

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, August 31, 2015

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

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

Reverend Paul Fitzpatrick, 1421 Trail Avenue, Wilton, referred to a letter his mother-in-law received 16 years ago when she surrendered land for Trail Avenue to be widened and paved. Fitzpatrick stated Trail Avenue has never been paved and he would like an update. County Engineer Keith White stated no new paving has been contemplated in Muscatine County. White stated all paving work consists of restoration or reconstruction of existing paved roads. White stated he does not recollect any discussion about Trail Avenue. White stated miles of road is graded for paving that will probably never be paved due to lack of funding.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, claims dated August 31, 2015 were approved in the amount of \$497,611.19. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with County Treasurer Amy Zybarth on her request to add a depository to the front of the Administration Building. Zybarth's request stated the depository would be used for payments and paperwork dropped off after hours for any offices within the building, but would be primarily used by the Auditor and Treasurer Offices. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the Board authorized the County Treasurer to proceed with adding a depository to the front of the Muscatine County Administration Building at an estimated cost of \$6,465.88. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Muscatine County Historical Preservation Commission Chair Lynn Pruitt regarding CLG grant applications for the Preservation Planning Project and the Historical Jail Rehabilitation and Adaptive Use Project. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kelly, the Board approved two CLG grant applications. Ayes: Howard, Sorensen, Kelly. Nay: Bonebrake.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved the following utility permit: Centurylink – bury 6-pair telecommunications cable at the intersection of 171st Street and Zachary Avenue for service to 3891 171st Street. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Keith White presented the following bids for the purchase of a light duty vehicle for Secondary Roads: Kriegers Chevrolet - \$28,222; and Wiele Chevrolet - \$30,971. White stated this vehicle would replace the 2003 Expedition that he drives. On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the purchase of a 2015 Chevy Equinox at a cost of \$28,822 for Secondary Roads. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with White regarding a possible change order for a hot mix overlay on G-28 (231st Street) from Independence Avenue west to the Cedar River Bridge. White stated the thin overlay should maintain the road until funds are available for a thicker portland cement overlay. White stated the change order is adding this road to the 2014 maintenance project contracted with Illowa Investment, Inc. Board consensus was to proceed with a change order for Secondary Roads Project L-(M14-1)—73-70 HMA overlay on G-28 (231st Street) from Independence Avenue west to the Cedar River Bridge in the amount of \$626,637.82.

County Engineer Keith White updated the Board on Secondary Road construction projects.

Discussion was held regarding a possible class specification and grade recommendation for an Assistant County Engineer position. White stated this is part of the succession process requested by the Board that would allow the hiring of an Assistant County Engineer with a civil engineer degree and some experience. Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber stated this class specification was developed because none of the current class specifications address hiring a licensed engineer. On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, the Board approved a class specification and grade recommendation for an Assistant County Engineer position. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, minutes of the August 24, 2015 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

No correspondence was noted.

Committee Reports:

- Sorensen attended a Regional Workforce Investment Board meeting August 25th.
- Howard attended a Milestones Executive Board meeting August 25th.
- Howard and Kelly attended a Bi-State Regional meeting August 26th.

Information Services Director Bill Riley updated the Board on training and migration of the County's email system to Exchange Online which will go live in about two weeks. Riley stated he is in discussion with Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber and Videographer John Elshoff about options for online video presentation of Board meetings.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, the Chair was authorized to execute documents required for renewal of the Muscatine County Flex Benefit Plan for 2016. Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 A.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Kas Kelly, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors