

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

Tim Huey, Planning and Development Director, reviewed the Planning and Zoning Commission's (P&Z) recommendation on the application of Joseph Smith DBA Forest Grove Partners LLC to rezone a 1.46 acre tract, more or less, from "Agriculture-Preservation District (A-P)" to "Single-Family Residential District (R-1)," legally described part of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 5, Pleasant Valley Township. He said the rezoning request was submitted by Joseph Smith who resides in one of the three houses in the area and owns the lot with two houses on it. He said a number of years ago Smith inquired about splitting the lot into two, but the proposed lots did not meet minimum size requirements. He said Smith bought additional property from a neighbor, and now has 1.46 acres which can be divided into two conforming lots. He said the tract is zoned A-P as a remnant of the surrounding property, which was rezoned A-G about four or five years ago and shown on the future land use map as appropriate for residential. He said that because these lots were separately owned and not associated with farmland, the lots were not included in the rezoning to A-G. He said P&Z reviewed the request and recommended approval because it brings a nonconforming lot into conformance and to allow the two existing houses to be resold. He said P&Z held a public hearing which only the applicant attended, and that his office has not received any calls. He said several nearby areas are residential developments. He said the Board will hold a public hearing on the rezoning at the Board Meeting on Thursday.

Supervisor Maxwell asked what the lot looks like right now.

Huey answered it contains two houses with yards and trees.

Supervisor Knobbe said it is not being farmed currently and is surrounded by farmland.

Mary Thee, Human Resources Director, reviewed the one year contract between the County and the Deputy Sheriff's Association. She said the union is a public safety unit, and that under the changes to the collective bargaining law, nothing other than dues collection impacted their negotiations.

Thee also reviewed the three year contract between the County and the Teamsters Union. She said this contract mirrors what was done with the PPME and AFSCME Unions with all of the prohibitive items being removed and the permissive topics remaining in the contracts.

Supervisor Croken asked if he heard Thee say that health insurance is a mandatory bargaining item.

She answered that because the Deputy's Union is a public safety unit, health insurance is still a mandatory bargaining topic. She said the non-public safety units will go by the Administrative policy as state law made health insurance a prohibited bargaining topic.

Supervisor Kinzer said the County could still offer up health insurance and put it back in the contract.

She said that something that is a prohibited topic cannot be added to the contract as it would be against the law.

Supervisor Beck said, to clarify, they would become part of the County health policy.

She said yes, the County has the same health insurance for every single employee and that there is really no change from the language being removed from their contract and them being covered by the Administrative Policy. She said they get a slight benefit in now being able to participate in the Y @ Work program.

Ed Rivers, Health Department Director, reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding between Barbara Harre, MD, and Scott County. He said this formal agreement did not exist until 2017 with the medical examiner and that they looked at the Iowa Code to determine what duties and responsibilities the medical examiner had. He said that she is an independent appointed official of the County through the Iowa Code. During that review it became clear that the understanding was not the same between the County and the medical examiners, which led to putting the understanding into writing. He said this is the second time the contract runs concurrent with the term of appointment for the medical examiner. He said he received comments from Mr. Beck and incorporated them into the agreement, and that the County Attorney approved the changes.

Shawn Roth, Chief Deputy Sheriff, reviewed the 28E Agreement between the County and the Eastern Iowa Community College District (EICC) and introduced Dr. Lyn Cochran, President of Scott Community College (SCC).

Dr. Cochran said she extended her warmest thanks to Major Roth and Sheriff Lane for talking with EICC about this issue. She said EICC has had part-time coverage from Sheriff's deputies at the Belmont campus for quite a few years and they have done a wonderful job. She consulted with the Sheriff's Department about providing a full-time liaison officer on the Belmont campus. She said the proposed arrangement is very similar to what the Sheriff's Department has with Pleasant Valley High School. She said in recent years SCC has had increasing issues on campus, particularly related to mental health. She said having a liaison on campus will help build community relationships in a manner that is fully communicative with the Sheriff's Department by having the same person there every day for the stability to get to know the campus. She said the high-level summary of the proposal is that EICC pay no more than \$120,000 per year for three years for a full-time officer on the campus.

Roth said the Sheriff's Office and Budget Director David Farmer amortized the price of the squad car, the radio and all the equipment that goes with the deputy, over the course of some years and they feel that \$120,000 is more than adequate to fund the position. He also commented that having a deputy located at the Belmont Campus right next to Pleasant Valley High School is a really great benefit in the event of an incident happening at the high school. He said this arrangement is of mutual benefit to the College and the Sheriff's Office.

Dr. Cochran said she consulted with the Mayor of Riverdale, Mike Bawden, about the proposal and that he indicated a tremendous level of support from Riverdale.

Beck said that the budget includes some overtime.

Roth said there is flexibility for overtime and that because the college is open longer than 40 hours per week and the position pays regular time for 40 hours, he discussed with EICC including in the agreement having off-duty officers working the overtime hours, or have the deputy who works on the campus work those later hours as well.

Maxwell asked if the deputy would have an office.

Dr. Cochran answered that the deputy would have office space.

Croken said, in theory and in principle he loves this idea, but the Board spent several weeks discussing the shortage of Sheriff Deputies and asked where this person is coming from and what the implications for staffing are.

Roth said this position would be filled by someone already currently employed by the Sheriff's Department, that the person would apply to serve at the college, and then there would be a new hire to fill that Deputy position.

Croken said he can support this proposal, but that a month ago there was nobody in the world we could hire and by the time they were trained, we would not see them until the next millennium. He said training a new deputy takes six months and that due to the temporary funding, over-hire approach to adding new positions, people on the civil service list would be hesitant to join the Scott County Sheriff's Office when permanent positions are available elsewhere.

Roth said currently there are six people on the civil service list and a new hire would come off that list. He said the Sheriff's staff think they can make this work and he will have to look at that list and then figure out what is the fastest way to fill positions.

Croken said he wants to ensure that contractual obligations do not end up dissipating the capacity to provide the County's core services of public safety.

Beck asked for clarification on changes in the agreement.

Roth said the changes were to include a six month notice withdrawal clause and updated terms for indemnification suggested by the County's Risk Manager.

Knobbe asked about the amortization of the vehicle and equipment and whether that will be billed to EICC and how it will flow through the County's books.

Farmer said he will work with the Sheriff's Office to develop a detailed billing statement. He said that amortization of vehicle and equipment was estimated at about five to ten thousand dollars per year based on vehicle cost of \$30,000 and equipment cost of \$15,000 to \$30,000 amortized over five years. He said that EICC will be billed quarterly for salaries and benefits as well as for the equipment.

Kinzer said he will support the proposal as well.

Farmer reviewed the 2019 Slough Bill Exemption requests. He said that every year the two Assessor offices collect applications, and that in 1990 the Board set a maximum allowable acreage of 2,334 acres. He said the 2019 requested amount of acreage is 1,634 acres, which has an exempt value of \$2,067,420. He said that this request is only for rural or farm property, and that the Board will see another Slough Bill Exemption list come through for the year term for urban property.

Kinzer asked if they have to apply every year.

Farmer said yes and that if applicants are denied it is for some specific, technical reason.

Farmer reviewed the agreement for a Financial Services Advisor. He said the Board approved a bond intent resolution at the last meeting which would allow the County to recoup expenses incurred in issuing the bonds. He said that staff built a funding model with the help of PFM Financial Advisors LLC account for those expenses. He said that the County's previous consultant, Springsted Incorporated, merged with Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, which the Board recently appointed as the County's outside auditors. He said the County deals with audits more frequently than issuing debt and so staff wanted to ensure that the County has the right partner for an audit firm first. He said because the upcoming bond issue is such a new issue on the Market, and the County is not considered a frequent issuer of debt, staff wanted to ensure the County has the right advisor. He said the advisor helps build the offering statement and helps to determine the willingness of investors to buy bonds and at what interest rate. He said the cost of these services for the 2019 debt would be about \$20,000, and if for some reason the County split the bonds into two issuances, the cost per issuance would be \$15,000. He said that the County would retain Springsted for annual compliance updates, arbitrage calculations, etc.

Kinzer said, to be clear, we have come up with \$9,355,000.

Farmer said that is the initial number and that the debt can be resized based upon needs and that there is a verbal agreement that the fee would not change.

Beck asked about the reason for splitting the issuance.

Farmer said you can resize your debt up to about a month before you actually issue the debt.

Kinzer wanted to make sure they are not locked into the amount since they are not clear about funding smaller communities.

Farmer said they are not locked into the principal amount. He said fees are based on the amount of debt issued and if there is a change in fees staff would come back to the Board for action.

Sharma reviewed routine agenda items for Board appointments and beer/liquor licenses.

Under other items of interest, Kinzer reviewed a memo from the Lower Cedar Watershed Executive Committee regarding the funding and the work of raising awareness and discussed survey questions sent to various jurisdictions. He said the survey results will be used to build the case for grant funding.

Beck said that Supervisors attended the opening of the VA Clinic in Davenport.

Croken said the research into a meeting management software proposal work was not complete but he is optimistic that a proposal will be made in two weeks. He said an amendment to the County's tax certificate ordinance soon will be coming to the Board. He said this is a change that will encourage urban revitalization and is largely focused on Scott County cities. He said there will be no Bi-State Transportation Policy meeting in April due to a lack of agenda items.

Croken also said he would like the Board to discuss commercial development along Interstate 280. He said the Board voted to deny the rezoning of the Grunwald property because Supervisors believed the County needed more commercial developable land. He said this land has been waiting three decades for development. He requested that the Board look at a resolution to create a task force to determine details regarding development and to engage in what can happen rather than being limited to what cannot happen. He said Senate Bill 555, which would increase weight limits on County bridges, has moved to the Governor's desk. He said this is a crisis for Secondary Roads. He said the Board will have to take drastic action either to ensure the safety of those bridges, with the costs of evaluation and remediation of the bridges being incredibly expensive, or we close the bridges.

Sharma said the first two items Croken mentioned plan to be coming to the Board on the next cycle.

Moved by Kinzer, seconded by Beck at 8:41 a.m. a motion to adjourn. All Ayes.

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

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ATTEST: Roxanna Moritz  
Scott County Auditor