

Scott County Board of Supervisors
October 21, 2025 8:31 a.m.

The Board of Supervisors met as a committee of the whole and pursuant to adjournment with Bribiesco, Maxwell, Paustian and Beck present. Supervisor Dickson joined online.

Supervisor Maxwell asked Planning and Development Director Greg Schaapveld and the group from CIPCO to give a presentation before the public hearing.

Schaapveld reviewed the process for the special use permit, possible site locations for accessibility to pipeline and electric line transmission, and reviewed security, safety and the necessity of a decommissioning plan.

CIPCO Director of Public Affairs, Kevin Condan, presented the history and background of CIPCO and the need for power generation in Scott County.

CIPCO CEO and General Manager, Andrew St. John, reviewed the need for more electrical generation due to the growing demand. He also reviewed the plant would run approximately 15-20% of the time.

CIPCO Manager of Generation Engineering, Sam Honold, reviewed the site chosen allows ease of connection to natural gas and electrical lines. He also reviewed the types of electrical generation and the projected water usage.

Moved by Bribiesco, seconded by Paustian a motion to open a Public Hearing relative to the zoning text amendment "Thermal Electric Energy Generation Facility" to the list of potential special permitted uses in the "A-P" Agricultural-Preservation Zoning District. All Ayes.

Linda Golinghorst of Dixon asked for stricter wording in the ordinance and preservation of farmland.

Jill Moore of Walcott also spoke on preservation of farmland and environmental impact.

Kay Stender of Walcott reviewed impact to environment and neighbors.

Jerry Moore of Eldridge asked for the process to slow down.

Eileen Gevers of Dixon spoke on health risks.

Ryan Drew, business rep with Operating Engineers, asked CIPCO for local workers to be given precedence.

Moved By Bribiesco, seconded by Paustian a motion to close the public hearing. All Ayes.

Planning and Development Director Greg Schaapveld reviewed the notice of a Public Hearing and First Reading of the zoning text amendment to add "Thermal

Electric Energy Generation Facility” to the list of potential special permitted uses in the “A-P” Agricultural-Preservation Zoning District. Public Hearing to be held Thursday, October 23, 2025 at 5:00PM during the Board Meeting.

County Administrator Mahesh Sharma presented a couple of housekeeping items before the continuation of the meeting. He reviewed removing item # 13 from the agenda until the next cycle. He also reviewed the state alcohol licensing website shut down until early November impacting license processing.

Engineer Angie Kersten reviewed the final reading of an ordinance to adopt amendments to Chapter 13 of the Scott County Code of Ordinances to convert 210th/Jersey Ridge Road intersection to an all-way stop and reduce the posted speed limit on 210th between Scott Park and Crow Creek bridge to 45mph.

Kersten also reviewed a notice of Public Hearing for a petition to reclassify section of 144th Avenue to Area Service C. Public Hearing to be held Thursday, October 23, 2025 at 5:00PM during the Board Meeting.

Planning and Development Director Greg Schaapveld reviewed a final reading of an ordinance to adopt amendments to Chapter 6 of the Scott County Code of Ordinances and amend certain definitions and requirements related to Zoning Regulations for minimum lot size for residential properties.

Facility Maintenance Manager Chris Still presented a discussion of the space study recommendation phase 1A – to move Treasurer General County Store to Paul Revere Square. He reviewed the square footage to remodel, the current general store lease expiration, and the timeline. Budget and Administrative Services Director David Farmer reviewed the budget for the remodel and move, and rising construction costs. Treasurer Tony Knobbe reviewed the use of the County General Store, the amount of traffic seen at both locations, and that much of the business cannot be done online, including titles, which must be done face to face. Supervisors reviewed parking, square footage, common space and competitive bidding.

Still also reviewed emergency repairs to Jail Chillers 1 and 2. He reviewed the warranty and lead time.

Human Resources Director Vanessa Wierman reviewed Insurance renewal rates for CY26. She reviewed changes in law, quotes provided, and changes in rates.

County Administrator Mahesh Sharma reviewed Tax Suspension requests.

Sharma also reviewed the 28E agreement with the Eastern Iowa Disability Alliance, which will be removed from the agenda and reviewed at another date.

Budget and Administrative Services Director David Farmer presented a fiscal year July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027 Budget Parameters Discussion. He reviewed considerations, strategic goals, key strategies, ARPA funding wrapping-up, property taxes, along with inflation and other economic stresses. He also reviewed authorized agencies and programs.

Moved by Paustian, seconded by Bribriesco at 12:04 p.m. a motion to adjourn.
All Ayes.

John Maxwell, Chair of the Board
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ATTEST: Kerri Tompkins
Scott County Auditor

A video recording of the meeting is available on the Scott County website at:
<https://www.scottcountyiowa.gov/board/board-meetings>.