

Scott County Board of Supervisors
August 20, 2020 5:00 p.m.

The Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment with Croken, Kinzer, Maxwell, Beck and Knobbe present. Due to social distancing concerns relating to COVID-19, Supervisors and staff were spaced apart during the meeting with Chairman Knobbe and some staff participating via telephone. Vice Chairman Beck presided over the meeting. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Maxwell, seconded by Croken a motion approving the minutes of the August 6, 2020 Regular Board Meeting. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Moved by Maxwell, seconded by Croken a motion to open a public hearing relative to an ordinance amendment to Chapter 5 of the Scott County Construction Codes to require rental registration and code compliance of townhouse and multifamily rental units located in Park View CAD. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Tim Huey, Planning and Development Director, said no additional public comments were received since the public meeting in December.

Supervisor Kinzer said this a good start and to have something in place is the right thing to do.

No one from the public spoke.

Supervisor Croken said he got a phone call from a concerned citizen about the financial relationship between Park View and the County.

Moved by Maxwell, seconded by Croken a motion to close the public hearing. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Mary Thee, Assistant County Administrator, asked for guidance on setting the next meeting agenda to waive the requirement for three readings of the ordinance agenda.

Supervisor Maxwell said there has been adequate time for public comment and thought the reading could be suspended.

Croken said there had been adequate time for public input, but questioned the method to suspend the extra readings.

Thee said the readings are required by law but the Board can vote to suspend the readings.

Huey said three readings are required by state law but can be suspended by the Board.

Kinzer said it would be inappropriate to waive the readings at this time.

Thee said that the next agenda would include a motion to waive the additional readings which the Board could vote to approve or disapprove.

Knobbe said if there were other public comments the Board could revert to holding three readings.

Beck said he concurred in adding the motion to waive readings to the next agenda.

Moved by Croken, seconded by Maxwell that the following resolution be approved. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Croken said that America has become more aware of the racial bias and injustice that is throughout the community and we are all looking for ways to address that bias and injustice in a systemic way. He said one way to address this issue is through intentional economics and that purchases from black owned businesses will advance racial equality in the long haul.

WHEREAS, the Scott County Board of Supervisors declares August 2020 as Black Business Month in Scott County; and WHEREAS, Black Business Month is an opportunity to recognize and support Black-owned businesses while focusing attention on the needs of Black entrepreneurs; and WHEREAS, Historian John William Templeton and engineer Frederick E. Jordan Sr. founded Black Business Month in August 2004 to “drive the policy agenda affecting the 2.6 million black businesses”; and WHEREAS, Black-owned businesses in America make over \$187.6 billion dollars annually in reserve and have produced over 1 million jobs nationwide; and WHEREAS, The Black buying power is over \$1 trillion dollars and Black women make up the majority of Black business, owning 54 percent of all Black businesses in the United States; and WHEREAS, Black organizations have played a vital role in achieving justice and equal rights and have helped make communities stronger and better; and WHEREAS, the County of Scott has a 7.8 percent population of Black people who continue to make outstanding contributions to the cultural, social, economic, civic and political fabric of the County.

BE IT RESOLVED: 1) That the Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim the month of August 2020 as Black Business Month. 2) That the Board of Supervisors encourages the people of local communities and throughout Scott County to support Black-owned business. 3) This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Maxwell, seconded by Croken that the following resolution be approved. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Barb Pardie, Fleet Manager, reviewed vehicle purchases in the Sheriff's Office. She said on March 5, 2020, the Board of Supervisors approved the purchase of six 2020 Ford Explorers for the Sheriff's Office from Charles Gabus Ford for a total of \$193,576. She said Ford stopped production of vehicles to focus on production of ventilators and cancelled all orders for this type of vehicle on June 8, 2020. She said Ford would not be

able to manufacture all of the orders for the 2020 models. She said on July 15, 2020, Fleet Services solicited for bids on the 2021 Ford Explorer or equivalent, Police Interceptor for the Sheriff's Office Patrol Division. She said six bids were made, with the low bid of \$194,748.00 from Lindquist Ford, Bettendorf. She said two bids had options for extended warranties which she believed were not needed.

Supervisor Maxwell asked who received the original bid and if six was the original number of vehicles or were vehicles added to the request for bids.

Pardie said the original request was for six vehicles, and the bid was awarded to Charles Gabus Ford.

Croken asked if any consideration was given to electric or hybrid vehicles which have less environmental impact.

Pardie said beginning last year Ford made a hybrid, but there were a lot of complaints about take-off speed. She said the 2021 model engine has more horsepower than the 2020 version. She said she would monitor the field reports about hybrids. She said electric vehicles would not be a good choice for the conditions facing patrol vehicles in the Sheriff's Office. She said purchase prices are \$4,000 more for hybrids than for combustion engines and maintenance costs are more for hybrids due to the need to replace batteries.

Kinzer said this would be a cooperative effort with the Sheriff's Office to look at different types of vehicles and he understands not using hybrid vehicles in this instance. He noted that these vehicles will be purchased from a local vendor and were manufactured in the United States.

