

Scott County Board of Supervisors
April 3, 2018 8:00 a.m.

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

Tim Huey, Director and Alan Sabat of Planning and Development Department, reviewed the State Construction Permit application scoring for JT Allens Grove Pork, LLC. Alan Sabat, explained the scoring aspects for the application. The application was completed by Kerry Keppy, the applicant's consultant. Sabat said that the Planning and Development Department and Health Department staff recommend approval.

Chairman Knobbe, asked about the results of question #24, regarding facility size (1,000-2,000 Animal Unit Capacity). Huey said a head of hog is .4 Animal Units and they used the unincorporated area of Plainview because it is slightly closer to the proposed area than Donahue.

Supervisor Holst asked about the results of question #22, regarding Homestead Tax Credit and wondering if someone can claim a homestead credit on more than one property. Huey said he would ask the consultant for an answer.

Holst also questioned if the County would have to improve a road leading into this area and the costs involved.

Huey reviewed a rezoning request for property that has been owned by the Scott County Conservation Board for more than 25 years. He said it is approximately 117 acres adjacent to Scott County Park, primarily a natural wetlands and wildlife habitat area, and currently is zoned Residential Single-Family (R-1). The Conservation Board unanimously approved the submission of the application to have it rezoned to Agricultural-General (A-G). Huey also said the Planning Commission received one comment from the public about why it took 25 years to rezone.

Huey reviewed the updated Future Land Use Map (FLUM). He said the review started a year ago and that the map is reviewed every 10 years. The County Planning Commission developed the original FLUM in 1998. He said the Planning Commission presented the plan at 3 public meetings and held a public hearing.

The Commission approved adding areas adjacent to cities deemed appropriate for annexation as a separate component of the map. He also said the Commission recommended the following statement placed on the FLUM: "This Future Land Use Map is intended to be used, in conjunction with other land use criteria, in evaluating proposed land use changes. It is not meant to be interpreted to show that the property should be developed for the future use shown but rather if development of the property is proposed, it is intended to show the use that would be considered appropriate but only if a preponderance of the other land use criteria are met."

Holst asked if the word “shall” should replace the word “would” in the statement.

Mary Thee, Human Resources Director, said the word “shall” usually means mandatory and the word “would” implies optional. Huey said the decision to use the word “would” was intentional as the FLUM is only one part of a zoning decision.

Huey said all land already zoned A-P would remain so and that A-G zoned areas are adjacent to city boundaries that could be annexed in the future. He said a public hearing is scheduled for Thursday and that the map could be approved by resolution in a few weeks.

Kinzer asked about an area near the River Stone Group Quarry near New Liberty going from A-P to A-G.

Huey said River Stone Group applied for the zoning change and he would check into their file for more information and send Kinzer the staff report.

Holst asked what process was used to determine the size of the areas for future annexation for an area near Buffalo and another area near Princeton.

Huey replied the only property to be annexed would have to be adjacent to cities and zoned A-G and that some landowners requested to keep their A-G zoned property out of the FLUM. The area near Buffalo is not accessible and therefore not recommended for annexation.

Knobbe asked about an area north of the airport.

Huey said it would be annexed into the City of Eldridge soon. It should have been annexed earlier except for an error in a legal description in a prior annexation.

Holst asked if an area is annexed, what would happen to the lines adjacent to cities designated to be annexed.

Huey said the Board can formally amend the FLUM to adjust lines. He also expressed appreciation to the Planning Commission for the great job they did on this project, the Pleasant Valley and Davenport School Districts for giving space to hold the public hearings and the Farm Bureau for allowing meeting time.

Holst asked if the interactive map is available to the public.

Sabat said it is available on the Scott County website.

Mahesh Sharma, County Administrator, thanked Tim Huey for all of the work and noted the money the County saved by having Huey and the Commission do these updates.

Tammy Speidel, Facility and Support Services Director, reviewed the completion of the remodeling work in the Second Floor Clerk of Court space at the Courthouse. She said the State paid for the furniture within the Clerk's office. The original project budget was estimated at \$415,000 the low bid was for substantially more. She said by revising the scope of work the final project cost will not exceed \$445,000.00. She said the additional cost came from converting the heating system from boiler to forced air and the need for an electrical panel upgrade costing \$13,379. She said the area looks similar to the remodeled first floor and provides enhanced security.

Kinzer asked about staff attitude during this project and the relocation.

Speidel said the Clerk of Court employees were relocated to various places within the Courthouse. She has heard staff express happiness with the project and the enhanced security. Employees will move into the remodeled space next week. Speidel said a tour of the space is planned after this meeting.

Mary Thee reviewed the one year labor agreement with the IBEW (i.e. Bailiffs) with a general wage increase of 2.25% for FY19. She said as a result of changes in the state collective bargaining law the parties removed prohibited items from the contract.

Kinzer asked if some of the removed items will be put in County policies. He said there was angst for some long time county employees with some of the items that are concerned with insurance, sick leave, and so on. He said he understands that certain things the County cannot by law negotiate, but he hopes that everything else be left alone and that at a certain time the Board can look and reflect the PRIDE statement and maybe roll their contract over and make it as it was previous to this.

Mary Thee reviewed the hiring of Joeseeph Cool, Tracey Friederichsen and Danielle Luchner for the positions of Correction Officers in the Sheriff's Office which will bring the Office up to full staff and one overfill.

Matt Hirst, Director of Information Technology Department (IT), reviewed a proposed technology services agreement with Bi-State Regional Commission (Bi-State). He reviewed the history of Scott County and Bi-State cooperation on technology issues dating from the early 1970s. He stated that Scott County IT is a service organization that supports all Scott County departments, but also DHS, 7th Judicial District, Scott County Kids, Scott County Library, City and County Assessors, and the Waste Commission in many ways, primarily with phones, but other technology as well. Hirst said the agreement would be for telephone service and off-site data back-up.

Donna Moritz, Finance Director at Bi-State, said their offsite data back-up tape technology is obsolete and that Bi-State has outgrown their data storage capacity. Bi-State looked for a solution to save member governments from fees increases.

Hirst said this agreement would save taxpayers money. He said the County provides telephones to about 1,200 locations (handsets), and that this large scope allows for

spreading fixed costs over many users resulting in a lower cost per unit. The cost to Bi-State would be \$10 per handset per month.

Earnhardt stated she approves of the proposed agreement.

Holst asked Moritz how many bids Bi-State received and the costs of those bids.

Moritz said Bi-State worked with the existing vendor for data back-up solutions. The vendor suggested cloud sourced back up, but Bi-State commissioners believed the solution was too expensive. New phone services with their existing vendor would not result in a net savings as per phone set costs were less than currently charged but maintenance costs were greater resulting in no net benefit. Further the technology available from the current vendor could not be extended to meet all of the agency's needs without additional equipment costs.

Holst questioned some language in the contract regarding future undefined technology services to be provide by Scott County IT and suggested the contract be written to just include phone and data back-up services. Holst also asked about Article III, Section 3.02, a) which states Rates for technology services will be determined as a proportional cost to the Commission by adding Scott County actual costs and dividing by Commission usage.

Hirst said that the proportional cost is determined by adding up all of the costs involved and dividing by the total number of phone sets serviced, and that Bi-State's share would be based on the number of phone sets Scott County IT services for Bi-State. Bi-State would back up data to the County's exiting system through the QCIC fiber network, and no new equipment would be purchased. Any future expansion plans would come to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

Holst asked if this agreement would impact the upcoming 2020 Census.

Moritz answered that Bi-State does not store any Census data.

Holst stated she does not agree with proposals for providing services that take away from the private sector.

Knobbe asked about how the labor rates are calculated.

Hirst said the calculation is based on IT staff fully loaded wages that would be charged back to Bi-State. These wages would be reviewed annually.

Kinzer asked what is the advantage to Scott County to enter this agreement and why Bi-State does not use Rock Island County.

Hirst said IT is cost inefficient without sufficient scale, and that by increasing scale the cost per unit becomes less expensive. One advantage from this agreement is that it

increases scale, distributing fixed costs over more users resulting in lower costs per user, thereby saving money for Scott County. He said private sector rates are in excess of \$200 per hour but that Scott County can provide these services at 25% less.

He also said Bi-State assists the County on joint purchases, a regional aerial photo project and other cooperative projects. He said that the amount of staff time would be minimal.

Earnhardt observed that smaller member communities also benefit from Bi-State services.

Moritz stated the County benefits from transportation and economic regional planning and joint purchasing conducted by Bi-State. Rock Island County currently provides email and internet services to Bi-State, but Rock Island County does not have the capacity or staff to assist Bi-State with the services provided in this agreement.

Holst asked what the price of providing back-up services is.

Hirst stated the price is \$25 per terabyte per month. There would be additional minimal staff time charged back to Bi-State to set up the up-dating process. The current labor rate for Scott County is \$51 per hour. He added that private sector charges to government agencies for cloud back-up range from \$45 to \$50 per terabyte per month. Moritz added that private sector labor rates are \$200 per hour.

Kinzer inquired if small towns could benefit from partnering with the county.

Hirst answered that Bi-State, through an agreement with R K Dixon is analyzing how small towns address IT. Small towns are not big enough to support technology and either go without or pay high rates of \$200 per hour.

Earnhardt stated that the county has advised small towns to participate in the study.

Kinzer, a former mayor of a small town, endorsed that technology issues are difficult for small towns to address. He asked if Scott County could provide technology services to them.

Hirst replied that his department could provide services if the Board of Supervisors approved. He believed that the study would make that recommendation.

David Farmer, Budget & Administrative Services Director, reviewed the 2018 Slough Bill Exemptions and said that the Davenport City Assessor's exemptions had not been received yet. The exemptions in this resolution include 1,400 acres and valued at \$2 million.

Mahesh Sharma said there is upcoming appointments to boards and commissions to consider and resolutions recognizing April 20 & 21, 2018 as The Quad Cities "Big

Table" weekend and recognizing April 28, 2018 as American Red Cross "Sound the Alarm. Save a Life".

Moved by Kinzer, seconded by Earnhardt at 9:25 a.m. a motion to adjourn. All Ayes.

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

ATTEST: Roxanna Moritz
Scott County Auditor