

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, April 21, 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.

Mike Warden, Knapp-Warden LLC, presented bids for the Community Services Re-Roofing Project as follows: Jim Giese Commercial Roofing – Base Bid - \$96,291, Alternate 1 - \$27,633, Alternate 2 - \$47,213, and Alternate 3 - \$7,317; JLH Enterprises – Base Bid - \$71,100, Alternate 1 - \$16,600, Alternate 2 - \$19,890, and Alternate 3 - \$4,880. Warden stated the apparent low bidder was JLH Enterprises whose bid was under the cost estimate of \$131,700. Warden recommended the Board enter into a contract with JLH Enterprises for the base bid and all three alternates. On a motion by Furlong, second by Sorensen, the Board accepted a proposal for the Community Services Re-Roofing Project from JLH Enterprises in the amount of \$112,470.00 (Base Bid plus Alternates 1, 2 and 3). Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Sheriff Dave White regarding computer and software upgrades for the security electronics system at the Jail. White stated the upgrade is needed because Microsoft no longer supports Windows XP. White stated the cost would be \$20,458.70. Kelly asked Information Services Director Bill Riley if the current computers could be upgraded to Windows 7 rather than purchasing new ones. Riley stated since they are critical use computers, he would recommend replacing them, rather than upgrading them. Howard asked White how he would pay for the computers and upgrade. White stated he can cover it in his current budget. The Board directed White to proceed with the upgrade.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, the Board authorized County Auditor Leslie Soule to execute an Election Services Renewal Agreement with Election Systems & Software, Inc. for a period of three years for programming election equipment, ballot layout and ballot printing for each election in which the machines are used. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved the addition of an Outdoor Service Area to the Class C Native Wine (WCN) permit for Ardon Creek Vineyard & Winery, LLC, 2391 Independence Avenue, Letts, IA 52754. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, minutes of the Monday, April 14, 2014 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Howard read the following response to recent correspondence received by all supervisors regarding the County's email policy:

In response to questions received from the public, we wish to clarify that the action taken by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors on April 14th to adopt a revision to the County's computer policy simply put into writing what the

County was already doing in terms of mailbox management; the only change is the “electronic file cabinet” or “location” to which the files are saved. Muscatine County continues its ongoing commitment to open and transparent government. We recognize the need to find a system that allows us to more efficiently respond to public record requests and will continue to explore cost-effective email archiving solutions.

Correspondence:

All Board members received a complaint regarding a dilapidated building and junk in Fairport which has been forwarded to the Zoning Administrator as it possibly falls under the nuisance ordinance
The Board received a letter from the City of Walcott regarding amending their Consolidated Urban Renewal Area and inviting the Board to a meeting today at 3 P.M. and a public hearing to be held May 5th at 6 P.M.
All board members received correspondence regarding the County’s email policy. Howard and Sorensen reported calls regarding the current Veterans Affairs Commission.

Committee Reports:

Furlong attended a Veterans Affairs Commission meeting April 15th.
Furlong attended a West Liberty Economic Area Development meeting April 17th.
Sorensen attended a Regional IX Transportation meeting April 17th.
Kelly and Sorensen attended a MAGIC meeting April 14th.
Kelly, Sorensen, Sauer, Howard and Furlong attended a Muscatine County Conference Board meeting April 14th.
Sauer attended a Riverbend Transit meeting April 16th.
Sauer attended a Muscatine County Fair Board meeting April 17th.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, the Board approved a revised class specification for the Veterans Affairs Director or Administrator position, along with a grade change recommendation on the revised class specification from Grade 8 to Grade 11. Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 A.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Robert E. Howard, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors