

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, July 14, 2014

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

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

Discussion was held with Mike Warden of Knapp-Warden, LLC regarding Change Order #1 for the Muscatine County Community Services Building Reroof Project. Warden stated the change order was requested to replace OSB backing in the parapet area of the roof which had deteriorated. On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, the Board approved Change Order #1 for the Muscatine County Community Services Building Reroof Project, in the amount of \$1,115.00. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, the Board authorized the Chair to execute an Equitable Sharing Agreement between the Federal Government, the Muscatine County Sheriff's Office and the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors and Certification Report for federally forfeited cash, property, proceeds and any interest earned thereon for FY 14/15. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Sheriff Dave White regarding the FY 14/15 Federal Violence Against Women Contract. White stated the federal grant provides assistance to domestic violence victims and due to this assistance, domestic violence rates have gone down in Muscatine County. On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, the Board authorized the Chair to execute the FY 14/15 Federal Violence Against Women Contract with the Crime Victim Assistance Division of the Iowa Department of Justice in the amount of \$2,840.00. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Sheriff Dave White regarding construction of a 40' x 81' pole building with a gravel floor and no heat, to store Sheriff's Office equipment, at a cost, not to exceed \$40,000. White stated, County Engineer Keith White graciously offered, an area behind the Engineer's office to be used for construction of the proposed building. White stated the equipment earmarked for storage approaches \$1 million in value, including 1033 equipment from the federal government, sheriff's reserve vehicle, dive trailer, and other items which sit outside in the back row at the Engineer's Office. Sheriff White proposed using commissary and forfeiture funds, and stated no tax money would be used to pay for the building. White stated the equipment will last much longer if properly housed. Board consensus is for Sheriff White to proceed to the next step in the process of constructing the building.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sauer, the Board approved a 2014 Disabled Veteran's Homestead Tax Credit claim for Fred E. Hansell, III, as recommended by County Assessor Dale McCrea. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the Muscatine County Recorder's Report of Fees Collected for the quarter ending June 30, 2014 in the amount of \$57,056.35. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kelly, minutes of the Monday, July 7, 2014 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Sauer received correspondence in regard to a septic issue.

Committee Reports:

Sorensen attended a Region 9 Transportation Policy Board meeting on July 9th.

Kelly attended a 7th Judicial District Department of Correctional Services Board meeting on July 11th.

Muscatine County Attorney Alan Ostergren presented the Board with a Year-End Update on the Fines Collection Program. Ostergren stated the Fines collection Program netted the county around \$110,000 in FY 2014 and there was a significant jump in the total fines collected from FY 2013 (the first year of the program), compared to this past year.

Muscatine County Information Services Director Bill Riley updated the Board on the new Muscatine County Website through Civic Plus. Riley stated Civic Plus will hold training on August 5th, 6th and 7th and he is looking into using a computer lab at Muscatine Community College for the training on the 6th and 7th. Riley stated July 29th at 2 P.M. in the Board room will be the reveal date for the new County website.

Riley stated he is continuing to gather information on connecting the County Engineer's Office with the Administration Offices. Riley stated he continues to work with the Muscatine County Recorder's Office and Tyler on the Eagle Project.

Muscatine County Engineer Keith White updated the Board on various construction projects, listing projects which were recently completed and others which are near completion.

White stated his department has been at work on repairs fairly progressively, where they can, on roads which had flood damage. White stated he has concerns about Muscatine County reaching the County-level threshold of damage. White stated there still has been no presidential declaration. White stated if Muscatine County eventually is in a position of applying for federal flood assistance for this year's event, he will present photographic evidence, instead of delaying road repairs to wait for federal inspections of damage.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, the Board authorized the Chair to execute a contract between the Iowa Department of Public Health (Division of the State Medical

Examiner's Office) and Muscatine County for reimbursement of costs for Kenny Hora to attend the Medicolegal Death Investigator Training course. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kelly, the Board approved Resolution #07-14-14-01 Concerning Disposition of Unknown Owner Parcels in Goshen Township, to set a public hearing for Monday, July 28 at 7 P.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Budget Coordinator Sherry Seright regarding the Muscatine County Courthouse Tower Clock repairs. Seright presented figures for repair/replacement costs to the Courthouse Clock from Mechanical Watch Supply, LLC, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, The Tower Clock Company of South Charleston, Ohio and Verdin Company of Cincinnati, Ohio. Seright stated Mechanical Watch Supply and The Tower Clock Company did not give much detail on what their estimates included, but Verdin Company, provided four different options, depending on the extent of work the Board decides to pursue. Seright stated Verdin Company also presented the lowest estimate, including all four options, and had installed the current clock in 1968. Seright recommended the Board proceed with Verdin Company. The Board directed Seright to get customer referrals for Verdin Company and to ask Verdin for more details regarding purchaser installation responsibility, especially in reference to other costs to the County regarding those responsibilities, before proceeding.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 A.M.

ATTEST:

Susan J. O'Donnell, 2nd Deputy Auditor

Robert E. Howard, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors