

Scott County Board of Supervisors
March 6, 2018 8:00 a.m.

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

Danielle Mulholland, the I-74 Project Manager for the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT), updated the Board on the I-74 Bridge Project. She said that the new bridge would have four lanes in each direction, which is twice as wide and have twice as many lanes as the current bridge. It will have full length shoulders and a multi-use path. The bridge will be constructed of state of the art materials expected to last 100 years. She reported that contractors are nine months into the three and one half year phase 2 of the project. More than 200 workers are employed on the project. To date they have completed 239 drilled shafts for the arch foundations in the river.

Supervisor Beck asked about the status of expenditures. Mulholland said a couple of large projects still need to be let. Chairman Knobbe asked if the costs of demolishing the current bridge were included in the \$1.2 billion project. She stated those costs are built into the estimate, with the demolition to occur in 2021.

Mulholland also updated the Board on the upcoming 2019 detours and traffic impacts, such as there being only one Iowa bound lane. She also explained detailed plans for the Bettendorf side of the project. Knobbe asked how the DOT coordinates with local governments. Mulholland reported that DOT staff meet monthly or more often with city officials to help the cities prepare for traffic impacts. This includes coordination of other local road work which may affect traffic. Also, the DOT informs emergency services of specific times that detours and other traffic impacts will occur.

She reviewed the various ways the DOT is reaching out to the public. These include the DOT website, a hot line, Face Book, Twitter, You-Tube and Linked-In accounts, periodic news conferences, a speakers' bureau which has made 30 presentations to date and a virtual reality experience. Supervisor Earnhardt asked how much social media traffic the DOT receives on the project. Mulholland said that the DOT has 3,500 Face Book followers for the I74 Project.

Supervisor Kinzer stated that the project is a testament to skilled trades, and how such projects can inspire young people to enter the building trades.

Jon Burgstrum, County Engineer, discussed the plans, specifications, letting date of March 30th and cost estimates for Project L-413--73-82 on 52nd Avenue from Y4E north to the Wapsi River Environmental Education Center, Project L-518--73-82 on 102nd Avenue from Y4E to 28th Street and on 285th Street from 102nd Avenue east ~0.2 miles, Project L-618--73-82 on 55th Avenue, 298th Street and 57th Avenue from F31 north ~0.68 miles.

Supervisor Holst asked why there is a different price in the capital budget than in project estimates and how the overrun is being paid for. Burgstrum said they are all local projects coming out of the Secondary Roads budget. The cost estimates are set based on state wide pricing, but that actual costs vary depending on local circumstances. Holst suggested keeping Wapsi Center Road project section stay as gravel at this time.

Tim Long, City of Riverdale Administrator, discussed the proposed amendment of the State Street Urban Renewal Plan that includes up to \$3.5M in TIF rebates to Arconic that will be generated by the \$41 million of taxable improvements of a total capital investment of \$130 million for plant expansion and equipment improvements. Long said the city had its public hearing on February 22nd with no negative comments from the public. He said that city officials met with school and county finance officials, with school officials stating no opposition to the TIF. The county officials opposed to use of TIF to pay \$60,000 in matching funds for a \$300,000 State RISE grant for the reconstruction of a portion of South Bellingham Road adjacent to the Arconic plant. He defended that use of TIF as the costs would be overly burdensome for the 400 residents of Riverdale to pay the \$60,000 matching funds for a project that benefits the region.

Earnhardt asked if TIF funds would be used for administrative and legal costs. Long said estimated costs of \$30,000 for administration would be added into the TIF.

Tim Huey, Planning and Development Director, spoke of the letter addressed to the City of Riverdale explaining the TIF review committee recommendations and the Board of Supervisors policy regarding TIF. Holst asked about the amount of the increased assessed value. Long said it is unknown until the County Assessor sees building plans to make that determination. He said the city would pursue a minimum assessment agreement, and that the TIF would run for 13 years once implemented.

Tammy Speidel, Director of Facility and Support Services, Kathy Morris and Bryce Stalcup, Waste Commission of Scott County, discussed the request from the Scott County Waste Commission to collaborate in regards to their custodial needs at the Landfill, Recycling Center, and the Electronic Demanufacturing facility. Speidel said Daniel Mora, County Custodial Coordinator, visited and evaluated the three sites. Speidel said they anticipate that the Landfill site would require a .45 FTE position and that the Recycling and Demanufacturing site combined would require a .72 FTE position. The county would hire, supervise and manage the day to day operations and that neither of these staffing levels is considered benefit eligible.

Morris said the Commission has a cleaning service but their facilities do not have the same appearance of well-maintained County facilities and that it makes sense to partner with the county. Holst asked what arrangements have been tried. Morris said they have tried contracting with crews working after hours, a lot of staff turnover at cleaning agencies and even tried to do the work internally. She also said the Waste Commission would buy all of the needed equipment and supplies.

Speidel said the total wage would be \$43,000 a year. Stalcup said Commission sites have doubled in size and personnel in recent years. Morris said that looking at the

issues, it wouldn't make sense to hire a full time employee and split them between the facilities.

Kinzer asked if the Commission had an issue with afterhours custodial help and if this proposal would be afterhours work. Speidel said the hours worked could be whatever is decided, and the County could cover on the days the person calls in sick. Kinzer asked if these would be new positions and Speidel answered yes, without benefits.

Holst said she would not support the County hiring these positions and taking away jobs from private taxpaying vendors, but she would support the County's assistance in writing a contract or job description. Kinzer asked if there were any security issues. Morris said the demanufacturing facility does receive material that has data in it and the facility does have certifications and security in place. Beck said that he could support this proposal based on his experience in obtaining quality janitorial help for offices he managed.

Richard Bauer, Auditor's Office Elections Supervisor, discussed the 2017 assessment of election costs of \$162,596.66 for School Boards and Municipalities Elections. He outlined the various costs which can be recouped.

Ray Weiser, GIS Coordinator, discussed GIS web hosting and that Schneider Corporation's Parcel Query product for parcel data reports has reached end of life and is at risk of becoming unsupported. In response, a project team comprised of staff from the Davenport City Assessor, Scott County Assessor, Auditor, Recorder, Treasurer, and Information Technology was convened to address this risk and look at alternatives. Solutions from three vendors were considered including Sidwell, Schneider and CamaVision. Weiser said the team recommends the Schneider Beacon product.

Supervisor Kinzer asked about the price difference in the resolution between the contract cost and the County's cost. Weiser said the County share would be one third of the contract. Additional features that the Assessors would like are not included in this contract, but would be addressed separately by the Assessors.

Supervisor Earnhardt asked about the ISAC discount. Weiser responded that the vendor offered a discount for set up fees in an ISAC publication and that the contract discounts \$10,000 of the \$16,800 set up fee.

Supervisor Holst asked about the FEMA elevation layers and if the County was getting rid of another product. Weiser said the elevation layer exists in the County's internal map but would be a new feature on the external map.

Tom McManus, County Assessor, said his goal is to lessen calls and foot traffic to his office and that this new product upgrade would add more features for use by the public at home on the website. Nick VanCamp, City Assessor, said the project team checked other areas that use Schneider Beacon and found positive comments and eventually this product would be able to set up online homestead tax credit sign up.

Holst asked how quickly the add-ons could be used. Weiser said some of the add-ons would be available in April and that, contract wise, there would be overlap with the current system.

Knobbe asked about the transition to the new product. Weiser stated that the County has an established relationship with the vendor. Training would be set up for staff and professional users. Clinton, Muscatine and Johnson Counties currently use the product. Katrina Loving, Chief Deputy City Assessor, said with this new product, there should be a seamless transition. VanCamp said this project will make it easier to find information.

Tim Lane, Sheriff, discussed his request to overfill the jail senior accounting clerk position. There are two positions in the jail office, the senior accounting clerk and the inmate services clerk both of whom will leave in April. Of the two positions, the senior accounting clerk position will take more extensive training, and working one-on-one with the current senior accounting clerk will be invaluable training for the new clerk. Lane said his department is under budget by \$346,000, and the position might be hired from within the office which would result in further savings. Lane said he plans to make changes to these two job descriptions to equalize their duties. He said he is not requesting any additional funding to accomplish this overfill.

Mary Thee, Human Resources Director, discussed the hiring of Megan Petersen for the position of Financial Management Supervisor in the Treasurer's Office starting at a midpoint salary of \$88,234 to start in early April.

Moved by Beck, seconded by Earnhardt at 9:38 a.m. a motion to close the meeting pursuant to Iowa Code Section 20.17(3) which exempts meetings to discuss strategies in collective bargaining from the provisions of Iowa Code Chapter 21 (Open Meetings). Roll Call: All Ayes.

Moved by Earnhardt, seconded by Holst at 10:01 a.m. a motion to convene in open session. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Moved by Earnhardt, seconded by Holst at 10:02 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