

Scott County Board of Supervisors
July 10, 2018 8:00 a.m.

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

Jon Burgstrum, County Engineer, reviewed the second of three readings to amend Chapter 13 to place stop signs in Park View around Neil Armstrong Elementary School.

Barbara Pardie, Fleet Manager, reviewed the bids to purchase an additional mower with snow removal equipment for FSS. She said FSS currently transports a mower from the Sheriff's Office Patrol Headquarters to the Tremont warehouse and Scott Emergency Communication Center (SECC). She said the new mower will be stored at the Tremont warehouse and also be used for snow removal. She said the request is for the same make and model as current equipment, which allows Fleet Services to standardize the fleet, make it easier to change out parts. She said the low bid received was by Kunau Implement of DeWitt, Iowa, in the amount of \$27,985.00. She said the Kubota purchased in 2017 was from Pillar Equipment at \$27,816.50, an increase of less than one percent.

Supervisor Kinzer asked what the difference was between the two John Deere mower models and the Kubota.

Pardie said the John Deere models come standard with air conditioning in the cab and the Kubota model does not.

Supervisor Holst asked if the County recovers any of the maintenance or grounds keep care costs from SECC.

David Farmer said SECC is billed for staff time but not for equipment.

Tammy Speidel said there is a supply line item in the SECC budget that FSS charges for a percentage of bulk purchases such as salt.

Holst asked if there was a possibility of charging SECC for a share equipment cost.

Farmer said no accounting solution for equipment purchases has been discussed with SECC.

Beck said that determination of mowing time at SECC versus the Tremont facility would need to be made before assigning proportional equipment costs to SECC.

Farmer said that a cost accounting could be made. He observed that the facilities are physically integrated and thus there are many in-kind services provided by one facility to the other. He cited the use of SECC space for training as one of the in-kind services provided by SECC for the county.

Supervisor Knobbe asked about the life expectancy of the mowers.

Pardie said they have two year warranties and that she would expect they would last at least 10 years if well maintained.

Holst asked how many hours are on current the mower that was purchased last year.

Pardie said she does not know, but would get that information to the Board.

Kinzer said the Board needs to look at a policy to give preferential treatment to equipment made in America, to support American workers, and by American owned firms to keep profits in America.

Pardie reviewed the bids to purchase two replacement Ford Explorer Police Interceptor, Utility AWD for the Sheriff's Patrol Division. She said the low state bid for the patrol vehicles was Stivers Ford, Waukege, Iowa at \$57,035.00.

Kinzer said the county should look into local dealers in the future rather than using state bids. He favorably observed that the Explorers are made in Chicago.

Knobbe asked about the math of trading in the Sheriff vehicles with less mileage than had been previous practice when vehicles were traded with up to 200,000 miles.

Pardie said there have been many studies regarding the optimum time to replace sheriff vehicles and that the studies show that breakdowns occur in the range is 80,000 to 100,000 miles, and that at the lower mileage replacement range the county receives a better trade-in value. She said under the previous policy the county obtained \$3,500 in trade-in value and under the new policy the trade-in value is more than \$50,000. She said there has been a drastic decrease in maintenance costs by avoiding major failures.

Supervisor Earnhardt asked if the County would replace any more vehicles next year.

Pardie said the county will be replacing the Sheriff vehicles on a yearly rotating basis.

Holst observed that there are up-fitting costs needed on the Sheriff's vehicles and asked how that cost is impacted when vehicles are turned over more quickly.

Farmer said it is the Sheriff's discretion for outfitting the vehicles, but that the cost has increased slightly due to specification differences in vehicle models.

Beck asked if the County has a sufficient track record on replacing vehicles to see if there has been savings to the county.

Pardie said there is one year of data which is insufficient to make a determination about savings. She said three years of data will show the trend better.

Beck asked what the target mileage number for replacing the vehicles is.

Pardie said that the County uses a formula for determining when to replace a vehicle, and the formula includes age, mileage, maintenance costs and wear and tear. She said that the Sheriff vehicles have greater wear and tear and maintenance costs than the Health Department vehicles. She said that the upper mileage range for a Sheriff vehicle is 120,000 miles.

Kinzer observed that the Sheriff vehicles are mobile office which carry a lot of equipment, and asked if the Sheriff's Office has specifically requested Ford Explorers.

Pardie said she met with Sheriff's Office leadership and they specifically requested Ford Explorers.

Tim Huey, Planning and Development Director, reviewed the second and final reading of an ordinance to rezone 17.65 acres, more or less, from Agricultural-General (A-G) to Single-Family Residential (R-1). He said that a sketch plan of the plat exists but that a Final Plat has not been submitted.

Huey reviewed the Final Plat of a 4-lot subdivision of an approximately 101-acre tract that was previously Olathea Golf Course, and Lot 1 would be approximately 28 acres; Lot 2, 13 acres; Lot 3, 21 acres; and Lot 4, 39 acres. He said the future land use map shows this subdivision is one area of the county appropriate for residential development, with marginal ag-land, adjacent to hard surface roads and historical residential development in the general area. He said the property is within two miles of the Princeton city limits and therefore, review and approval of the Final Plat by the City of Princeton is required. He said that both the Planning Commission and the City of Princeton recommended approval.

Beck asked about the difference of the line placements on two of the maps presented.

Huey said the one of the lines is the public land survey and the other is the subdivision plat.

Beck also asked about any plans for lots One or Four to have egress to Great River Road.

Huey said there were no such plans, and that due to the topography, he would envision any future plans would be for small cul-de-sacs with five to nine lots. He commented on past poor planning which allowed individual lots to have direct access to the Great River Road.

Kinzer asked if any public comments had been received.

Huey said no comments were received, and that the same neighbors had been notified when the property was rezoned in May.

Huey reviewed the proposed amendment to the Walcott Urban Renewal Area to create a TIF district for the Atlantic Bottling Company Development Project and the draft letter. He said that local governments have a development cooperation agreement to prevent each other from luring businesses from one jurisdiction to another. He said that if a jurisdiction was unable to meet the needs of an existing business then the business could relocate to another jurisdiction and that was the case with this development project. He said the project will retain 143 jobs currently at the Rock Island facility and that the project is proposed to be located on a parcel 8.575 acres in size located along the west side of Plainview Road directly south of Walcott CB. He said the proposal would last five years. The County TIF Committee reviewed the project, found that it meets the County's TIF criteria, and recommends that the Board support the project.

Holst questioned the Iowa Economic Development Authority Project Report which called for a local match from the County.

Huey said this was an early draft and that he would get the Board the newest report.

Holst said she disagreed with the report calling these new jobs.

Huey said that while residents of the Quad Cities think of the area as one region the Iowa Economic Development Authority is Iowa centric and therefore counts these positions as new jobs.

Holst also questions why the draft letter did not state the County position on TIFs not paying for administration fees. She stated that the county should be consistent.

Huey agreed that the draft letter did not spell out the County position of not paying administration fees as the amount was rather small and that the TIF is only funding Walcott staff for conducting duties related directly to putting the TIF together.

Knobbe asked if the entire property is within the city limits of Walcott.

Huey answered yes.

Mary Thee, Human Resources Director, reviewed a request from the Auditor's Office to hire David Chester for the position of GIS Parcel Maintenance and Election Systems Technician at midpoint of the salary range due to him having over 15 years of experience.

Thee reviewed the seven proposals for Health Benefit Consultant and the recommendation to accept Holmes Murphy and Associates in the amount of \$18,000 per year for five years for consulting services related to working with an employee committee to review health insurance, wellness, and implementation of health care regulations. She said that two proposals were rejected for not explaining how they would serve the employee group. The other four were about \$30,000 more than Holmes Murphy.

Earnhardt asked about the vision commission.

Thee said that the vendor pays the commission to Holmes Murphy.

Tim Lane, Sheriff, said he received notice that the Department of Justice had approved the JAG grant that was on hold in the amount of \$84,249. He said that this grant would pay for work already performed since last fall.

Holst asked if the money would be retroactive to cover the past nine months.

Lane said yes and that it would cover two County Deputies and one Bettendorf Officer.

Holst commented on her concern about federal grants when the federal government is \$20 trillion in debt.

Lane reviewed some of the complexity in grant compliance, such as immigration enforcement.

Beck asked who is responsible for ensuring the County meets the various special conditions in the grant.

Lane said that Pam Brown, Sheriff's Office Administrator, provides reporting and documentation. He said some of the provisions reflect current law enforcement practices and are not difficult to document.

Knobbe asked about the success of the grant.

Lane said that the grant is very successful as Quad City Metropolitan Enforcement Group (MEG) makes large drug arrests taking a lot of drugs and ill-gotten gains off the street. MEG also works in human trafficking. He said that while the grants help relieve the burden on local tax payers, they have not kept up with inflation.

Earnhardt asked if there is any funding to prevent human trafficking.

Lane said he was not aware of any but that the JAG grant is used for that purpose. He said that human trafficking is hard to follow because of changing usage of the internet to facilitate trafficking. He said that once one method is shut down another develops and law enforcement has to learn how that method works.

Holst asked about special condition 55 which relates to immigration enforcement and if the new state law regarding cooperation with immigration authorities was passed to standardized this policy across Iowa.

Lane said that each county could set its own policy prior to the new law. He said that Scott County has always been in compliance with immigration authorities.

Matt Hirst, Information Technology Director, reviewed the CommVault backup software license maintenance and support renewal bid from ComSource in the amount of \$18,119.60. He said CDWG was awarded the bid last year, but they missed the bid deadline this year. He said that the cost last year was \$15,000 and that the cost increase is due to the need to back up more data primarily due to video storage.

Mahesh Sharma, County Administrator, stated that beer/liquor license renewal for No Place Special is a routine item coming before the Board at the regular meeting.

Moved by Kinzer, seconded by Earnhardt at 8:50 a.m. a motion to adjourn. All Ayes.

Tony Knobbe, Chair of the Board
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ATTEST: Roxanna Moritz
Scott County Auditor