

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, May 4, 2015

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

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

On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, the Board authorized the City of Muscatine to build the Musser Park to Wiggins Road Trail in County right-of-way along Stewart Road. Ayes: All.

Information Services Director Bill Riley updated the Board on several projects.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the following utility permits were approved: Eastern Iowa Light & Power – bore a cable across the road to 1548 Iron City Avenue; and Unite Private Networks, LLC – install conduit and cable between 1325 Elder Avenue and Highway 70. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with County Engineer Keith White regarding a bid for L-(Sanitary Sewer)--73-70 for a sanitary sewer extension on Park Avenue West. White stated there were 4 bids: Sulzco, LLC – project total \$113,985.20; Miller Trucking & Excavating – project total \$118,554.20; Eller Construction – project total \$118,763.75; and Brauns Excavating, LLC – project total \$192,502.10. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the Board accepted the low bid from Sulzco, LLC in the amount of \$113,985.20. Ayes: All.

White updated the Board on various construction projects.

White stated the Zachary/Y-36 High Risk Rural Roads project was let April 21st by the Iowa DOT. White presented the Board with the tabulation, which showed 3 apparent bids: Streb Construction Co., Inc. – bid amount \$653,841.54; Heuer Construction, Inc. – bid amount \$687,445.18; and Oel Construction Services, Inc. – bid amount \$751,408.26. White stated the County has had Streb several times and in the past they have presented challenges and there were issues with the City of Wilton and Streb during the Taylor Avenue project. Bonebrake asked if the County has to accept the Streb bid. White stated the County does not have to accept the bid, but he is not sure the Iowa DOT would accept the County's reason to reject the low bid. Sorensen stated the approximately \$34,000 difference between the two lowest bids is not a significant amount if you consider the contractor related issues on the Taylor Avenue project. Howard stated if the issues were resolved it is difficult to discount the lowest bid. Board consensus was for White to investigate accepting the next lowest bid instead of the Streb bid.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board disallowed 1 additional 2014 business property tax credit application parcel, as recommended by the Auditor's Office. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, the Board postponed the public hearing set for Monday, May 11, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. on a confinement feeding operation construction permit application from Dodd Brus, 135 West Side, Section 21, Fulton Township to May 18, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. to allow adequate time to prepare for the hearing. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, minutes of the April 27, 2015 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Bonebrake reported a contact regarding concerns about possible road damage due to truck traffic when a confinement lot is built near Saulsbury Road. Sauer reported an e-mail regarding a concern about the increase in truck traffic on 170th Street, East of Sweetland Road, leading to Muscatine Ag.

Committee Reports:

Sorensen attended a Region 9 Regional Workforce Investment Board meeting April 28th.

Howard attended a Milestones Area Agency on Aging Executive Board meeting April 28th.

Kelly attended an Iowa State Association of Counties Smart Connections Conference on April 30th.

Discussion was held with Budget Coordinator Sherry Seright regarding bids for painting at the Muscatine County Courthouse. Seright stated there were four bids: Jerry Roush Painting – total \$5,434.00; Custom Painters – total \$7,155.00; North Construction – total \$14,695.00; and Boche Painting - \$16,750.00. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board accepted the low bid from Jerry Roush Painting in the amount of \$5,434.00. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved a proposal from Oak Tree Homes to repair plaster at the Muscatine County Courthouse in the estimated amount of \$15,881.62 to \$17,195.25. Ayes: All.

The Board instructed Seright to coordinate the Courthouse painting and plaster repair so there will be no overlap of services.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board authorized the Chair to sign a letter to the State Historical Society of Iowa regarding termination of the Grant-In-Aid Agreement. Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 A.M.

ATTEST:

Betty L. Wamback
First Deputy Auditor

Kas Kelly, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors