

Scott County Board of Supervisors
March 22, 2018 5:00 p.m.

The Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment with Knobbe, Kinzer and Holst present. Supervisors Beck and Earnhardt were absent. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Kinzer, seconded by Holst a motion to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2018 Regular Board Meeting and the minutes of the March 20, 2018 Committee of the Whole Meeting. All Ayes.

Moved by Holst, seconded by Kinzer a motion to open a public hearing relative to the State Construction Permit Application of JT Allens Grove Pork LLC. All Ayes.

Tim Huey, Planning and Development Director, said that the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is required inform the County of the receipt of a State Construction Application and that the County has 30 days to review. The County's informal policy is to hold a public hearing as part of the review process.

The applicants, Ben Dittmer, 12655 240th Street, Eldridge and Tom Dittmer, 12090 240th Street, Eldridge, told the Board of their plans to build two confined animal feeding buildings holding 4,800 hogs on a 220 acre farm that was recently purchased by Grandview Farms. Ben Dittmer said that the 1.3 million gallons of manure produced would be spread on the crop planted land, and that the house on the property would be used for an employee and his family.

Tom Dittmer told the Board that the applicants will fix up the house and put in a new well and septic system. He said the closest neighbors are about 2,200 feet away, which makes the proposed site an ideal location. He said that all manure produced on this site would stay on the site, and the applicants would not have to buy commercial fertilizer.

Knobbe asked if the operation would require installation of a new well for the hogs.

Tom Dittmer said the operation would require a new well to provide water for the hogs.

Kinzer asked about a polymer that had been used at other hog confinement operations by Grandview Farms to keep odors down.

Tom Dittmer said since 2011 the applicants have used the polymer MTM (More Than Manure) which stabilizes nitrogen, breaks down solids and ammonia, and produces less odor.

Holst asked Huey if the Health and Planning and Development Departments actually inspect the sites.

Huey said the County is notified of the dates that the DNR makes site visits and that county officials also attend those site visits.

Karl Nissen, 361 Country Club Court, Eldridge, spoke to the Board of his concerns with ground water quality and the recent press regarding manure runoff. He stated that ground water is the source of Eldridge's drinking water. He questioned why the scoring number of 450 for the application is close to the minimum of 440 points instead of closer to the maximum 880 points. He questioned if the applicants would install an irrigation system. He advocated having less concentration of factory farms in Iowa. He also questioned the number of business partners Grandview Farms has.

Tom Dittmer invited Nissen to visit their farming operation and get some questions answered and said that he and his wife are each 49% stakeholders in the business and that both of their children each have a 1% ownership. He also said all of the employees that haul manure are certified and that there are animal welfare visits and site inspections by the DNR with some being random visits. Ben Dittmer said the manure is injected in the ground and not applied through an irrigation system as occurs in some operations. Tom Dittmer said they are truly a family farm and that he and his wife Joni are fourth generation farmers and they do have an ownership stake in hog finishing operations. They have grown their operations to 30 employees with benefits.

Nissen said he did get questions answered and that he would be an advocate for the Dittmer operations from now on. And that he did get the truth on issues at this public hearing.

Supervisor Kinzer said this is a testament to having a public hearing even though the County doesn't have to have one and thinks the County should continue to have the hearings.

Moved by Holst, seconded by Kinzer a motion to close the public hearing. All Ayes.

Moved by Kinzer, seconded by Holst that the following resolution be approved. All Ayes.

BE IT RESOLVED: 1) That the contract for use of Farm-to-Market funds for HMA Resurfacing Project No. FM-C082(58)—55-82 [F31 - from Hwy 130 east to Y4E and 10th Ave – from Hwy 130 north to F31] be awarded to Determann Asphalt for a total cost of \$2,430,526.61. 2) That the Chairman be authorized to sign the contract documents on behalf of the Board. 3) That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Kinzer, seconded by Holst that the following resolution be approved. All Ayes.

BE IT RESOLVED: 1) A Grant to the Living Roadway Trust Fund to be used for the purchase of a hydroseeder be approved. 2) The County Engineer is authorized to

submit such grant to the Iowa Department of Transportation for consideration. 3) This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Kinzer, seconded by Holst that the following resolution be approved.
All Ayes.

BE IT RESOLVED: 1) That the proposal from Minnesota Life for three years life insurance coverage for staff is hereby accepted and approved. 2) That the Human Resources Director is hereby authorized to sign the life insurance contracts for services on behalf of the Board. 3) This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Kinzer, seconded by Holst that the following resolution be approved.
All Ayes.

BE IT RESOLVED: 1) That General Policy 39. "Protected Health Information" is hereby revised to comply with changes to federal law. 2) This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Holst, seconded by Kinzer that the following resolution be approved.
All Ayes.

BE IT RESOLVED: 1) That the County Application for Substance Abuse Funding for State Reimbursement for the period of July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019, is hereby approved. The application is to be submitted to the Iowa Department of Public Health requesting \$10,000 in state funds to match local substance abuse prevention funding. 2) That the Director of the Health Department is designated as the Board of Supervisors' Board Authorized Signatory within the IowaGrants.gov electronic grant management system and is authorized to sign the application and contract award. 3) That, if accepted, the Board approves receipt of such funding. 4) This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Holst, seconded by Kinzer a motion approving a beer/liquor license renewal for Davenport Country Club. All Ayes.

Moved by Holst, seconded by Kinzer that the following resolution be approved.
Roll Call: All Ayes.

BE IT RESOLVED: 1) The Scott County Board of Supervisors approves for payment all warrants numbered 290007 through 290251 as submitted and prepared for payment by the County Auditor, in the total amount of \$680,898.34. 2) The Board of Supervisors approves for payment to Wells Fargo Bank all purchase card program transactions as submitted to the County Auditor for review in the amount of \$82,057.78. 3) This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Kinzer, seconded by Holst at 5:55 p.m. a motion to adjourn. All Ayes.

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

ATTEST: Roxanna Moritz
Scott County Auditor