

MARCH 3, 2014 SCOTT COUNTY CONFERENCE BOARD MINUTES

- The Scott County Conference Board met this 3rd day of March, 2014 in Board Room #103, of the Scott County Administrative Center, 600 W. 4th St., Davenport, Iowa. The purpose of the meeting was to hear public comments on the proposed Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Scott County Assessor's Budget and to vote on said budget. The Board also acted on other business as outlined in these minutes.

- The meeting was called to order by Chair, Larry Minard of the Scott County Board of Supervisors, at 4:00 p.m., with the following members present (roll call):

Schools: Jeanine Crockett – Bettendorf
 Heather Witters – Pleasant Valley
 Brian Banta – Bennett
 Reid Blanche – North Scott

Mayors: Martin P. O'Boyle – Eldridge
 Michael Limberg – Long Grove

Supervisors: Larry Minard - Chair
 Jim Hancock – Vice Chair
 Carol Earnhardt
 William Cusack
 Tom Sunderbruch

Others Present: Dale Denklau-County Assessor
 Lew Zabel – Chief Deputy Assessor
 Ron Beckenbaugh

- A legal quorum was established by all voting units. Voting Delegates were chosen by each voting unit as follows:

Schools: Banta
Mayors: Limberg
Supervisors: Cusack

- The minutes of the February 10th, 2014 meeting were approved on a motion by Cusack and second by Witter, with all voting “Yes”.
- The Assessor gave a brief overview of the budget proposal which included 2.0% salary increase, funds to cover the payout for vacation and sick time accrued by a retiring staff member Ron Beckenbaugh, and potential merit increase for one eligible employee. This resulted in a reduction from \$1,325,145 budget asking to \$1,316,364 or a 0.66% reduction from the previous fiscal budget. Supervisor Cusack offered a thank you and well done to Mr. Beckenbaugh for his 41 years of faithful service to all of the taxpayers of Scott County.
- Motion to open the public hearing by Cusack and second by Limberg at 4:12 p.m.
- The assessor presented the Proof of Publication notice for the FY 2014-2015 Proposed Budget published in the Quad City Times on February 17, 2014 and North Scott Press on February 19, 2014.
- The assessor and board members reported no inquiries, either in writing or verbal form on the FY 2014-2015 published budget.
- On a motion by Limberg to close the public hearing and a second by Cusack, the board voted unanimously to close the meeting at 4:13 p.m.
- After a brief discussion of the budget an on a motion by Cusack and a second by Witter the FY 2014-2015 budget was approved on a roll call vote, unanimously.
- Next on the agenda came an extended discussion on the two vacant Examining Board positions attributed to the Mayors and Schools voting blocks. The supervisor’s representative currently is Lisa Charnitz but her term will run out on January 1, 2015. The Board’s questions centered on term limits, staggered appointments, necessary qualifications, gender balance, and residency. The board assigned Zabel to look into all of these questions and report back to them prior to the first 2015-2016 FY budget hearing. A date of around November 2014 was suggested.

- Motion to adjourn was made by Witter and second by Limberg. All members voting yes at 4:36 p.m.

Dale Denklau, Clerk

Larry Minard, Chair

FY 2014-2015 Adopted Budget