

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, March 9, 2015

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met in regular 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.

Bill Schubick, President of Cedarview Association, expressed concern about the lack of rock on 152nd Street. Schubick stated there is a lot of hunter and resident traffic on 152nd Street warranting his request for a couple of loads of rock.

A Public Hearing was called to order by Chairperson Kelly at 9:04 A.M. for the purpose of instituting proceedings and taking action to enter into a loan agreement in a principal amount not to exceed \$4,200,000 for the purpose of financing improvements and repairs to the County Courthouse and acquiring public safety officer communication equipment. In response to a question from Don Paulson, 76 Township, regarding the brand of radios to be purchased, Sorensen stated they are not that far into the process, but whatever brand purchased will be P25 compatible. No one spoke against the loan agreement. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the public hearing was closed at 9:06 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved Resolution #03-09-15-01 Authorizing a Loan Agreement and Providing for a Debt Service Tax Levy. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Public Health Executive Director Mary O'Dell regarding a grant between the Iowa Department of Public Health and the Muscatine County Board of Health for a Local Public Health Services Grant. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board affirmed a grant application between the Iowa Department of Public Health and the Muscatine County Board of Health for Local Public Health Services in the amount of \$112,394. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Jenna Wagner, Mississippi Valley Child Protection, regarding their request to place pinwheels and a banner on the Courthouse lawn during April for Child Abuse Awareness Month. Sorensen and Howard expressed concern about setting a precedent by allowing placement of displays on the Courthouse lawn. Budget coordinator Sherry Seright stated previous requests from Family Resources have been allowed. Seright stated her only concern is insuring that the placement of the banner will not damage the new irrigation system. Sauer stated he is very supportive of this project. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved a request from Mississippi Valley Child Protection to place 50 pinwheels and a banner on the Courthouse lawn during the month of April for Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Keith White reviewed the Five - Year Secondary Roads Construction Program and 2016 Secondary Roads Budget. White reviewed the projects currently in the Muscatine County Five-Year program. In response to a question from Kelly, White stated the Martz Lane culvert may be repaired this fiscal year, but if it cannot be repaired it will be added to the Five-Year Program next year. White informed the Board of possible projects that he is considering for future addition to the Secondary Roads program at least six years from now.

In response to the concern stated earlier in the meeting about the lack of rock on 152nd Street, White stated the County does place rock on 152nd Street, but the FEMA rock is yet to be placed there and will probably not be placed until May or June. White stated since he has been here, hundreds of loads of rock have been placed on 152nd Street, but that area has historically had issues with flooding that washes out most of the rock.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Howard, the Board approved the Five-Year Secondary Roads Construction Program and the 2016 Secondary Roads Budget for submission to the Iowa Department of Transportation. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, minutes of the March 2, 2015 regular meeting and March 2, 2015 special meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

No correspondence was noted.

Committee Reports:

Bonebrake attended a Muscatine County Safety meeting March 4th.

Kelly attended a Muscatine Health Association meeting March 4th.

Kelly and Sauer attended the Legislative Forum held on March 7th.

Information Services Director Bill Riley updated the Board on help desk activity for the month of February. Riley stated department heads met and requested the web filter be relaxed to allow better access to the internet for research. Riley stated Department heads will regulate their staff's usage of the internet with the relaxed web filters.

County Engineer Keith White stated Burlington Road is closed at the bridge just southwest of G28 for the Burlington Road bridge project.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 A.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Kas Kelly, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors