

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, August 3, 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 Sauer, second by Sorensen, claims dated August 3, 2015 were approved in the amount of \$254,555.75. Ayes: All.

Seventh Judicial District Chief Judge Marlita Greve updated the Board on Judicial Branch endeavors. Greve introduced other judicial employees present: District Court Administrator Cathy Gaylord, District Court Judge Tom Reidel, Clerk of Court Jeff Tollenaer and Assistant District Court Administrator Brian McKenrick. Judge Greve stated through the implementation of the statewide Electronic Document Management System (EDMS), the State of Iowa is the only state in the country with its entire judicial function online. Judge Greve stated EDMS has made them more efficient. Judge Greve stated that security is a high priority this year with County Courthouses. Judge Greve stated they appreciate the County's help in creating a safer courthouse by having an armed bailiff in the courthouse at all times.

Discussion was held with Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission Chair Lynn Pruitt and Commission members Becky Allgood and Tom Furlong regarding a proposal to restore the Historic Jail and utilize it for storing historic documents and related items. Pruitt stated the restoration would take place over three years at an estimated cost of \$200,000 with funding coming from grants, donations, in-kind services and public matching funds. Howard asked if they have anticipated potential ongoing costs. Pruitt stated they have not looked at potential ongoing costs, but believe it will be minimal due to volunteer staff and low utility usage. Howard asked if the size of the facility is adequate. Pruitt stated they are going to be selective with the documents due to the size of the building. Howard asked for a potential cost to Muscatine County. Pruitt estimated \$100,000 based on what they think they can get from other sources. Sorensen suggested the County might consider relocating the maintenance portion of the Historic Jail to allow for more storage in the rear of the facility. Howard stated the building does not have a sprinkler system which could be pricey. Pruitt stated the Commission is not asking for a commitment of dollars at this time, but rather a commitment to allow them to move forward with getting estimates. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the Board accepted a proposal from the Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission to study the possible use of the Historic Jail and research renovation costs for the possible restoration of the Historic Jail. Ayes: All. Budget Coordinator Sherry Seright requested a structural engineer look at the Historic Jail to determine the building is structurally sound. Board consensus was to proceed with having a structural engineer inspect the Historic Jail.

Discussion was held with Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas regarding the possible purchase of vehicle(s) for the Zoning Office. Furnas presented the following bids for the possible purchase of up to two 2015 Chevy Silverado 1500 4X4 Crew Cabs:

| | <u>Kreiger's</u> | <u>Wiele Chevrolet</u> | <u>Karl Chevrolet</u> |
|---------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Vehicle 1: | \$31,632(LT) | \$33,880(LS) | \$31,537(LT) |
| 2006 Trade-in | <u>(\$5,000)</u> | <u>(\$4,000)</u> | <u>(Unknown trade value)</u> |
| | \$26,632 | \$29,880 | |
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| Vehicle 2: | \$31,765(LS) | \$33,880(LS) | |
| 2008 Trade-in | <u>(\$8,000)</u> | <u>(\$8,000)</u> | |
| | \$23,765 | \$25,880 | |

Bonebrake stated he would go with the vehicle that had the LT package rather than the LS package because you are getting more options for the price. Howard and Bonebrake suggested buying one vehicle at this time. Sorensen stated he would buy two vehicles. Bonebrake suggested trying to get a second vehicle with an LT package from Kreiger's for the same price. On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Sorensen, the Board authorized the purchase of one LT package vehicle from Kreiger's in the amount of \$31,632 (less \$5,000 trade-in) and authorized the purchase of a second LT package vehicle from Kreiger's, if available, for \$31,632 (less \$8,000 trade-in). Ayes: All. Furnas stated he would also incur additional setup costs in the amount of \$1,600 for a lockable topper in one of the vehicles and lumber to construct a storage rack in the truck bed. The Board concurred by consensus.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Bonebrake, the following utility permit was approved: Eastern Iowa Light & Power – place new poles to add service at 1832 North Isett Avenue. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved a contract, bond and certificate of insurance for BROS-C070(56)—73-70 for a bridge replacement on 180th Street from Jim Schrader Construction in the amount of \$483,623.90. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Keith White updated the Board on Secondary Road projects. Howard discussed the lack of speed limit signage on New Era Road. White stated he would have to discuss the matter with the County Attorney, but the area could possibly be designated as a rural residential area that would allow the County to establish a speed limit. White stated he also needs to speak to the County Attorney about parking issues in unincorporated towns.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved the Muscatine County Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report for the period of January 1, 2015 to June 30, 2015 for publication. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved a renewal application for a Class C Beer License and Sunday Sales Permit for Casey's Marketing Co., dba Casey's General Store #2472, 1334 Hwy 22, Nichols, IA 52766. Ayes: All.

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

Correspondence:

Howard reported a contact regarding the possible purchase of vehicles for the Zoning Office.

Howard reported a contact regarding ditch cleaning on Hwy 38.

Howard reported a contact expressing interest in moving MUSCOM out of the Public Safety building.

Howard reported a complaint about people speeding on New Era Road where there are no posted speed limits.

No committee reports were noted.

Kelly attended a National Geographic Geotourism meeting July 31st.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, an ordinance adopting the 2015 Muscatine County Code of Ordinances was approved on the first of three readings. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Chairperson was authorized to execute a Preferred Provider Agreement between the Center for Alcohol and Drug Services, Inc. and Muscatine County. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board accepted the resignation of David Nowling from the Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission with appreciation for his service. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, the Board went into closed session at 10:42 A.M. pursuant to Chapter 21.5(c), Code of Iowa, to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent. Roll call vote: Ayes: All. On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, the Board returned to open session at 11:12 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 A.M.

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ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Kas Kelly, Chairperson
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