

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, August 11, 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.

Sheriff Dave White opened and reviewed the following bids for a 42-foot wide X 104-foot long X 14-foot high storage building: Hy-Brand Construction - \$58,836; RC Construction - \$35,583; and Greiner Buildings Inc. – \$42,701. Sauer stated he would install at least 12-foot wide garage doors. Sheriff White stated that one 16-foot wide door and two 10-foot wide doors are being placed on one end of the 42-foot wide building, so there is a space consideration fitting them all on that side of the building. Sauer stated he would install two 16-foot wide doors, instead of one 16-foot wide door and two 10-foot wide doors. Furlong agreed that generally the wider the door the better for getting equipment in and out. Sheriff White stated he will look into options with the doors. On a motion by Furlong, second by Sorensen, the Board accepted a bid in the amount of \$35,583 from RC Construction for a storage building for the Sheriff's Office subject to review by Sheriff White. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Greg Lindle, 1705 N Lindle Avenue, regarding water flow and drainage issues on North Lindle Avenue. Lindle stated he would like to see drainage issues on Saulsbury Road addressed by adding culverts and cleaning trees and brush out of the ditches. Lindle stated it was well maintained until the park was deeded the property and now there are four blockages holding the water up. Lindle stated there is a beaver dam on the other side that backs up into several fields. Lindle stated he is working to get his part cleaned up, but needs the County to do its part to allow for better drainage. Don Brown, 1720 Lindle Avenue, stated the big problem is the trees and beavers. Brown stated the dams cannot be dug out by hand, dynamite or a backhoe is needed to get rid of the beavers. Brown stated it would help a lot if the channel could be straightened out. White stated Saulsbury Road cannot be built high enough to prevent water over the road, but the new bridge is longer and has a larger opening to allow for more water to pass under the bridge. White stated he is in between a rock and a hard place with beaver dams, but if they are interfering with a culvert, the County will remove them. Lindle asked what happened to cleaning the brush and trees out of the ditches and if White needs more resources, the Board should give it to him. Howard stated their budget will not cover more resources at this time. White stated the County usually does at least two mowings and have discussed probably a third mowing this year. Brown stated he would allow the County to put the trees on his property and he will burn them. Howard asked White to review the situation and return to the Board with a report on what the County is responsible for and what can be done to help the situation. Lindle stated they are doing their part by removing the beaver dams on his father's property. Sorensen stated that the Board also needs to talk to Curt Weiss. Lindle invited the Board out to take a look at the situation. Kelly suggested they consider establishing a drainage district to allow them to

tax the residents in that area to cover the costs of cleaning the ditches to allow for better drainage.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, the Board approved a contract, bond and certificate of insurance for BROS-C070(57)—5F-70 for a bridge replacement on Burlington Road with Muscatine Bridge Co. in the amount of \$514,525.05. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Furlong, second by Sauer, the Board approved agreement number 2015-16-001 with the Iowa Department of Transportation for operation of a Real Time Kinematic network GPS on a county owned GPS monument. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, the following utility permit was approved: Doug Eichelberger – installation of 200-amp service through conduit crossing 235th Street. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Furlong, second by Sorensen, multiple utility permits were approved for West Liberty Telephone Company – buried fiber communications cable and equipment in Wapsie Township on Dean Avenue, Evans Avenue, Eliason Avenue, 123rd Street, Elder Avenue, 140th Street and Forest Avenue; on X34 (Davis Avenue); in Goshen Township on 115th Street, Green Avenue and 130th Street; F62 (120th Street); on X40 (Garfield Avenue); on F56 (100th Street); and on F70(155th Street). Ayes: All.

County Engineer Keith White stated he is having issues with some utility companies causing severe damage to County roads and tiling. White would like the Board to start thinking about instituting a charge to the utility companies that are not fixing the roads they destroy.

County Engineer Keith White updated the Board on Secondary Road projects.

White addressed an issue Sorensen had brought to him regarding visibility at Taylor and Hwy 6. The weeds referenced are in railroad right-of-way not County right-of way.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board approved a renewal application for a Class C Beer License and Sunday Sales Permit for Casey's Marketing Co., dba Casey's General Store #2472, 1334 Hwy 22, Nichols, IA 52766. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board approved a new application for a 5-day Class BB Beer (Includes Wine Coolers) License and Outdoor Service Area Permit for English River Outfitters Resort for an event at 2097 Hwy 61 South, Muscatine, IA 52761 effective August 23, 2014. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, minutes of the Monday, August 4, 2014 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

The Board received a letter from Lee Miller that he is resigning from the

Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission effective immediately.

Howard reported a call asking for assistance from Muscatine County

Conservation regarding a unique wild rabbit in Louisa County.

Sorensen received a call regarding visibility issues at the intersection of Taylor and Hwy 6.

Furlong received a call regarding dirt removal in the City of Muscatine.

Committee Reports:

Kelly attended a Seventh Judicial District meeting August 8th.

Sauer attended a Muscatine County Fair Board meeting August 6th.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, the Board approved Resolution #08-11-14-01 Granting Extension for Filing the Final Plat of Wills/Shea Subdivision. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, the Chairperson was authorized to execute an Iowa Department of Public Health Emergency Medical Services (EMS) System Development grant contract in the amount of \$6,557.00. Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed health/dental fund balance as of July 31, 2014.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 A.M.

ATTEST:

Betty L. Wamback
First Deputy Auditor

Robert E. Howard, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors