

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Tuesday, January 27, 2015

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

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

Discussion was held regarding funding for outside agencies to be included in the proposed FY15/16 budget. Board consensus was to fund outside agencies as follows: Muscatine Legal Services - \$21,525; River Bend Transit - \$7,000; Senior Resources - \$35,000; Greater Muscatine Chamber of Commerce & Industry - \$10,000; Quad Cities First - \$5,000; Wilton Development Corporation - \$3,000; West Liberty Development Corporation - \$3,000; Muscatine County Fair Board - \$24,000; Convention and Visitors Bureau - \$2,500; Eastern Iowa Tourism Association - \$500; Wilton Library - \$13,931; West Liberty Library - \$13,931; and Musser Public Library - \$112,282. Board consensus was to approve an additional \$20,000, to be distributed \$5,000 per year over four years, to the Muscatine County Fair Board for historical restoration of the Swine facility. Board consensus was to deny funding requests from Milestones and Quad City Career Connections.

Discussion was held with Information Services Director Bill Riley regarding a possible capital expenditure for a new phone system in the Administration Building. Riley stated he talked to Scott Lucas, Lucas Communications, about the possibility of reducing the number of outside lines with a digital system and connecting communications between County buildings. Riley stated future phone bills could be reduce by 50% with a new system. MUSCOM Manager Lorrie Lacina stated MUSCOM, the Jail and the Sheriff recently upgraded through Lucas Communications with a Panasonic system that could be expanded to other County buildings.

Discussion was held with Emergency Manager Matt Shook and Motorola Representative Scott Schultz regarding upgrade of the communication system at MUSCOM. Schultz stated a not to exceed estimate of the cost of a new communication system would be \$4,803,223 less \$750,000 funding that is already available or \$4,053,323. Schultz stated proposed annual maintenance fees would be as follows: FY16 - \$243,806; FY17 - \$309,191; FY18 - \$317,674; and FY19 - \$326,291. Shook stated maintenance of the current radio infrastructure for the County on the current system cost in excess of \$250,000 over the last 18-20 months. Howard stated there is also \$620,000 currently in the MUSCOM budget for capital purchases that could go towards this project.

The Board recessed at 10:11 A.M. and reconvened at 10:24 A.M.

Discussion was held with Sherry Seright regarding a possible transfer from General Basic to Secondary Roads. Seright stated \$200,000 - \$250,000 could be transferred from General Basic or some could be transferred from the 45% projected fund balance for Rural Services. County Engineer Keith White stated it would cover a smaller box culvert or a smaller bridge. The Board discussed several possible projects that could be completed with the additional funding achieved through a transfer from Rural Services or General Basic.

Discussion was held regarding proposed FY15/16 capital projects. Projects were presented and discussed individually by Budget Coordinator Sherry Seright. Board consensus was to proceed with budgeting for a possible \$4,200,000 borrowing in FY15/16.

Board consensus was to include the following in the FY15/16 capital projects budget: Administration Building - \$27,000; MUSCOM equipment - \$4,053,000; Courthouse Interior Plaster Repair - \$100,000; Courthouse 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Courtroom Restoration (Architecture Services) - \$50,000; Courthouse HVAC units added to 3<sup>rd</sup> floor lobby - \$20,000.

Board consensus was to place further consideration of the following capital projects under future budgets after FY15/16: Administration Building ADA Changes - \$100,000; Administration Retaining Wall - \$100,000; Courthouse 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Courtroom Restoration - \$750,000; Community Services Building Windows - \$300,000; Community Services LSI Steps - \$8,000; Community Services Building Repair Drain Pipe Under Floor - \$35,000; DHS Roof Replacement - \$200,000; Replace Voting Equipment - \$250,000; and Upgrade County Computer Software - \$200,000.

The Board reviewed the FY15/16 budget request for Non-Departmental with Budget Coordinator Sherry Seright and Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber.

Budget Coordinator Sherry Seright noted that FY15/16 jail revenue will not generate enough federal inmate revenue to make the Bond payment. Board consensus was to make up the shortfall through the Debt Repayment Fund.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:31 P.M.

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Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

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Kas Kelly, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors