

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, March 30, 2015

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

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

William Hopkins, 3395 Pearl Street, and Virgil Truesdale, 3391 Pearl Street, expressed concern regarding Truesdale not being allowed to drive a golf cart in Fairport. Hopkins stated the golf cart is Truesdale's only means of transportation and he has been allowed to drive to and from work for years, but was recently told to stop driving it by a Sheriff Deputy. Sheriff Dave White stated he does not have a problem with Truesdale driving his golf cart in Fairport, but the County does not have an ordinance allowing for golf carts on County roads and the Board may want to consider passing one in the future as the State does prohibit golf carts on roads. The Board will consider whether or not to pass an ordinance in the future.

Hopkins also expressed concern there are no speed limit signs on a gravel road that his brother-in-law travels on occasion in a wheelchair. Hopkins stated people need to slow down on that road. Bonebrake stated the road is traveled by mostly local traffic and they would not pay attention to a speed limit sign. County Engineer Keith White stated there are no speed limit signs in the unincorporated areas. The Board will take Hopkin's concern under advisement.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, claims dated March 30, 2015 were approved in the amount of \$304,146.65. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Sheriff Dave White regarding the possible purchase of a lawn tractor. White stated the County owns 4 John Deere riding mowers and he plans to replace the oldest one with a 4-wheel drive tractor including a loader bucket installed on the front end. White stated he has \$4,000 available in the Commissary Fund and Budget Coordinator Sherry Seright has \$7,000 available from the FY15 General Services budget. White stated the tractor is more versatile and could be used for landscaping projects and snow removal. Howard stated he would like to hold off one more year and include the tractor in the FY17 County budget. Bonebrake stated he is not opposed to the tractor as it could be a labor saver, but he does not feel it is large enough to handle snow removal and could be a danger to someone who does not know how to handle it. White stated only County personnel would utilize the tractor and they would receive training. Seright stated one of the maintenance personnel regularly handles large farm equipment. Seright stated they took a full-time Maintenance position out of the budget because of the diversion program so the saved money could be put towards better equipment. Board consensus was to postpone this item until the next budget deliberations. Bonebrake suggested when it is reconsidered they go another step up to a 30-35 horsepower tractor to better handle its intended uses.

Sheriff Dave White announced his retirement stating his last day of work will be April 30, 2015. The Board thanked White for his years of service to Muscatine County.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Howard, the Board approved Resolution #03-30-15-01 Revising the 2015 Five Year Road Program, changing the funding type of bridge project BROS-C070(56)—5F-70 from Farm to Market to local. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, the Board approved a revision to the 2016 Muscatine County Iowa DOT Five Year Secondary Roads Construction Program and Secondary Road Budget to include local project BROS-C070(56)—5F-70. Ayes: All.

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

On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Sorensen, the Board approved a renewal application for a Class C Beer, Liquor, Sunday Sales Privilege and Outdoor Service Permit for West Liberty Golf and Country Club, 1248 Country Heights Lane, West Liberty, Iowa. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, minutes of the Monday, March 23, 2015 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

No correspondence was noted.

Committee Reports:

Howard and Kelly attended a Bi-State Regional meeting March 25th.

Howard attended a Milestones Executive Board meeting March 24th.

Kelly attended a Seventh Judicial District meeting March 26th in Des Moines.

Kelly attended the Swine Pavilion Groundbreaking at the Muscatine County Fairgrounds on March 27th. Kelly served on a panel for family programming at the Muscatine Community Y on March 25th as part of their attempt to have the program certified by the State.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved Resolution #03-30-15-02 Corrective Action to Resolution #03-23-15-01. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 A.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Kas Kelly, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors