

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, July 20, 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.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, claims dated July 20, 2015 were approved in the amount of \$588,640.90. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Planning & Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas regarding the possible purchase and funding of GPS equipment for the Planning, Zoning & Environmental Office. Furnas stated the equipment would be used for mapping septic systems and would cost approximately \$3,728.00. Furnas stated the purchase of the equipment is not included in the FY15/16 budget. Furnas stated a data plan through Verizon would cost \$480.00 per year which is included in the FY15/16 budget. Sorensen stated the Board had discussed moving this from MAGIC back to Zoning during the last budget discussions. Budget Coordinator Sherry Seright stated the purchase would require a budget amendment. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board authorized the Planning & Zoning Administrator to move forward with the purchase of a GPS system and data plan. Ayes: All.

Furnas stated there are currently 42 open cases regarding violations of County ordinances. Furnas discussed the possibility of using citations for violation of County ordinances. Furnas stated he would still issue a notice of violation first before issuing a citation. Board consensus was for Furnas to proceed with development of an ordinance for consideration at a future meeting.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the following utility permits were approved: Windstream Communications – placement of buried filled 50-pair 24-gauge copper cable along Ocean Avenue in the unincorporated town of Moscow; Windstream Communications – placement of buried filled 12-pair 24-gauge copper cable along 120<sup>th</sup> Street west of Underwood Avenue. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Keith White presented two bids for seal coat at various locations throughout the County: Pelling, L.L. Co., Inc. – project total \$440,929.80 and Manatt's, Inc. – project total \$403,568.92. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved a contract, bond and certificate of insurance for L-(M15-2)—73-70 for Seal Coat work at various locations throughout the County with the apparent low bidder Manatt's Inc. in the amount of \$403,568.92. Ayes: All.

White provided information to the Board regarding a new FEMA requirement for an ordinance that FEMA will require in order to receive funding in the event of disasters.

White stated he will develop the ordinance and return for Board consideration at a future meeting.

White updated the Board on Secondary Road construction projects. White stated Haggerty is essentially finished with the project on 121<sup>st</sup> Street by West Liberty which is along the RAGBRAI route. White stated Haggerty is cleaning up today and the road should hopefully be open today, but certainly in time for RAGBRAI.

White stated he agrees with Planning & Zoning Director Eric Furnas about developing an ordinance to allow for citations of violations as it would also aid him with enforcement of the County's ordinances.

On a motion by Howard, second by Bonebrake, minutes of the July 13, 2015 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Bonebrake reported a call regarding a nuisance report of junk in a neighbor's yard in Moscow.

Committee Reports:

Howard attended the final meeting of Muscatine County Search and Rescue July 15<sup>th</sup>.

Sorensen attended a Wilton Development Corporation meeting July 15<sup>th</sup>.

Kelly attended a MAGIC meeting July 13<sup>th</sup>.

Sauer attended a Riverbend Transit meeting July 15<sup>th</sup>.

Sauer attended a Board of Health meeting July 15<sup>th</sup>.

Howard attended a Fruitland City Council meeting July 14<sup>th</sup>.

Motorola Representative Scott Schultz clarified the P25 Communication System contract in the amount of \$1,417,818, did not include port fees of \$150,883. Schultz stated the total amount contracted is \$1,568,701 which is still lower than the \$1,687,961 approved by the Board of Supervisors on July 6, 2015. Schultz clarified action taken by the Board on July 6, 2015 included the contract for the system implementation, an agreement stating the County/City owned a number of 800 MHz frequencies that would be shared with STARCOM, and the agreement for the port fees. Emergency Manager Matt Shook clarified that there will be 4 stations in the dispatch room, but one will not be a full blown station as it will not be used on a daily basis, but rather for training and disasters. Shook also stated that the fourth position is mobile and has the capability to be taken offsite in a disaster situation.

Supervisor Sauer thanked everyone that participated in or attended the Muscatine County Fair.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:49 A.M.

ATTEST:

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Betty L. Wamback  
First Deputy Auditor

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Kas Kelly, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors