

Scott County Board of Supervisors  
February 4, 2020 8:00 a.m.

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

Mahesh Sharma, County Administrator, announced removal from the agenda of a closed session to discuss purchase of real estate.

Tammy Speidel, Facility and Support Services Director, reviewed a Jail carpet replacement project. She said it is on the second floor in the library, classrooms, and multi-use spaces, as well as space occupied by staff. She said two bids were made, but several other companies chose not to bid. She said Paragon Commercial Interiors made the low bid and that the County utilized the firm's service in the Administrative Center. She said in addition to carpet costs, there is some cost to move furniture. She said the project uses carpet tiles instead rolled carpet because it is easier to replace. She said total cost is \$34,381.93.

Supervisor Croken asked if there was some floor product available other than carpet and observed that there seemed to be a lot of carpet replacement.

Speidel said in the past the County used a hybrid between vinyl and carpet and it did not hold up with a lot of tearing and ripping. She said carpet in the Jail has not been replaced more than once, but that carpet has been replaced in other areas of the Jail.

Supervisor Knobbe asked how much the cost per square yard was.

Speidel said the cost was about \$3.79 per square yard.

Supervisor Kinzer asked how long the carpet had been in place.

Speidel said it was original to the building or about 11 years.

Speidel also reviewed a project to replace carpet on the fifth floor of the Administrative Center. She said the project includes all areas on the fifth floor except the Recorder's vault and the Auditor's Office. She said the vault is full of heavy books and racks, the carpet is in good shape, and to move the books and racks in and out does not make a lot of sense. She said the Auditor's Office will be conducting major elections this year that FSS does not want to disrupt. She said the capital plan included a request for a project involving some major work in the Auditor's Office so it does not make sense to replace the carpet again at that time.

She said there were two bids and Paragon was low bid at \$41,171.43. She said the project includes \$26,364 for weekend overtime for furniture removal and replacement so that offices are ready first thing Monday morning. She said the project also includes

costs for removal of a glass cube area in the Recorder's Office estimated at \$12,000, bringing the total estimated cost to \$79,535.43.

Ed Rivers, Health Department Director, reviewed a new ordinance for tanning bed inspections. He said in May 2019 the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) informed counties that IDPH would no longer support the tanning inspection program, and that the County Health Department had performed inspections many years under a 28E agreement with IDPH. He said IDPH indicated that counties could pass their own ordinances to continue regulation of tanning facilities. He said he consulted with the Scott County Board of Health which wanted to move forward with development of an ordinance. He said he consulted with other counties regarding their rules and fee structure. He said he also consulted with Assistant County Attorney Rob Cusack on what rules the County can enact, particularly pertaining to age restrictions. He said the state rules did not have an age restriction, but that the American Medical Association and the Food and Drug Administration recommend an age restriction.

Rivers said the Board of Health approved provisions that minors 16 to 18 years old be able to use the facilities with parental consent given in person and in writing, but no one below 16 be able to tan.

He said the Department had charged \$33 per bed and maximum of \$330 for up to ten beds, and other counties which were imposing regulations were charging \$50 per bed and up to \$500. He said after looking at the County's program costs he recommended \$55 per bed and up to \$550 for ten or more beds.

Croken commented that tanning beds cause cancer and are fundamentally dangerous, and he wished that children would not use them. He said he will vote yes and asked for clarification for the public on the difference between tanning and spray-on tan.

Eric Bradley, Environmental Health Manager, said tanning beds emit ultraviolet radiation to darken the skin, and that spray tan is a chemical that dyes the skin for a short time.

Croken asked if this regulation had anything to do with spray tan.

Bradley said it only involves ultraviolet radiation.

Supervisor Beck said he agreed with Croken's comment on cancer but will leave the Board of Health to determine age limitations.

Kinzer said he agrees with Croken and Beck and tanning will ultimately be a decision between a parent and child.

Knobbe asked if the previous 28E Agreement involved fee reimbursement, and what types of violations are common.

Bradley said IDHP provided no funds and the Department covered costs by charging fees. He said violations included using the wrong light bulbs for a particular kind of bed, and not maintaining proper paper work such as sign-in sheets and in-take sheets not identifying skin types.

Knobbe asked if the written permission for 16 and 17 year olds was a onetime permission.

Bradley said that it was a yearly permission. He said tanning can occur only once in a 24 hour period.

Kinzer asked if violations resulted in a warning or a fine.

Bradley said violations result in a warning and corrective action during the inspection.

Croken said he was concerned about issuing a warning when using the wrong light bulb could cause serious skin damage. He also asked if \$55 covers the cost of inspection.

Rivers answered no.

Croken urged them to come back to us with a fee that covers the cost of inspections.

Bradley said the Department did not want to increase the fee too much right away, but planned to come back with incremental increases.

Beck asked if the ordinance can be passed on the second reading.

Mary Thee, Assistant County Administrator, said it can be passed at the first, second or third reading, and the Board can waive any of those readings. She said the inspection costs are set by resolution.

Beck said if the Board does not get a lot of comments he suggested to suspend the third reading and pass it on the second reading to implement it sooner.

Bradley said the Department normally conducted inspections January, February and March and on a complaint basis.

Croken asked if there would be interest in passing it on the first reading.

Thee said if the Board desired to waive the first and second readings it can be passed Thursday night, and she suggested the fee resolution be considered at the same time.

Mahesh Sharma, County Administrator, reviewed a tax suspension request.

Knobbe asked Lori Elam, Community Services Director, how many people apply for a tax suspension and are denied.

Lori Elam said one in the last couple of months was denied due to an income issue.

Beck reviewed emails received by the Board regarding consenting to refugee resettlement in Scott County. He said Governor Kim Reynolds recently signed a letter consenting to resettlement in Iowa and that the Board should approve resettlement and send a letter to the U.S. State Department.

Croken said he had submitted a specific resolution and a sample letter and asked that it be put on the February 6, 2020 Board agenda.

Knobbe said the agenda item was for Board discussion and that he will review the letter sent by Croken and discuss with staff to have a letter for Thursday's meeting.

Sharma reviewed appointments with upcoming term expirations for boards and commissions.

Croken said the County needs a strategy for keeping boards fresh and innovative, and asked about adding term limits in County policy.

Thee said County Policy 1 does not specifically set limits, but does address succession planning, and suggested Policy 1 is the place to start.

Knobbe said he will have some discussions with staff and will report back to the Board.

Moved by Beck, seconded by Croken at 8:30 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