

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, August 17, 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 Howard, second by Sauer, claims dated August 17, 2015 were approved in the amount of \$355,724.72. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Community Services Director Mike Johannsen regarding a request for support from Strategic Behavioral Health who is interested in building a 72 bed facility for adult and juvenile inpatient and outpatient psychiatric services in Scott County. Johannsen stated the letter of support is crafted to cover all services as long as projects are eligible for Medicaid and Medicare. Howard stated he does not want to adversely affect our ability to get the beds by requiring Medicaid and Medicare eligibility. Johannsen stated this company's track record shows they accept Medicaid and Medicare. Bonebrake stated he is not in favor of the broad approach of the letter by supporting all companies when the County is being asked specifically to support Strategic Behavioral Health. Johannsen suggested rewording the letter of support to specifically address the proposal by Strategic Behavioral Health and remove the contingency for the project to be eligible for Medicaid and Medicare. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Howard, the Chair was authorized to sign a letter of support for additional mental health services in the Eastern Iowa Region as amended. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission Chair Lynn Pruitt regarding two CLG grant applications. Pruitt stated the Muscatine County Historic Preservation Board is proposing a Preservation Planning Project which will inventory the overall historic resources, determine themes and provide direction to the Commission on future projects in the County at a cost of \$13,000 with \$7,800 covered by the State Historical Society, \$3,700 from volunteers and \$1,401 from the County. Pruitt stated the Commission is also proposing a Pre-Development Study of the 1857 Jail/Historic Archive Project to develop a detailed scope and cost to convert the 1857 County Jail into a countywide archive for historic materials. Pruitt stated this project would cost \$24,286 with \$14,500 covered by the State, \$4,182 from volunteers and \$5,604 from the County. Pruitt requested funding in the amount of \$7,005 from the County for the two projects. Bonebrake stated he thought the objective of historic preservation was to restore the building back to its original state. Pruitt stated they will put it back to its original condition, not its original use. Pruitt stated they will store the documents upstairs and make the downstairs a display area with changing displays. Sauer stated when he looks at the cubic space to be utilized upstairs for document storage and the climate control situation, this project makes no sense to him as there are wiser locations for document storage. Bonebrake agreed. Pruitt stated there is an enhancement to document storage if it is located in a historic building as it doubles the amount of

people going to see those historic buildings. Sorensen stated the difference with this is it is active display of specific documents rather than general document storage. Pruitt stated they will not accept every document, only those that have a historic link to the past. In response to a question from Howard, Budget Coordinator Sherry Seright stated \$25,000 was budgeted to replace the concrete at the Historic Jail, but since the County created a greenspace there for approximately \$1,000, there are some capital project funds available. Howard stated this project is of a historical nature, the County has already put some dollars into preserving the building, so he is in favor of the project. Sorensen stated the County needs to address the appropriate storage of all County documents in the future. Sorensen stated that he sees this project being a display of historic documents. The Board by consensus of Sorensen, Howard and Kelly directed Pruitt to proceed with the two grant applications. Sauer and Bonebrake were not in favor of the Jail project as a storage facility.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Howard, the Board authorized the Chair to execute the FY 15/16 Federal Violence Against Women Contract with the Crime Victim Assistance Division of the Iowa Department of Justice in the amount of \$2,840.00. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board authorized the Chair to execute the FY 15/16 Iowa/Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Contract in the amount of \$51,914. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Bonebrake, the Board authorized the Chair to execute the FY 15/16 Methamphetamine Drug Hot Spots Grant Program Contract in the amount of \$5,025.00. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sauer, minutes of the August 10, 2015 regular meeting were approved as amended. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Howard reported a contact regarding an easement dispute.

Committee Reports:

Kelly attended a Seventh Judicial District meeting August 14th.

Kelly attended a REAP meeting August 15th.

Kelly dealt with a property line dispute August 11th.

County Engineer Keith White updated the Board on secondary road projects.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, Ordinance #08-17-15-01 Adopting the 2015 Muscatine County Code of Ordinances was approved on the third and final reading. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 A.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Kas Kelly, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors