

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, December 21, 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 December 21, 2015 were approved in the amount of \$456,497.70. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Vic Amoroso, A&J Associates, regarding a proposal to provide consulting services in developing and implementing water system upgrades in select Muscatine County buildings. Amoroso stated calcium buildup is damaging part of the heating system in the new Jail which was just installed two years ago. Bonebrake stated it could have been a faulty piece. Amoroso stated it is not necessarily the failure, but the scale on the broken piece. Amoroso stated he was asked by Budget Administrator Sherry Seright and General Services Supervisor Oscar Alvarez for help with evaluating the need for water system upgrades. Howard asked if Amoroso could also verify the quality of the product that went into the new Jail. Bonebrake stated there are 100 year old buildings using the same water downtown. Amoroso stated Louisa County had a scaling issue and installed a scale elimination system which solved their problems. General Services Supervisor Oscar Alvarez stated the issue is that the Jail is moving much more water than other buildings due to the showers. Kelly feels the County needs to do something to address the issue. Amoroso stated there have been enough changes in the Jail's systems that they need to take a look at it. In response to Sauer, Alvarez stated it is the second elbow that has failed, although Seright stated they have had more leaks than normal. In response to a question from Sorensen asking about the contents of the agreement, Amoroso stated the agreement would cover testing and review of the systems and comparing what was installed to what was designed. Amoroso stated the agreement does not include design, but will provide engineering assistance, including recommendations and estimated costs. Bonebrake stated he has a tough time with the cost of the services when they are not getting any design. Kelly stated it is a not to exceed \$12,000 agreement and her experience with Amoroso is that he will be fair and get to the source of the problem as quickly as possible. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Howard, the Board approved an agreement with A&J Associates in an amount not to exceed \$12,000 for consulting services in developing and implementing water system upgrades in select County buildings. Ayes: Howard, Sorensen, Kelly and Sauer. Nay: Bonebrake.

Information Services Director Bill Riley updated the Board on help desk ticket statistics for October and November. Riley stated he is in the process of upgrading the backup system at a cost of \$26,400 (\$50,000 budgeted) with a three year maintenance agreement. Riley stated he is also purchasing a new SAN at a cost of \$29,602 (\$55,000 budgeted) with five years of support. Riley stated this will allow the County to use the current SAN someplace else and allow for 4 – 4.5 times the storage.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Howard, the Board approved Resolution #12-21-15-01 Assigning Tax Sale Certificate. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Sauer, the Board approved an ordinance amending Article III, Section 2.9 of the Muscatine County Zoning Ordinance to allow farmhouses which are at least 10 years old to be split off and sold in one acre or larger tracts and to remove the current restrictive covenant requirements on the second of three readings. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the Board authorized the Chair to sign Statement of Election Costs for the September 8, 2015 Muscatine County School Elections and the November 3, 2015 Muscatine County City Elections. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sauer, minutes of the December 14, 2015 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

No correspondence was noted.

Committee Reports:

Howard attended a Milestones Area Agency on Aging meeting December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Howard and Kelly attended a Bi-State Regional meeting December 16<sup>th</sup>.

Sorensen attended a Wilton Development Corporation meeting December 16<sup>th</sup>.

County Engineer Keith White updated the Board on the condition of roads stating that the unusual weather for this time of year has caused lots of flooding and water on the roads. In response to a request from Kelly regarding the County's use of slag, White stated they hauled some to some trouble spots because it performs better in wet conditions than rock. White stated he has not received any complaints about the use of slag and that the quality of the product they have been using recently has been better than ever. Sauer stated he personally does not see the negative side of using slag as he drives on the roads daily.

Discussion was held with Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber regarding revisions to Muscatine County's Fixed Assets and Physical Inventory Policy. On a motion by Sauer, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved Resolution #12-21-15-02 County Assets. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board authorized the Chairperson to sign the Certification Statement for the Muscatine County FY2015 Cost Allocation Plan. Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 P.M.

ATTEST:

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Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

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Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors