

Scott County Board of Supervisors
August 7, 2018 8:00 a.m.

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

Howard Spoon, 7 Timberline Drive, Blue Grass, addressed the Board regarding safety concerns for grave markers, memorials and monuments placed along County Roads. He said there was a memorial seven foot tall cross at the corner of Highway 61 and Coonhunters Road. He said he contacted the Sheriff's Office about his concerns but did not hear back. He said he then took down the memorial believing it was a safety hazard. He said he contacted the Secondary Roads Department and learned that the family of the deceased had permission to put up the memorial. He said he wanted to apologize to the family and he would put it back in place. He said that he learned from Jon Burgstrum that if someone calls to ask for permission to put up a memorial that the policy is to state that permission cannot be granted or denied, but if a memorial is put up that it be off the road shoulder and little way back. He requested a copy of this policy and also requested the policy regarding weed whip and mowing around memorials.

Supervisor Kinzer asked Mr. Spoon if he tried to contact the Sheriff's Office.

Spoon said he had contacted Captain Joe Caffery. Spoon said he wants to challenge the policy and is very concerned with the dangerous intersection and the cost to maintain by the taxpayers.

Supervisor Beck asked if Mr. Spoon's point was to control or restrict placement of memorials.

Spoon said he wanted the County to be transparent and to not have secret policies.

Mary Thee said she would look into the situation and County practice regarding roadway memorials, but she did not believe the state has official restrictions.

Tim Huey, Planning and Development Director, reviewed the Final Plat of a 2-lot minor subdivision of a 27.5-acre tract in LeClaire Township submitted by Tom Faulhaber. He said the tract was previously part of Olathea Golf Course, which was rezoned from Agricultural General (A-G) to Single Family Residential (R-1) on May 3, 2018, and this split is to divide one of the four lots that was recently created with a previous minor subdivision. He said the two proposed lots are 15 and 12.5 acres in size. He said both lots would have frontage along 277th Avenue and that the Final Plat has been approved by the City of Princeton. He said that a major pipeline bordered the property, and that he spoke with a representative of a pipeline company who expressed no concerns with a residential development on this property.

Beck asked if there was sufficient area near the lake for placement of an interior road for possible future subdivision of the area.

Huey said that design of an interior road was an engineering and surveying issue for a possible future subdivision, and that the Planning Department would have to consider if an interior road met specifications at the time of the future subdivision.

Supervisor Kinzer asked if there had been any public comment.

Huey said there was no opposition to the rezoning and one neighbor in full support.

Huey also reviewed a public hearing and presentation of the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation on the application of Steven VonMuenster to rezone a 22.6-acre tract, more or less, from "Agricultural-General (A-G)" to "Single Family Residential (R-1)," legally described as the W½ of the SW¼ of the NE¼ of Section 27 in Allens Grove Township. Huey said there are two houses on the property which constitutes a legal non-conforming use. He said the area to be rezoned has frontage along Allens Grove Road. He said there is a driveway which provides access for four houses but that the driveway does not meet County standards for an interior access road. He said the Commission recommended approval of the rezoning with the condition that no residential subdivision would be initiated unless the access was improved to meet County standards for such subdivisions. He noted that the plan to divide the property was not a subdivision, and instead would occur through a plat of survey. He requested to add the first reading of the rezoning ordinance to the Board's agenda for August 9, 2018.

Chairperson Knobbe asked if there was any objection to adding consideration of the ordinance to the agenda and noted there was no objection.

Beck asked about the width of the property along the existing road and if 50 feet was the standard for road right-of-ways.

Huey said the width is 20 feet and that 50 feet is standard with some exceptions for 40 feet allowed for particular circumstances.

Supervisor Holst asked what terminology described the driveway.

Huey termed it a shared driveway with an access easement.

Shawn Roth, Chief Deputy Sheriff, reviewed a request to temporarily overfill four correction officer positions. He said that two additional resignations have occurred and that two more staff are eligible and probably will retire this fall. He said candidates go through a twelve week training, but that not all candidates complete training. He said the Sheriff's Office has overfilled positions twice in the past. He did not anticipate a budgetary issue with the overfilled positions.

Roth also discussed the FY18 JAG Grant in the amount of \$85,774 and said the grant helps support the Hotel/Motel Interdiction unit (HIDE) of the Quad City

Metropolitan Enforcement Group (QCMEG) and that the officers are from the Bettendorf Police Department and the Scott County Sheriff's Office. He said the County has received the grant for more than 20 years.

Beck asked if this was the JAG Grant from a few months ago.

Roth said they are two different grants covering different time periods but they are very similar.

Beck asked if there are differences in the conditions of the two grants.

Roth said the conditions are very similar, but that the Sheriff's Office already follows all of those conditions.

Holst said the terms in this grant are a little different from the other grant and that the Board should review those terms.

Brinson asked if the Board can get the other appendices.

Thee said the Board will get the email link to the information.

Mary Thee, Human Resources Director, reviewed the hiring of a part-time Custodial Worker in Facilities & Support Services at the entry level rate, the hiring of an Environmental Health Specialist in the Health Department at the entry level rate, the hiring of a Correction Officer in the Sheriff's Office at the entry level rate, the hiring of three of part-time Detention Youth Counselors in the Juvenile Detention Center at the entry level rate.

Kinzer asked about the part-time custodial worker.

Tammy Speidel, Facility and Support Services Director, said the vacancy occurred when staff currently assigned to the Courthouse resigned. She said the County rotates staff about every six months to different buildings and floors in buildings.

Holst asked if the two Waste Commission openings have been filled.

Speidel said yes.

Thee said the 2018 Homestead, Military Tax Credit, and Disabled Veterans Homestead Applications recommended for allowance and disallowance by the Davenport City Assessor and the Scott County Assessor Offices and the Davenport City Assessor and Scott County Assessor recommended action on Business Property Tax credit applications are both routine items.

Thee said after adjournment of the Committee of the Whole meeting, they would begin the annual tour of Secondary Roads.

Knobbe gave the Board an update on the lead abatement program. He said Live Lead Free QC committee meetings have been attended by himself, David Farmer, Ed Rivers, city, hospital and Augustana College representatives and that the group is in the process of incorporating. He said the group then could start applying for grants and will keep the Board updated on the progress.

Kinzer said it is a great program and is in support of the program.

Chairman Knobbe adjourned the meeting at 8:48 a.m.

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