BE IT RESOLVED: 1) That the bid for six 2021 Ford Explorer, Police Interceptors for the Sheriff's Office are approved and hereby awarded to Lindquist Ford, Bettendorf, IA in the amount of \$194,748.00. 2) This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Kinzer, seconded by Croken that the following resolution be approved.
Roll Call: All Ayes.

BE IT RESOLVED: 1) The hiring of Jack West for the position of Roads Maintenance Worker in the Secondary Roads Department at the entry level rate.

Moved by Maxwell, seconded by Croken a motion approving a beer/liquor license renewal for Casey's General Store #1068. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Moved by Maxwell, seconded by Croken that the following resolution be approved. Roll Call: All Ayes.

BE IT RESOLVED: 1) The Scott County Board of Supervisors approves for payment

all warrants numbered 306768 through 306994 as submitted and prepared for payment by the County Auditor, in the total amount of \$2,388,073.72. 2) This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Under other items of interest, David Farmer, Budget and Administrative Services Director, reviewed FY20 Revenue as of August 19, 2020. He said the Revenues are at \$64,759,386 or 100.1 percent of the amended budget, and Expenditures are at \$63,386,448. He noted that the percentage of unassigned fund balance is sitting at 21.4 percent.

He also reviewed FY21 Revenue as of August 19, 2020. He said, since the casinos reopened the County is starting to see Gaming Revenue right near budget. He said Recorder Revenue is \$171,000 which is greater than the budget estimate. He attributed the increase to real estate transactions. He said Road Use Tax is at \$361,081 and on target for the budget estimate. He said the County has not received any Local Option Sales Tax for FY21, but expects to receive an estimate from the State on how much will be distributed this year. He said \$37,318 of Interest Income is attributed to the general fund. He said the County will not earn the projected \$800,000 in Interest Income and projected the amount to be less than \$200,000 for the fiscal year. He said Building Permits revenue is \$64,353, which is above estimates. He said \$111,000 in revenue from Sheriff Services is on track. He said \$69,813 in revenue from Attorney Fine Collection is on pace.

Farmer said for July and half of August the County collected \$1,279,931 in Revenues, or 1.7 percent, and spent \$7,913,253 so far. He said the unassigned fund balance has dropped to 9.5 percent, which was expected. He said property tax bills will be mailed soon and collection will begin soon as well.

Beck said he thought that September may not be a great tax collection month and fund balance may have to pay for part of that month.

Farmer said that he would prepare a resolution for the Board regarding the local government relief fund for the \$2.0 million in state public assistance money. He said guidance from the state is that the County can seek reimbursement for public health and public safety services. He said he thought all of the relief funds could be reimbursed to the County.

He said in July there were 5,289 rounds of golf, which was a 7.2 percent increase from last year.

Beck asked Farmer to review the Cares Act Funding for Mental Health.

Farmer said the Eastern Iowa Mental Health Region was allocated just under \$2.9 million and the Region Governing Board is evaluating how to best use that money. He said the money needs to be used for coronavirus related activities, and some areas to utilize the funds include advertising to inform the public on how to access mental health

services and for children's services in conjunction with schools. He said the funds need to be spent by December 31, 2020 or would revert to the state.

Kinzer raised the issue of traffic control on the 240th Street and 210th Avenue intersection, and ask if a temporary four-way stop at the intersection could be discussed since the County is not looking at a roundabout. He said there was an accident at the intersection two weeks ago.

Angela Kersten, County Engineer, said her department follows the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for guidance and presently is performing an engineering study to see if a four-way stop is applicable while considering the option of a roundabout.

Kinzer said he has received several calls about dust control on detoured roads.

Kersten said there are three projects underway that involve road closures and dust control has been put down near residences, some as recently as this past Monday. She said two of the projects have marked detours on to paved roads.

Tammy Speidel, FSS Director, updated the Board on the window and cladding replacement project at the Administrative Center. She said windows have been replaced on all of the fifth floor and half of the sixth floor, and would proceed to the rest of the building. She said panels are on site and work on installing them would begin soon. She said that COVID-19 had impacted the construction workforce, and there were some labor issues which have been worked out. She said there were lots of unknown conditions in the window openings requiring extensive repairs. She said the contractor projected completion in 13 weeks.

Croken asked if any County staff has suffered a COVID-19 infection.

Thee said the three staff members who tested positive for COVID-19 had been off the work site. She said other staff have been required to quarantine.

Speidel said she is aware of four or five State employees who tested positive. Speidel said FFS had purchased equipment to clean rather than hiring a third party, and the first cleaning with this equipment saved the cost of purchasing it.

Moved by Croken, seconded by Maxwell at 6:05 p.m. a motion to close the meeting pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(j) to discuss the purchase of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Moved by Kinzer, seconded by Maxwell at 7:06 p.m. a motion to convene in open session. Roll Call: Four Ayes, with Croken being absent.

Moved by Maxwell, seconded by Kinzer at 7:07 p.m. a motion to adjourn. All
Ayes.

Ken Beck, Vice-Chair of the Board
Scott County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Roxanna Moritz
Scott County Auditor