-report as having mental health concerns.

Croken said that some inmates may actually have mental health concerns but would not recognize or report those concerns.

Lori Elam, Community Services Director, said that inmates are questioned about treatment and medications to help ensure treatment and medication is provided while in jail. She said many times former inmates do not continue with treatment or medications after being released which creates problems.

Croken said the mental health court has been very successful in keeping people out of jail. He said the cash bail system keeps many people in jail who could otherwise be released except that they cannot afford bail. He said these issues could be addressed more affordably and humanely.

Elam said in the crisis system a care coordinator works with the Jail and the Clerk of Courts Office to help released inmates to receive services, including a place to live, Medicaid and Food Stamps, which has reduced recidivism.

Kinzer said that the County cannot address the bail system but that State of Iowa needs to address it, and to address the need for public defenders.

Farmer said the combined average daily juvenile detainee population at the JDC and Jail was 17.28 for July, with 8.6 at the JDC and 8.73 at the Jail.

Croken said that there are alternatives to juvenile detention which are more affordable and probably more effective over the long run. He said the solution to these problems can include reducing the number of inmates through treatment as well as increasing the number of jail cells.

Farmer said there were no golf course numbers to report.

Beck said Maxwell will be joining him on the Mental Health Region Board as an alternate for Scott County.

Knobbe said he spoke with Mike Garone, of Strategic Behavioral Health who was the key person that brought that entity to Scott County, and discussed opening the facility and building a team.

Croken asked how many patients were in the facility and from what process the patients come.

Knobbe said there might be up to ten patients with room for 80 patients.

Elam said that all patients were voluntarily admitted.

Knobbe said the end of the Census enumeration is nearing and that Supervisor Croken had agreed to serve to try to drive up those numbers in Scott County.

Croken said he spoke with Davenport Alderwoman Marion Meginnis, who heads the Complete Count Census Committee, and that Scott County might be doing better than some other areas, but overall the Census is doing badly and at this time is nowhere near accuracy. He said there was great doubt that a door to door canvass would occur.

Beck updated the Board on an upcoming meeting of the Waste Commission, which will include a tour of the landfill.

Moved by Maxwell, seconded by Beck at 5:50 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