

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

Lori Elam, Community Services Director, reviewed a routine tax suspension request.

Elam also reviewed a request for financial support to Humility Homes Services for the winter emergency shelter. She recalled that last year King's Harvest announced that it would not manage the overflow shelter and Humility Homes Services stepped in to manage it. She said Humility pulled together homeless providers, funders and city officials and was able to generate funds to keep the overflow shelter open last year, including a \$5,000 Scott County contribution. She said in October Humility contacted her to ask for funding this year for the overflow shelter. She said the overflow shelter opens December 1st through March 31st or April 1st, and it has been full, as have the other shelters operated by Humility Homes Services.

Elam said last year the County did not budget for emergency shelters and had never been asked for that kind of funding. She said Humility is working on a five year plan to eliminate the need for the overflow shelter. Elam said she asked if Humility had contacted the other cities and counties, because homelessness is a bi-state issue, and Humility said that to date the City of Davenport promised \$15,000.

Elam said there was some discussion to match whatever Davenport contributed, that she reviewed the rental assistance line item in the general assistance budget, and that currently 18 percent had been expended. She said in consultation with Mahesh Sharma, County Administrator and David Farmer, Budget and Administrative Services Director, that staff believed the County could provide \$15,000 to match the City contribution with funds from the rental assistance line item.

Elam said Humility Homes and Services has requested to be part of the FY21 budget process, they have completed all of the documents and submitted the budget with a request of \$45,000.

Supervisor Beck asked what contributing \$15,000 will put the rental assistance budget.

Elam said the line item amount will still be fairly low and there would be funds to cover other one time rental assistance needs.

Croken asked what the total rental assistance budget is.

Elam said that it was about \$127,000.

Supervisor Knobbe reviewed the appointments of Dr. Ann O'Donnell to the Board of Health, John Rushton to the Citizen's Advisory Board of the Mental Health Institute, Marty O'Boyle and Mahesh Sharma, to the MEDIC EMS Board, Tim Huey to the Quad City Riverfront Council, Dave Murcia to the Partner for Scott County Watersheds Cabinet, Lori Elam and Katie Schroeder to the Community Action of Eastern Iowa, Bernie Peeters to the River Bend Transit Board, Beth McAleer to the Conservation Board, Amy Kersten and Joyce Singh to the IRVM Steering Committee (Non-Governmental), Brittany Ackerland to the IRVM Steering Committee (Governmental), Lynn Gibson and Carolyn Scheibe to the Planning and Zoning Commission, Diana Contreras to the Benefited Fire District #1, Ed Kocal to the Lower Cedar Watershed Management Authority, Angela Anderson, RN, to County Medical Examiner Investigator (CME-I), Jazmin Newton-Butt to the Bi-State Regional Commission, Jim Tank to the Bi-State Revolving Loan fund, Daniel Portes to the Compensation Board and Kevin Cahill to the Library Board.

Maxwell asked how long a Planning and Zoning Commission term is and asked if there were term limits.

Knobbe said the term is five years.

Mary Thee said there is some guidance in the administrative policies regarding succession planning but does not actually create term limits.

Croken asked if there was information on how long or how many terms appointees had served.

Kinzer observed that during a previous Board term that at least one appointee had served for 26 years.

Croken asked how long Dr. O'Donnell had served on the Board of Health. He also said if someone has been on a board for ten years, then maybe the Supervisors need to look for someone else.

Thee reviewed the terms of the Board of Health members, which ranged from 1989 to 2015.

Knobbe asked when the terms of the appointees will end.

Thee said they will end on December 31, 2019.

Knobbe said his preference would be to approve these positions at the Board meeting but that Supervisors should put more thought into this down the road with more notice.

Croken said he would like staff to bring back to the Board a draft policy on term limits for boards.

They recommended also looking at Administrative Policy 1, which addresses that particular issue. She said that a previous Board decided to take the approach of succession planning rather than term limits due to the need for particular expertise on some boards or commissions.

Croken said the goal was to broaden citizen participation and asked if these terms were coming due.

They said that terms are posted on the Board's agenda three months before the term of a board or commission member.

Croken said that innovation does not come from the same people meeting at the same time at the same location for a decade or more.

Moved by Beck, seconded by Maxwell at 4:30 p.m. a motion to adjourn. All Ayes.

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Tony Knobbe, Chair of the Board  
Scott County Board of Supervisors

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ATTEST: Roxanna Moritz  
Scott County Auditor