

Scott County Board of Supervisors
August 17, 2021 8:00 a.m.

The Board of Supervisors met as a committee of the whole and pursuant to adjournment with Croken, Kinzer, Maxwell and Beck present. Supervisor Knobbe was absent. Due to social distancing concerns relating to COVID19, Supervisors and staff were spaced apart during the meeting with some staff participating electronically.

Chief Juvenile Court Officer Scott Hobart of the 7th Judicial District, reviewed a motion to accept an offer by nationally recognized Youth Advocate Program (YAP) of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania to establish the Scott County "Alternative to Detention" juvenile justice pilot program as an option for pre-trial or pre-sentencing judicial disposition. He said the District has not had a chance to examine this program but the District does have proven programs in place that are supported.

Supervisor Maxwell asked Hobart if he favored the 40 beds in the proposed new JDC.

Hobart answered yes.

District Associate Judge Cheryl Traum said she saw a presentation by YAP, and does not believe it is appropriate for Scott County. She said YAP releases high risk youth back into the community which she does not support. She said the youth currently held in the JDC are charged with some very serious crimes and she does not believe it is appropriate to release them into the community. She also said Chief Judge Marlita Greve could not attend today and that she also does not support this.

Maxwell asked to be walked through the detention procedure.

Judge Traum reviewed the procedure starting with the Juvenile Court Officers and the appropriateness of the youth to be placed in detention. She also reviewed detention hearing procedures.

Maxwell asked Judge Traum if she supported a 40 bed detention center.

Judge Traum said yes. She added that in December youth that are charged as adults will be moved from the jail to the detention center.

Supervisor Croken said he had an email exchange with Judge Greve, and she asked him to be certain that the Board understood her support for the comments being made by the speakers, and out of respect for those concerns he would withdraw the motion from the agenda for this Board cycle. Croken reviewed the 2018 Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act goals. He said he believes the only way to achieve those goals is through an innovative diversion option. He asked Judge Traum and Mr. Hobart about setting a meeting to look at this program to complement the existing youth assessment strategy. He also commented that this is a pilot program and building a 40 bed facility would put Scott County over the state cap for detained youth.

Supervisor Kinzer thanked those that came forward for their thoughts. He said he supports what they do and their programs and believes their goal is to not incarcerate

but to rehabilitate, but there has to be accountability. He also said he wanted it to go on record that he was in support of a 64 bed facility option.

Maxwell reviewed changing the racial disparity issue through programing and addressing the state cap numbers and deadline. He also said we are addressing it some and getting them down the right track.

Chairman Beck said the Board is addressing the front of the train through the collaborative effort of the Community Youth Assessment Program, which will be up and running soon. He said the Board will see how that program goes and if it needs to be adjusted, as well as other programs in place. He said he supports the comments of Kinzer and Maxwell and he will reserve any further comment to a future time.

Larry Murphy reviewed the Urban County Coalition Legislative briefing.

Meghan Malloy, attorney and lobbyist from the Urban County Coalition, presented a summary of the 2021 Legislative Session and reviewed various legislation that passed and 2021 Legislative Priorities.

Gary Grant, lobbyist, also reviewed legislation and additional issues.

Supervisor Kinzer reviewed an upcoming presentation recognizing August as Water Quality Stewardship Month.

County Administrator Mahesh Sharma reviewed a new cigarette/tobacco permit for Kwik Star #1071, 13888 118th Avenue, Davenport.

Moved by Croken, seconded by Maxwell at 9:38 a.m. a motion to close the meeting pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(c) to discuss pending litigation. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Moved by Croken, seconded by Maxwell at 9:45 a.m. a motion to convene in open session. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Croken reviewed an upcoming vaccination clinic hosted by the Quad Cities River Bandits for school aged children age twelve to eighteen.

Kinzer addressed a vote abstention he made at the previous Board of Supervisors Meeting on July 22, 2021 regarding the hiring of Ashley Jahns.

Mary Thee, Human Resources Director, reviewed the legal opinion she made regarding the abstention and reviewed the procedure for abstaining.

Moved by Maxwell, seconded by Kinzer at 9:51 a.m. a motion to adjourn. All Ayes.

Ken Beck, Chair of the Board
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ATTEST: Kerri Tompkins
Scott County Auditor

A video recording of the meeting is available on the Scott County website at:
<https://www.scottcountyiowa.gov/board/board-meetings>.