

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, March 31, 2014

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. with Furlong, Sorensen, Howard, Sauer and Kelly present. Chairperson Howard presiding.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Furlong, the agenda was approved as written. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, claims dated March 31, 2014 were approved in the amount of \$223,919.54. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Furlong, second by Sorensen, the following utility permits were approved: Alliant Energy – install a new gas valve manifold on a gas main along 231st Street (G28) between Seven Springs Road and Ridgeview Drive. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, the Board approved plans and specifications for BROS-C070(57)—5F-70, a 70 foot replacement bridge on Burlington Road over Kincaid Creek. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Furlong, second by Sorensen, the Board authorized the purchase of a CAT 930K Wheel Loader to replace a 2001 CAT 938G Wheel Loader at a net price of \$110,610. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Keith White updated the Board on his presentation to the Farm Bureau and recent purchase of equipment. White notified the Board the old Saulsbury bridge is tentatively scheduled to be closing next Monday dependent on weather this week.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, the Board authorized the Chair to execute a Memorandum of Understanding for the 2014 HIDTA Award, in the amount of \$61,041.00. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, the Board approved an ordinance amending the Muscatine County Floodplain Ordinance on the second of three readings. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, the Board approved an ordinance amending the Muscatine County Construction Codes and Enforcement Ordinance on the second of three readings. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Furlong, second by Kelly, the Board approved an ordinance repealing the current Muscatine County Onsite Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Systems Ordinance and replacing it with a Private Sewage Disposal System Ordinance on the second of three readings. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board approved an application for an 8-month Class C Beer, Liquor, Sunday Sales and Outdoor Service Permit for The Chart House, Inc., DBA The Lighthouse, 2142 Water Street, Muscatine, Iowa. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kelly, minutes of the Monday, March 24, 2014 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

No correspondence was noted.

Committee Reports:

Furlong attended a Muscatine County Historical Society meeting March 25th.

Furlong and Howard attended a Bi-State Regional meeting March 26th.

Howard attended a Greater Muscatine Chamber of Commerce and Industry Recognition Dinner March 25th.

Sauer attended a Muscatine County Hazard Mitigation meeting March 27th.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, the Board accepted final completion of the DHS HVAC Upgrade Project and approved the final pay application in the amount of \$38,269.42. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Budget Coordinator Sherry Seright regarding possible repairs to the Muscatine County Courthouse clock tower. Seright presented the following options: locate another E. Howard & Co. model #1 clock at an approximate cost of \$25,000 - \$35,000; restore the existing 1940 clock at an approximate cost of \$10,000 - \$15,000; or install a new modern contemporary tower clock system at an approximate cost of \$7,500 - \$9,500. Seright stated all three options would incur additional cost of approximately \$6,500 - \$8,500 per dial for restoration of the existing dials although Seright stated the dials may not need to be restored. Howard stated he is not sure how historically important the Courthouse and clock tower is, but the County has spent money to maintain its historical significance and asked about the County's potential for getting grants going forward if a modern system is installed. Seright stated the County did not restore the sidewalks or HVAC to historical and the clock being replaced was not the original clock. Howard stated he does not see the urgency to get the clock done right away and there may be a group out there that might want to help fund restoring the clock to its original state. Seright stated that if restored back to its original state, someone would have to go up to the tower and wind the clock weekly. The Board by consensus directed Seright to pursue replacing the clock with a new modern contemporary tower clock system with the understanding that the old clock parts will be preserved in case the County ever desires to restore the clock to its original state. Seright will return to the Board for further direction should dial restoration be required.

Discussion was held with Muscatine City Community Development Director Steve Boka on a proposal to utilize City of Muscatine building inspection staff for site plan review and plan review services, including inspections, for commercial and industrial uses in the unincorporated areas of Muscatine County. Boka stated the first point of contact would still be the Muscatine County Zoning Office, who would then refer the property owner to

the City of Muscatine for the site plan review process and inspections. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kelly, the Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Muscatine for site plan review and plan review services for commercial and industrial uses in the unincorporated areas of Muscatine County subject to adoption by the City Council. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Furlong, second by Sorensen, the Chair was authorized to sign a letter of support for a Greater Quad Cities/Bi-State Region application for the Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership, Manufacturing Communities Designation. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, the Board accepted March, 2014 payroll claims. Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 A.M.

ATTEST:

Susan J. O'Donnell
Second Deputy Auditor

Robert E. Howard, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors