

Scott County Board of Supervisors  
October 27, 2020 8:00 a.m.

The Board of Supervisors met as a committee of the whole and pursuant to adjournment with Croken, Kinzer, Maxwell, Beck and Knobbe present. Due to social distancing concerns relating to COVID19, Supervisors and staff participated electronically.

At 8:02 a.m. Chairman Knobbe said he wanted the record to show that Supervisor Maxwell had joined the meeting.

Angela Kersten, County Engineer, reviewed the Weed Commissioner Annual Report. She said Iowa Code requires each County Weed Commissioner makes a written report annually to their Board of Supervisors forwards a copy of that report to the State Secretary of Agriculture.

Knobbe asked what happens to this information at a state level.

Brian Burkholder, Roadside Vegetation Specialist, said the report is sent to the State Weed Commissioner, it is kept on file and the State does an assessment of where the weeds are and tracks new weeds.

Supervisor Kinzer asked if the amount spent in 2020 was typical or average among counties.

Burkholder said the number reported for Scott County was below average.

Tim Huey, Planning and Development Director, reviewed an upcoming public hearing on an application from Brian Dockery of Riverstone Group to rezone 58.5 acres more or less from Agricultural Preservation (A-P) to Industrial (I) located north of New Liberty Road/Iowa Hwy 130, and approximately one mile west of 35th Avenue and one-half mile east of 20th Avenue. He said the Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of this rezoning application based on its compliance with a preponderance of the Revised Land Use Policies of the Scott County Comprehensive Plan and the public hearing will occur on Thursday, October 29, 2020. Huey said the Riverstone Group has three quarries spread throughout the County, the Planning Commission noted that a previous rezoning application from A-P to A-G for the 180 acres east of the existing quarry site was approved in 2008 and a Special Use Permit to allow the primary extraction operation proposed on that 180 acres plus the 145 acres lying south of Hwy 130 that remained zoned A-P was also approved in 2008 and the rezoning application also included a request to amend the Future Land Use Map to show 70 of the rezoned 180 acres as appropriate for industrial development, which was also approved. He said in 2018 Riverstone acquired the adjacent 112 acres located to the west of the existing quarry site and a Special Use Permit for primary extraction on that property was approved.

Brian Dockery, of Riverstone Group, said right now they do have the right to do extracting and primary processing on the entire property and part of it is being used for storm-water management. Dockery reviewed areas of the site plan.

Kinzer said the comment has been made that it was impossible to go from A-P to a different zoning.

Huey said his intention is that it is a steep hill with strict criteria to obtain approval of such a thing, but not impossible. He said if Riverstone didn't already have approval to extract, his recommendation would have been different.

Supervisor Beck asked if, at this point, they are looking at rezoning just the part of the property to put the equipment on the site to do the primary processing.

Dockery said yes and to do secondary processing.

Beck asked if this is a limestone quarry.

Dockery answered yes.

Beck said, in regards to the entrance road, this would improve safety along that area.

Knobbe said he agrees and supports Kinzer's staunch on the conversion of primary production land to any other use, but looks at this from another perspective. He said for the County as a whole, yes we need farmland, yes we need cities, from a global perspective we also need rock quarry facilities so we don't need to go to other counties or faraway places for those products. He said, especially after our State Legislature has made the change to our Planning and Zoning Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustment Commissioners that, they be all rural and they unanimously said this is a good and just and rightful use of this land. Knobbe said we as farmers will benefit from this rock, this product to spread on the gravel roads that we travel on and to transport product.

Huey reviewed the approval of a second six (6) month extension of the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation for approval of the Final Plat of Brus Commercial Park 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition. He said land transactions can be complicated and Kwik Trip is looking to acquire this property. He said they are working with the County Engineer and the State DOT on driveway locations and working with the State DNR regarding waste water treatment, which is more involved and is taking more time.

Beck asked if there was only a certain numbers of times that we can extend it.

Huey said no and the only thing that has changed is the land transaction delay.

Tim Huey also reviewed a letter to be sent to the City of Davenport regarding their proposed amendment to the North Urban Renewal Area Plan to allow the use of

tax increment financing funds to reimbursement the City's General Fund for economic development staffing costs. He said, just like in the past, we have said even though it may be permissible, it is not acceptable to take taxpayers funds, in the amount of \$275,000, from throughout the County from the TIF fund to the City of Davenport's General Fund.

Croken asked if we can stop the City from doing this.

Huey said no, and laws were changed to just require notice be sent.

Tammy Speidel, Facility and Support Services (FSS) Director, reviewed a County Attorney Office expansion project. She said the Board recently approved the County Attorney's request to add two attorney positions to their staffing levels and that approval necessitates the office expansion project. She said when we did the Clerk of Court project on the second floor we were able to reclaim some space and a portion of it currently houses Family Resources. She said she has talked to Court Administration and they are aware of this project and realize that they will have to look for other space for the Family Resource program.

Speidel said she reached out to Mike Walton and said he is interested in having a conversation with the firm with regard to the new space and also the flow in some of his current spaces.

She said FSS solicited requests for architectural design and engineering services by placing the request both on the Scott County webpage and via the publicpurchase.com website. She said eight responses were received and reviewed by FSS and purchasing staff and said they believe Wold Architects and Engineers for \$21,000.00 best meets their needs. She said she has spoken with Mike Walton and he is in agreement with this recommendation.

She said the project was budgeted over two fiscal years at \$450,000, which includes all aspects.

Croken said the problem of overcrowding is ongoing and as best he can tell there is no compelling reason why the Attorney's Office needs to be in the Courthouse especially and asked if we have considered looking elsewhere for space for them.

Speidel said staff from the Attorney's Office are frequently required to report down to a courtroom, but didn't specifically ask Walton about being removed from the Courthouse. She said this area has the room for four of five employees.

Croken asked Speidel to have that conversation with Walton.

Speidel said she would reach out to him.

Kinzer said he knows Wold has done a lot of work for the County, has a relationship with the County, but just wanted to ask his colleagues to support an initiative to buy local and do our part by coming up with a policy.

Speidel also reviewed a drainage easement requests at the Eldridge Sheriff Patrol Headquarters. She said Scott County has received a request from Maximum Storage LLC to grant a drainage easement on the west side of the Patrol property running from our south property line north to the shared detention pond, which seemed to be the easiest and most cost-effective way for them to deal with their issue. She said we discussed the erosion issues that we have had with the drainage from the south lot onto the patrol headquarters and the owner has agreed to design a landscaped berm at the north edge of his property/ south edge of Patrol.

Chris Townsend, Townsend Engineering, thanked Speidel for the remarks and said he with Joe Zrostlik, owner of the property, and said this is really the only way to get drainage from the stormwater to that detention basin.

Speidel noted that Rob Cusack has reviewed the agreement and is in support as well.

Beck asked, if approving this easement, does that cut down on any of the area that we can future expand on or into.

Speidel said this is located primarily on the west of the property, doesn't interfere with the geo-thermal field and so we would not have ever expanded to the west. She said, to the south past the parking lot, we have no plans to expand that way.

Beck asked if this would be some sort of culvert pipe.

Townsend said yes.

Kinzer asked about solving the erosion problem.

Speidel said this should solve the issue.

Townsend said most of the problem should be resolved with this intake plan for a 100 year storm event.

Beck said he wanted to echo that this would help our problem with drainage.

Mahesh Sharma, County Administrator, reviewed a tax suspension request.

Amy Thoreson, Health Department, reviewed the request for the hiring of temporary contact tracers in the Health Department. She said they have expanded the pool of people that could be providing contact tracing within the Health Department to a point where if we were to take anyone else out of their normal routine, we would really

impact the infrastructure of our Department. She said other counties have also hired contact tracers.

Knobbe asked, since the County is planning to hire for 16 weeks, who is to decide when they are done.

Thoreson said we don't know how long the pandemic will last and it has been a challenge to determine.

Beck asked about using an agency for hiring and asked about the qualifications of the people being hired.

Thoreson said hiring them ourselves, in regards to the confidential information we are dealing with, would give us more control over who we are bringing in by getting background checks. She said, for qualifications, they looked at what the CDC has for their recommendations for contract tracer jobs as well as looking at job descriptions for other counties in the State. She also said the rate would be \$17.50 per hour.

Matt Hirst, IT Director, reviewed ECM software maintenance and support renewal. He said the quote from DataBank is for a total of \$31,376.13 for one year, provided at government contract rates and said multi-year rates are not available.

Hirst also reviewed the Board Room Audio/Video Project. He said IT was tasked with addressing County public meeting access short comings and changes needed to accommodate today's social distancing requirements. The overarching goal of the project is to provide easier and better access to County meetings for the Board of Supervisors, and potentially other Boards, participants, attendees and the public. He said, to that end back in September, IT identified and has reported on five tasks to the Board which included implementing WebEx Event Center software for meeting facilitation and augmenting Board of Supervisor's technology by deploying HG laptops. He said item three is addressing and improving Boardroom audio/video deficiencies. He said the fourth item is to publish recorded meetings to [ScottCountyIowa.gov](http://ScottCountyIowa.gov) and the fifth item is communicate meeting improvements to participants and citizens by working with and providing details of implemented technology and SOP recommendations to County Administration and the Board.

He said, for addressing and improving Board Room audio/video deficiencies, IT has solicited a quote from Heartland Business Systems, HBS, for hardware and professional services for A/V improvements to work with the County online meeting solution, Cisco WebEx and the quote includes video conference equipment, a hearing assist system, room audio and labor for a total of \$50,358.49. Hirst said this deploys two HD cameras, installs the Shure wireless discussion mic system including Access Point and Discussion Units, installs the Listen EVERYWHERE listening assistance system for hearing impaired, removes old and installs new rack-mounted equipment, programs Touch10 system control touch panels, tunes room for audio/video performance, tests system and provides system instruction.

Hirst commented that the desire to address transparency and public accessibility of meetings has been the desire of the Board for some time. He said in 2019 he proposed a project to the Board that included Granicus meeting management and agenda software as well as audio and video components at an estimated cost of \$177,000, with yearly recurring costs of about \$40,000.

Hirst said we now have updated the WebEx license to an enterprise software license and this solution seamlessly integrates with our Cisco call manager phone solution and with Jabber.

Hirst said one of the differences in this solution is captioning and transcription. In 2019, it had an estimated cost of \$24,000 per year and transcription is included with this WebEx solution. He said pricing for the Cisco hardware was obtained from Cisco through HBS at approximately fifty-four percent below list and pricing was compared to and beats the State of Iowa NASPO (National Association of State Procurement Officials) contract with Cisco by nineteen percent.

Maxwell asked how will the role from the Auditor's Office change if we go with this and said it sounds like they are not going to have to do much with it.

Hirst said the choice will always be the Auditor's Office on how they want to proceed with meeting minutes and the Auditor is tasked by the Code of Iowa with that responsibility. He said they would have the ability to quit publishing the detailed minutes and provide the transcribed video. He said that is Auditor Moritz's decision on how she wants to proceed.

Beck asked for clarification on the cost of WebEx per year.

Hirst said currently the County has \$17,000 invested in Cisco WebEx licensing and that it is for enterprise license with Cisco and he is not sure what the recurring cost will be and will look into usage rates when the contract comes up for renewal.

Beck said this is a system for everyone in the County to use, unlike the Granicus platform.

Sharma reviewed upcoming proclamations recognizing Brent Herman's years of service on the Scott County Library Board as well as recognizing October 25-31, 2020 as National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week.

Moved by Kinzer, seconded by Beck at 9:58 a.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