

Scott County Board of Supervisors  
November 23, 2021 4:00 p.m.

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

Ann McGlynn, 3009 Grand Avenue, Davenport, reviewed the non-profit Tapestry Farms organization and said she is opposed to a Juvenile Detention Center (JDC) expansion and the use of ARPA funds for that purpose.

Avery Pearl, Moline, spoke against a new JDC plan.

Diane Holst, 20012 240th Street, Eldridge, spoke against a Scott County Human Resources email to employees regarding OSHA emergency standard mandating COVID-19 vaccines.

Rene Gellerman, 3490 Crow Lake Drive, Bettendorf, President and CEO of United Way of the Quad Cities, thanked the Supervisors and County for the investment in the Youth Assessment Program, reviewed the statistics and programs and asked the Board to reconsider the amount of ARPA funds being used to build a new JDC.

Katherine Styrt, 1115 Grand Court, Davenport, said she is opposed to using ARPA funds for a new JDC.

Ann Schwickerath, 906 W 5th Street, Davenport, spoke against the size of the JDC, the new name of the facility and its proposed location.

FSS Director Tammy Speidel reviewed the planning process and space and staffing issues of the current JDC and adult jail. She also reviewed the work done by the Juvenile Detention and Alternatives Advisory Committee (JDAAC).

Jonathan Kuzynowski, Wold Architects and Engineers, reviewed a presentation regarding a Youth Justice and Rehabilitation Center, YJRC.

JDC Director Jeremy Kaiser reviewed the need for more space, the legal change from the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act and the various current programs.

Kuzynowski also reviewed the Youth Assessment Program, the roles of the YJRC Assessment Center and Youth Justice and Rehabilitation Center.

Roger Schroepfer, Wold Architects and Engineers, reviewed the opportunities and the new facility hallmarks of scale, safety and security, adequate programs, services and support spaces, a normative environment and being a good neighbor.

Kaiser also reviewed the existing spaces versus design options with a new facility.

Speidel reviewed recent visits to other juvenile detention and family services facilities.

Kirsta Ehmke, Wold Architects and Engineers, reviewed the estimated project costs for an YJRC and a Community Assessment Center.

Supervisor Croken thanked the committee for the presentation and asked about the declining JDC yearly averages and declining population numbers and reviewed other options for the adult waivers. He also reviewed state and local bed licenses.

Supervisor Knobbe asked Kaiser to clarify the statement regarding the inability to provide programming in the adult jail for adult waivers.

Kaiser answered he was talking about programming for youth housed in the adult jail.

Knobbe also asked about the percentage of youth housed that identify as having mental health issues.

Kaiser said it varies from day to day, but he believes it is around 20-30 percent. He said a new JDC would create a more holistic environment, have more space for services and have a medical bay with room for a mental health professional to provide services.

Speidel reviewed the space issues now and said a larger JDC would have more programs, intake space and medical services space.

Kaiser also reviewed the building in a neighborhood and its vicinity.

Supervisor Kinzer thanked everyone and said since the State says the County must detain the juveniles it is better to keep them closer to home. He also said the facility would make a safer place for juveniles and staff.

Supervisor Maxwell said he agrees with Kinzer and asked if the decreasing juvenile detention numbers was due to COVID and asked Kaiser to go through the process.

Kaiser said agreed the decreasing detention numbers were due to COVID and fewer police pursuits, and he explained scoring process.

County Engineer Angela Kersten reviewed the request to purchase one Sheriff Patrol pickup truck.

Planning and Development Director Christopher Mathias reviewed the Blackhawk Foundry tax deed property transfer requests to the City of Davenport and reviewed the upcoming public hearing.

Knobbe asked if there were any buildings on the parcels.

Mathias said one of the parcels contained a building.

Conservation Director Roger Kean reviewed the Conservation Department organizational change request of adding a Golf Superintendent position.

County Attorney Michael Walton reviewed the Attorney's Office organizational change requests of adding a Senior Assistant Attorney position, adding a Paralegal

position while removing the Paralegal/Audio Visual Production Specialist position and adding a Digital Evidence Specialist position.

County Administrator Mahesh Sharma reviewed a tax suspension request.

IT Senior Programmer/Analyst Stephanie Macuga reviewed the purchase of Enterprise Content Management (ECM) software maintenance and support.

IT Network Infrastructure Manager Sam Samara reviewed the purchase of Solarwinds network monitoring software maintenance and support.

Mahesh Sharma reviewed the appointment of a County Medical Examiner – Investigator, a tax abatement request from the City of Davenport and recommendations received from the City Assessor’s Office and the County Assessor’s Office regarding allowance and disallowance for the 2021 Family Farm tax credit applications.

Beck reviewed the 2022 Urban County Coalition Legislative Priorities.

Sharma reviewed a beer/liquor license renewal for Locust Mart, 11423 160th Street, Davenport.

Moved by Knobbe, seconded by Maxwell at 6:12 p.m. a motion to adjourn. All Ayes.

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

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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>.