

Scott County Board of Supervisors
November 12, 2019 8:00 a.m.

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

Jon Burgstrum, County Engineer, reviewed an amendment to the County Five Year Construction Plan. He said the changes are to funding sources involving the highway bridge program grant. He said the federal grant funding levels are changed from 75 percent to 55 percent. He noted that the projects are moving forward and that the consultants are working on the plans.

Angela Kersten, Assistant County Engineer, said the original cost estimates for the bridges have gone up, that the grant funding is for 55 percent of the original estimates and that the County is responsible for paying the amount greater than the original estimate.

Burgstrum said that the greatest change was the project that was originally estimated to be a box culvert but is now going to be a bridge.

Supervisor Beck asked for clarification on the grant local matching percentage.

Burgstrum said that the State of Iowa submitted one application covering 77 bridge projects for the entire state. He said that the typical local match is 20 percent of estimated costs, but the federal government reduced the federal portion to 55 percent of estimated cost so the local cost increased to 45 percent.

Supervisor Knobbe asked if this changes the timing of construction.

Burgstrum said no and that the grant projects have to be let by September 2021 and the projects have to be completed by 2023.

Supervisor Kinzer asked about the changes in the SWAP funding amounts and said that he though the County opted out of SWAP.

Kersten said this is out of the County's regional planning organization, which is opted in to SWAP and the County highway bridge program funding is automatically in the SWAP program. She noted that because there is federal-aid involved in the projects they all will be under federal-aid regulations.

Kinzer asked if this meant the funding was under the Davis-Bacon Act.

Kersten said that was correct.

Tim Huey, Planning and Development Director, reviewed a request from the City of Long Grove to enter into a 28E Agreement with Scott County for the Planning and

Development Department to issue building permits and provide building inspection services for Long Grove. Huey also introduced department staff and said both of the County building inspectors are certified electrical inspectors as required by State law.

Huey said the County has long time relationships with six other cities in the County that have worked well and that County costs have been offset by the permit fees. He said the agreement included a 60 day opt out provision. He said Long Grove is considering this agreement at a meeting tonight and setting a public hearing notice on changing the city construction code by adopting the County's construction code.

Supervisor Maxwell asked if the inspectors can handle the additional work.

Bob Buck, Building Inspector, said yes, and with the addition of a second inspector he thinks adding Long Grove will not unduly increase the workload.

Supervisor Croken asked Huey if the County should pursue trying to contract with other small cities in the County.

Huey said no, that the County can provide the service but the cities should seek out the County first.

Maxwell said the most important point is safety, not the revenue.

Kinzer thanked the department for what they do and for protecting the residents from unqualified contractors. He asked if staff time needed to enforce the Park View rental ordinance had been considered.

Huey said that it had, but that some of the duties would be borne by the Sheriff's Office.

Kinzer asked if a non-licensed home owner can put in new electrical service.

Buck said that a non-licensed contractor, including a home owner, cannot put in a new service but the home owner can put in branch wiring.

Croken said that knowing the cost per inspection and if adding more inspections would change that and said that cost would be good information.

Huey said that there are different types of inspections.

Kinzer said that changing too excessive of a fee will lead to people avoiding the inspection system.

Beck said that determining the average cost per inspection will be difficult to determine.

Huey also reviewed a notice of the opportunity to consult with the City of Davenport on an amendment to the North Urban Renewal Area Plan. He said the

amendment is to subsidize funding of the Shortline Rail & Transload Facility and the internal TIF for economic development staffing costs. He said he would draft a letter for the Board to approve and send to Davenport.

Beck asked what the subsidy will pay for.

Huey said that the TIF will subsidize the cost of operations for the transload facility and that the facility had to buy a locomotive for operations. He suggested inviting Davenport officials to address the Board on the planned rail port project.

Knobbe asked how many use the facility.

Huey said that Sterilite, Deere and Heinz-Kraft come to mind. He said that 20 percent of industrial prospects require access to rail service for their new facilities.

Knobbe said that he objected to County tax payers subsidizing staff overhead costs.

Croken suggested that sending a letter objecting to subsidizing staff costs has not been effective and another way to consult with the cities is needed.

Maxwell suggested that the issue be included in the future meeting with area legislators.

Mahesh Sharma, County Administrator, reviewed a resolution supporting the creation of the statistical boundaries of the Mississippi River Port of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois.

Tammy Speidel, Facility and Support Services Director, reviewed bids for the Administrative Center exterior re-clad and window replacement project. She said that several contractors submitted bids, with the low bid from Swanson Construction, located in Bettendorf, and the architect recommended approval. She said the base bid is \$1,395,000, and the alternate bid is \$18,203 for metal exterior doors and an overhead door. She noted that this is about \$600,000 less than the original construction bid.

Kinzer asked if there was any performance penalty or incentive.

Speidel said there was not.

Speidel also reviewed a bid for Courthouse boiler repair. She said during regular preventative maintenance staff discovered an issue with one of the burners. She said the repair and replacement of burners and gas regulators went out for bid and the low bid came from Ryan & Associates, a local company, in the amount of \$26,855.

Angela Kersten, reviewed her appointment for the position of County Engineer. She said she would be honored and is excited about the opportunity to serve as the Scott County Engineer and she sincerely appreciates Jon Burgstrum's mentorship, guidance and support over the past nine years. She said she would be privileged to

lead a very talented and dedicated Secondary Roads crew. She also thanked Mahesh Sharma for believing in her and recommending this appointment and also thanked Mary Thee and her department for promoting and providing the opportunity for her to attend leadership training. She thanked the Board for investing in that training and she appreciates the opportunity for the Board's consideration of this matter.

Croken asked how many female County Engineers are there in Iowa.

Burgstrum said there are three now and Kersten would make number four.

Sharma said he highly recommends Kersten for the position and said he thinks she will do an excellent job.

Mary Thee, Human Resources Director, reviewed the hiring of Zachary Ahrens for the position of Deputy Sheriff in the Sheriff's Office at the entry level rate.

Sharma reviewed resolutions recognizing Genesis Medical Center's celebration of 150 years and recognizing November as Diabetes Awareness Month.

Croken said that because the request is to declare December 7, 2019 as Genesis Health System Day, the proclamation could be moved to next Board cycle.

Moved by Kinzer, seconded by Maxwell at 9:23 a.m. a motion to adjourn. All Ayes.

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