

Scott County Board of Supervisors
May 1, 2018 8:00 a.m.

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

Les Miller, 1902 Rockingham Road, Davenport, owner of Ruby's Hwy 61 Family Diner, addressed the Board regarding the extension of the outdoor patio area to the front of the building. He said he would hope to open the outdoor eatery part this weekend.

Mary Thee said the process goes through the Auditor's Office and suggested he go to the Auditor's Office to look at the map and see for what area Ruby's liquor license is approved.

Tim Huey asked Miller stop by the Planning and Development Department to determine if the current site plan needs to be changed.

Miller also asked the County to mow in front of the business one time and he would maintain it after that.

Jon Burgstrum said part of the area is state right of way and part of it is County right of way, and that the County does not mow in the ditch. He said he would talk to the state and owner about possibly planting prairie.

Paula Ahrens, 6020 Mississippi Avenue, Davenport, with Iowa Workforce Development addressed the Board about Title I Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. She said that Title I is designed to help youth with barriers, low income adults and dislocated workers to gain skillful employment. She said that Title 1 has existed in various forms for about 38 years. She said funding flows from the federal government to the state, and then to local regions throughout the state. She said Scott County is part of Region Nine.

She said that a study group has proposed to reduce the number of regions in Iowa from 15 to two because of new federal law. She said two requirements of the law are to add a staff member for each regional board, and One Stop Operators for each region. These requirements cause additional costs. She said the U.S. Department of Labor monitored the progress of Iowa for meeting these requirements, and that Iowa failed to meet several deadlines. She said the Department of Labor determined that Iowa missed the deadlines because the state cannot handle 15 regions and suggested that the state realign the regions.

She said the Region Nine Board had suggested reaching out to people and that the public can still comment on the proposal until Friday. She said that five to six regions are financially feasible, that local regions allow for local programs tailored to local concerns, and that having only two regions might restrict the flow of funds to meet local needs. She said the regions are to be representative of local economic development areas and commute patterns. She presented the Board with a fact sheet on Title I.

Supervisor Earnhardt asked what Beth Townsend thought of this idea, and how long this planning has been going on.

Ahrens replied that there has not been a lot of communication regarding this issue. She said that regional boards and knowledgeable staff had been cut out of the process. She said that the planning has been happening for three months.

Supervisor Beck asked what the concept was to go to two regions.

Ahrens replied that the study group received various financial options, with the only feasible option being the one with two regions. She said that there was not consideration of cost sharing between regions or other ways to make additional regions work financially.

Supervisor Holst asked if this is happening in other states.

Ahrens said yes and there is pressure in other states to reduce regions.

Supervisor Beck asked when this would take effect and what would happen to our local office.

Ahrens said the new regional boards would be in place by June 30, 2019 and the local boards would dissolve. Ahrens said she is not sure what will happen with the local office yet. She said offices may close or downsize.

Supervisor Kinzer said the Workforce Board has a great chair and he met with the CEO's of the region and is looking for support from the Board of Supervisors and to reach out to state elected officials. He said the Board of Supervisors could respond as a group or as individual local elected officials.

Supervisor Earnhardt asked if the region will receive less money from the federal government.

Ahrens said the region is down \$300,000 for next year due to low unemployment.

Wes Moeller, 27441 Allens Grove Road, Donahue, addressed the Board about the request from his Bennett High School classmates to support an effort to pay tribute to Gary Hein, a Viet Nam soldier from our community. He said they are requesting the state designate a portion of Highway 130 as the Specialist 5 Gary L Hein Memorial Highway. He said the road would remain Highway 130 and that they need the townships, cities and counties to approve the request.

Holst asked what would happen if there was another request from the community.

Moeller said the state would not designate this same section of road but might designate other sections. He said the state would bill the group for the signs and installation, and the maximum number of signs between Tipton and Davenport is ten.

Kinzer asked if all communities between Tipton and Davenport were on board with this effort.

Moeller that the city council of Maysville had not yet supported this effort, but that citizens of Maysville petitioned for the city to support the effort, and that he thought the city would issue an official letter of support.

Tim Huey, Planning and Development Director, discussed the two recent rezoning requests. He said the Conservation Board is seeking a rezoning and that the former Olathea Golf Course is requesting a rezoning and that this will be the second and final readings for both of the requests.

Barbara Pardie, Fleet Manager, discussed the purchases of Two Tandem Axel Cab/Chassis and Two Dump Bodies with Snow Equipment for the Secondary Roads Department to replace a 2011 International 7600 with 188,000 miles and a 2012 International 7600 with 135,000 miles on it. She said the exhaust designs were terrible and have been costly to repair. She said that the low bid without exception for the two tandem axel cabs and chassis was made by Thompson Trucks, Davenport, Iowa, at \$127,050 and the only bid without exceptions for the two dump bodies with snow equipment was Henderson Truck Equipment, Manchester, Iowa, at \$194,238.

Beck asked about the three versus five positions and the nine foot blade as opposed to an eleven foot blade, and what is the benefit of having five positions and an eleven foot blade.

Pardie said that Scott County's existing trucks are set up for five positions and eleven foot blades. She said that reducing the blade by two feet would result in a four foot reduction in snow removal per round. She added that one bidder also asked to provide a 90 gallon fuel tank instead of the specified 100 gallon tank, which would make snow removal less efficient.

Kinzer asked if the county has a truck committee.

Pardie said there is an informal committee and that she sits down with the operators, the County Engineer and the superintendent to discuss recommendations for what is needed.

Knobbe asked about the reason for trading in two of the vehicles.

Pardie said that these vehicles were out of service more than in service, with the county spending 53 percent of acquisition cost on repairs not counting the repairs made under a three year warranty.

Tammy Speidel, Facility and Support Services Director, discussed the Courthouse and Administrative Center Elevator Modernization project plans and specs to bring the elevators up to code by 2020. She said the public hearing on the plans will be at this Thursday's Board meeting and bids are due back by May 15th. She said the estimates are slightly over budget.

Dan Rice of Walker, Coen, Lorentzen showed the Board the plans for the Courthouse elevators and said that the cabs will remain the same but all the controls, buttons, the motor and control panel will be replaced. He said the plans call for the equipment to get

a new cooling system, adding a pit, putting in new rails and making sure the pit ladders are up to code. He said the plans for the Administrative Center include removing all existing equipment and replace with new equipment, new pit, new LED fixtures in equipment rooms, fall protection on top and new pit ladder. He said the plans call for replacing the obsolete air handler units on the Courthouse third floor. He said they worked extensively with Otis on the budget. He also said the plans would replace a wall in the Courthouse to bring it up to code for fire resistance.

Joe Lomheim of HBK Engineering said he worked with Trane on budget numbers for the air handlers. He said there also would be extra pipe and duct work.

Beck asked about the specifications of the current elevators.

Speidel said the current elevators are from Montgomery. She said that Otis was told to provide a nonproprietary spec and facilitated meeting with state elevator inspector. She said the specs asked prospective bidders for a one year maintenance cost.

Beck asked if would be unusual to ask for a five year contract price.

Speidel said they usually ask for a four year price and that the end of this fiscal year is also the end of the current maintenance contract. She said elevator contracts are a lot of work and are concerning to risk management.

Beck asked if there would be an issue getting competitive bids.

Rice said this is a specialized area and hopes to get bids from the major elevator companies and thinks there would be at least three bids.

Kinzer asked if Otis was required to help.

Speidel said that the current maintenance contract requires Otis to provide assistance if the county decided to upgrade.

Kinzer asked about requiring EMR in construction documents.

Speidel said there is no county policy for rating.

Kinzer asked that construction documents should include EMR and that it would be nothing out of the ordinary to provide and would like to see them included in the construction documents for the County in the future.

Knobbe asked about the age of the equipment and in what way the equipment is deficient per the 2020 code. He also asked what the expected life of new elevators is and what plans have been made to accommodate staff and the public doing business on the upper floors.

Rice said that deficiencies include lack of protection at the top of the elevators, non-existent or inadequate sump pits, deficient ladders, and poor lighting controls.

Speidel said much of the equipment, including the cars, are original to the building. She said the new equipment should last 40 to 50 years and their lifespans would be helped by better temperature control. She said they are discussing options for moving some staff to the first floor and reopening the second floor entrance to DHS.

Earnhardt asked when the work would be completed.

Speidel said the plans call to have both projects done by January 2019.

Mahesh Sharma asked about audio and video in the new elevator plans.

Speidel said a camera is being added to each car and did not plan to add any music in the elevators. She said there will still be a call button in each elevator for anyone needing assistance.

Earnhardt asked about monitoring the video versus reviewing video recordings.

Speidel said they will be able to both monitor and review recordings. Sheriff Lane stated that elevators would not likely be high priority for real time monitoring.

Mary Thee, Human Resources Director, discussed updates to Policy P, Insurance and Deferred Compensation, to change language to include employees that no longer have this language in their bargaining contracts. She said that during recent negotiations employees brought up the fact that the policy could be read to exclude them from its provisions.

Kinzer said he didn't know why the Board cannot rollover these provisions in the contract and wants it left in the contract and not make this a policy change. He also said there was an incident on Wednesday involving a bailiff and we rely on the bailiffs for public safety and that there is one bailiff for six floors in the administrative center. He also discussed the active shooter training class that all employees attended and said the County has an obligation to develop a plan to protect the bailiffs.

Sheriff Lane said the bailiffs and correctional officers are not considered in the public safety category of Chapter 20 and hopes to move the bailiffs to Class 2 IPERS. Regarding security he said that any plan would require extensive structural building modifications given the current status of state law.

Earnhardt suggested that county employees undergo an active shooter drill pending any other action.

Beck suggested that conducting further discussions on building security occur during next year's strategic planning, and that various ideas with the associated costs can be discussed. He said that a plan could be developed with incremental improvements.

Mary Thee said the hiring of Brandon Coin for the position of Correction Officer in the Sheriff's Office at the entry-level rate and the hiring of Randy May for the position of Correction Officer in the Sheriff's Office at the entry-level rate two staff appointments concludes the overfill of correctional officers in the Sheriff's Office.

David Farmer, Budget and Administrative Services Director, said they are setting a public hearing date for a FY18 budget amendment and highlighted line items from different departments. He said that costs for Public Safety and Legal Services will increase \$297,100, primarily due to increased costs experienced by the Juvenile Detention Center (JDC). Jeremy Kaiser, Director of JDC, said that the Center is housing 60 to 70 percent more juveniles in-house which requires increases in staffing costs and costs to feed the juveniles, and that more juveniles are being housed out of county when no beds are available in the Center, which can cost from \$500 per day to \$750 per day. He said that as of the meeting date the JDC had 16 juveniles in-house and eight housed outside the county. He said out of county placement costs range from \$20,000 to \$30,000 monthly. He said other programming costs, such as for in home detention and GPS monitoring are also increasing beyond original budget estimates.

Knobbe asked if these trends were going to continue. Kaiser said that this situation has been on-going for the past year. Sheriff Lane said that not only is there an increase in numbers but that the types of crimes are more violent. He did not see a decrease occurring in the near future.

Farmer said that the contingency fund was spent down by \$20,000 and that Durant Ambulance Service was increased to \$20,000 to reflect the actual appropriation from the county.

Farmer said that Physical Health and Social Services will increase \$63,314, with the bulk of that change going for salary and benefits in the Health Department. He said that Mental Health, ID and DD will increase \$1,000.

Farmer said that County Environment and Education will increase \$43,000, with \$53,000 for salary and benefits and a decrease of \$10,000 for contingency.

Farmer said that Roads and Transportation will increase \$46,500 for roadway maintenance, engineering and other costs.

Holst asked for a breakdown of costs in this area. She said she was interested in the rock and macadam costs. Farmer said there were 25 roads involved and he could provide a more detailed accounting later.

Farmer said Government Services to Residents will increase \$48,300 with the largest increase being for termination benefits for the retirement of two long time Treasurer's Office employees, with those costs split between Government Services to Residents and Administration.

Farmer said Administration will increase by \$256,170, including termination benefits for a long time Auditor's Office employee, a major equipment repair in FSS, and costing out a new contractual agreement for custodial services with the Solid Waste Commission with the revenue from the Commission for these services being addressed in the Revenue Section of the amendment.

Farmer said that Debt Service will increase by \$8,000 due to outside accounting fees.

Farmer said that Capital Projects will increase by \$287,872 based on updated costs for Secondary Roads, Tremont facility conversion costs, vehicle auxiliary equipment for the Sheriff's Department, general technology costs and Conservation capital projects. He said that the Conservation projects will be offset by draws from their fund balance.

Farmer said that Revenues will increase by a net of \$250,000. He said that the overall fund balance will decrease by \$600,000, but that the February amendment estimated the fund balance to increase by \$966,000, so that at this point the county is on target for its budget by about \$300,000.

Holst asked if the Secondary Roads increases were for cost overruns on the HMA projects. Farmer replied that he believed that was correct but he would provide more detail. Holst also asked what caused the increase for vehicle auxiliary equipment. Farmer answered that those costs were previously in the Sheriff's budget but had been moved to the capital budget. He said that every time a new vehicle is put into service there is a cost to tear down equipment from the old vehicle and install the equipment in the new vehicle. Holst asked if there was a savings for turning over vehicles more quickly for a higher resale value than for keeping the vehicles in service for longer. Farmer said that the county is tracking those numbers. Holst asked if the increase in Conservation capital projects was for the lake or something else. Farmer answered that those costs were \$40,000 for the Wapsi Road, \$20,000 for the Scott County Park pool, \$37,000 for cabin construction at West Lake Park and \$11,000 for equipment repairs.

Holst said the Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management Board is looking for a public sector representative to fill a vacancy.

Kinzer asked the sheriff to commend two deputies for their response to an incident involving someone hitting his truck. He said the deputies responded quickly and were very professional and found who hit his truck.

Knobbe said the proposal to allow the privatization of Quarters One, the Golf Course and the Golf Club at the Rock Island Arsenal has received a favorable response. He said there may be changes coming up with those facilities.

Moved by Earnhardt, seconded by Kinzer at 10:22 a.m. a motion to adjourn. All
Ayes.

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