

Scott County Board of Supervisors
March 20, 2018 8:00 a.m.

The Board of Supervisors met as a committee of the whole and pursuant to adjournment with Knobbe, Beck, Kinzer, Holst and Earnhardt present.

Mahesh Sharma, County Administrator, updated the Board on the 5th Street and Western Avenue project. He said construction started yesterday and would continue for two months. The original cost was estimated at \$562,000, but that the very favorable bid came in at \$480,000, eliminating the need for the County to contribute to the City of Davenport project.

Kristen Glass and Liz Murray Tallman from the Quad Cities Chamber spoke to the Board about the Chamber's goals and progress. Glass thanked Scott County for being a great partner in the work the Chamber does, and said that economic development is important to both the Chamber and Scott County. She said that workforce has become the number one economic development concern. The Chamber has about 1700 members centered on regional business growth. They are working on the six major goals: creation of 5000 job, capital investment of \$378M, \$24.2B of GDP, per capita income of \$52,183, 13.5% of population being young talent (ages 25-34) with 60% possessing post-secondary education credentials.

Tallman discussed economic development impact in three core areas: business attraction – marketing, business retention and expansion, business creation and innovation. She talked about marketing and driving people to the Chamber's website. She highlighted a 29% year-over-year increase in Quad Cities First website visitors, 1.6 million impressions on digital ad campaign, providing community tours to 11 prospective businesses, hosting 125 prospect visits, attending nine trade shows and meeting with 190 site location consultants. She said to accelerate growth in the region the Chamber works hand in hand with area businesses to identify areas of need and opportunity. She said that last year the Chamber interviewed 116 local businesses and provided assistance on 179 unique requests. She said the Quad Cities Manufacturing Innovation Hub has a playbook which is helping area manufacturing and defense companies grow, diversify and stay competitive. The Young Professionals Quad Cities (YPQC) helps young employees get connected to the community through social and professional development events and by providing a place where young people can connect and build relationships, which helps retain valuable workforce in the region. She said they are putting together a public sector services agreement that will identify the scope of work and a funding plan that outlines the terms for services to the Chamber's economic development partners.

Glass said that the new Chamber President/CEO Paul Rumler would join the staff on April 16th and that a five year strategy plan starts on July 1st.

Supervisor Earnhardt commented on the Young Professionals Quad Cities and the quality of place that the Quad Cities attracts.

Tallman said there is a Young Professionals think tank that takes on issues and the downtown areas attraction.

Supervisor Kinzer thanked the Chamber for what they do and what has been done in the downtown area.

Chairman Knobbe asked about what was learned from the Sterilite project deal that was attractive.

Tallman applauded the vision of the County Board with putting together certified shovel ready sites in the industrial park and the ability of the region to present skilled, trained employees.

Alan Sabat, Planning and Development Department, gave an overview of the State Construction Permit Application of JT Allens Grove Pork LLC for two new confined animal feeding buildings at 26413 75th Avenue in unincorporated Scott County and the upcoming public hearing. He said the project lies about four miles west of Donahue. Each barn will hold 2,400 head of hog. The project earned 455 points on the application with 440 points needed to pass. The buildings would be on land owned by Grandview Farms. He also said that the surrounding landowners have been notified.

Tim Huey, Planning and Development Director, said the public hearing would be held March 22nd, two weeks ahead of the recommendation deadline.

Jon Burgstrum, County Engineer, discussed bids and a contract for the construction of Scott County Secondary Roads HMA Resurfacing Project No. FM-C082(58)--5E-82 on F31 and 10th Avenue that would completed during July and August and use Farm-to-Market Funds. He said the project was budgeted at \$3,000,000 and the Engineer's cost estimate is \$2,703,543.78.

Burgstrum also discussed the submission of a Grant Application to The Living Roadway Trust Fund. Burgstrum explained that Scott County had partnered with Clinton County to share services and equipment to facilitate the Scott County IRVM Project and that Scott County was able to use the hydroseeder rented from Clinton County only once last summer. Scott County had extensively used it in the past. He said the cost of a trailer mounted hydroseeder is \$57,565.00 and that the maximum request for Living Highway Trust Fund Grants is \$24,000. This would leave \$33,565 in matching funds or 58% of the purchase. He also said he would apply in the fall for a Scott County Regional Authority Grant that could further reduce the cost to Scott County and that the equipment would not be purchased until next year and could have other uses.

Supervisor Holst asked that the \$30,000 fund balance in the IRVM account be used to assist with this purchase.

Mary Thee, Human Resources Director, discussed the recommendation of a three year extension to the current agreement with Minnesota Life at the same rates for life and

long term disability coverage and that the firm offered to allow employees to increase the supplemental coverage offered on children up to \$15,000 from the current maximum of \$10,000.

Sharma asked the Board if members had any questions regarding changes to Policy 39, Protected Health Information, and that Rhonda Oostenryk, Risk Manager, was in attendance to answer any concerns. There was none.

Amy Thoreson, Deputy Health Director, discussed the FY2019 County Substance Abuse Prevention Services Grant. She said that the state usually gives \$10,000 and that the county has participated in this grant for a number of years, subcontracting with CADS (Center for Alcohol & Drug Services, Inc.) to provide services.

Supervisors Beck and Earnhardt discussed their upcoming trip to Washington D.C.

Chairman Knobbe talked about the upcoming Gathering of the Green at the River Center involving John Deere equipment.

Supervisor Beck discussed his recent meeting with the Conservation Department and Conservation Board. He said the Golf Course would be opening soon and a trout release is scheduled for March 23rd.

The Board recognized 21 employees for years of service as well as 5 individuals for obtaining Scott County Leadership Summit Recertification. The Board also recognized Shaun McDonough as Employee of the Quarter.

Moved by Kinzer, seconded by Holst at 9:25 a.m. a motion to adjourn. All Ayes.

Tony Knobbe, Chair of the Board
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ATTEST: Roxanna Moritz
Scott County Auditor