

Scott County Board of Supervisors  
August 21, 2018 8:00 a.m.

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

Angela Kersten, Assistant County Engineer, reviewed a request from the City of Dixon for a temporary closure for road Y4E through Dixon on September 22, 2018 for a car show fundraiser to benefit Dixon firefighters.

Tim Huey, Planning and Development Director, reviewed the public hearing and presentation of Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation on the application of Christopher and Marla Brown to rezone a 3.56-acre tract, more or less, from "Agricultural-Preservation (A-P)" to "Single-Family Residential (R-1)" at the property located at 25600 195th Street, legally described as Part of the NW ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 5 in LeClaire Township. He said the Commission discussed the fact that even though this property was zoned A-P it was an existing residential property that had no agricultural use and it was in an area where all of the adjacent farmland was zoned A-G. He said the Future Land Use Map showed it as anticipated for residential development and it had existing golf courses on three sides. He said the City of LeClaire did not express interest in annexing the property. He also said that the property is not currently served by either public sewer or water service. He also said the property has access to a paved County road and its Corn Suitability Rating is in the mid-80s.

Supervisor Beck asked about the area west of the proposed lot being zoned Agricultural-Preservation and yet there is a house on the lot. He asked if it was a farm exemption parcel.

Huey said no, and that back in 1980 the whole area was zoned Ag-Preservation and that the owners have a grandfathered residential development right.

Supervisor Knobbe said the house to the west would have belonged to the applicants' grandfather's brother.

Supervisor Holst commented that in 2014 the Planning and Zoning Commission at that time voted to deny that going from A-P to A-G and that if she was on the Board at that time, she would have opposed to going from A-P to A-G on that scenario and this is how we keep chewing into Ag ground.

Knobbe asked about additional or shared driveways being needed for access.

Huey said driveways are a subdivision issue coming up when Planning and Zoning reviews the plat. He said he talked to the County Engineer and said these would be big enough lots for turnarounds and that it's not going to be necessary for vehicles to back up on to Forest Grove Road.

Supervisor Kinzer asked about annexation and that while the distance is too far to require sewer and water hookups, if these services were extended would the requirements take effect.

Huey said the distances are in the subdivision ordinance and that the property is beyond the distance that triggers requirement for sewer and water hookups. He said the Health Department could require hooking up to a sewer system if a system is extended sometime in the future.

Kinzer asked why the County was not going from A-P to A-G to R1 to follow the policy.

Huey said he is using his judgement and feels this request meets the spirit of the policy and that the planning commission concurred.

Huey reviewed the upcoming second reading of an ordinance 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 W $\frac{1}{2}$  of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 27 in Allens Grove Township that comes with the condition that no further subdivision of the property be initiated prior to making suitable roadway and access improvements.

Huey reviewed the proposed 120 day extension for the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation to approve the Final Plat of a four-lot minor subdivision known as Terrell's First Addition in Part of the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 18 in Pleasant Valley Township by Sean Terrell. He said that after the Planning Commission has recommended approval of a Final Plat, an applicant has 60 days to submit the required platting documents and that the platting documents have not been submitted within this required time frame. He said he anticipates the documents would be on the next Board agenda and that the applicant is working out access issues with the property.

Mary Thee, Assistant County Administrator, reviewed the hiring of Jeffrey Wilson for the position of Correction Officer in the Sheriff's Office at the entry level rate and the hiring of Allison Penn for the position of part-time Health Services Professional in the Health Department at the entry level rate.

Thee also reviewed the request to overfill the Veteran's Affairs Director position. She said the Veterans Affairs Commission has selected Ben Enlow, a veteran and a corrections officer in the Sheriff's Office, to replace David Woods. She said the plan was to have the two overlap for a month's time and that since Enlow would come in at a lower pay rate there would be no budgetary impact.

Gary Grant, Urban County Coalition (UCC) lobbyist, reviewed the UCC 2018 General Assembly Legislative Briefing. He said that the UCC, the League of Cities, the Iowa State Association of Counties and other groups successfully argued against a midyear legislative rescission of the \$152 million commercial / industrial property tax backfill. He said that both political caucuses say that the legislature did not intend for the backfill to be permanent. He said the UCC and others maintain that it was designed to be permanent. He anticipated that the issue will come up again next year.

Larry Murphy, UCC lobbyist, noted a study which showed that from 2013 to 2016 the state budget increased 18 percent while local government budgets increased 1.6 percent. He stated that the state has the capacity to continue the backfill.

Grant reviewed mental health funding. He said the UCC supported House File 2456 which expanded mental health service access by creating six regional “access centers” but did not include a funding mechanism. He said the UCC closely monitors the rules to make sure there is no cost shifting. He said the Department of Human Services (DHS) now says that DHS policy is that the regions can cover the gap between the services fees and what Medicaid covers but that DHS will not cover that gap. He said that most if not all regions have a policy of not paying for services for which Medicaid pays. He said this issue may be addressed at the legislature next year.

Supervisor Earnhardt said that originally when the law came out it said that if the regions do not have the funding that the services went away.

Grant said that under the new rules the limitation for payment of core services based on available funding was removed. He said the impact would be to increase local property taxes.

Grant said that the water quality bill, Senate File 512, is estimated to generate more than \$280 million over 12 years for various water quality projects by establishing a funding stream converting the metered water sales tax into an excise tax and that it also transfers funds from other environmental protection funds such as REAP. He said the legislature will see this legislation will deal with problem. He said he does not expect the legislature to revisit this issue any time soon.

Grant said that the bills regarding supervisor districts only applied to Polk and Linn Counties and that it really only affected Polk County. He said House File 2253 restricted lease/purchase projects for cities and counties. He said the UCC didn’t take a position on Sanctuary Cities legislation. He said there were no proposals to change to IPERS. He said there was no change to Tax Increment Financing. He said that House File 2254 regarding E-911 was mostly a technical cleanup bill which did not make substantial changes.

Moved by Kinzer, seconded by Beck at 9:18 a.m. a motion to adjourn. All Ayes.

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