

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, March 28, 2016

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 7:00 P.M. with Howard, Kelly, Sorensen, Sauer and Bonebrake present. Chairperson Sorensen presiding.

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

On a motion by Howard, second by Sauer, claims dated March 28, 2016 were approved in the amount of \$1,300,571.66. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, the Board approved a contract, bond and certificate of insurance for Site Grading for a future post frame building located at 3610 Park Avenue West from Triple B Construction in the amount of \$89,213.00. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Kelly, the Board approved a contract, bond and certificate of insurance for L-(FEMA2013A)—73-70 - 150th Street, Vail Avenue, Zachary Avenue; L-(FEMA2013B)—73-70 - Vine Avenue; and L-(FEMA2014)—73-70 - Bayfield Road from Legacy Corporation in the amount of \$348,037.00. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Keith White reviewed the Five - Year Secondary Roads Construction Program and 2016 Secondary Roads Budget. White reviewed the projects currently in the Muscatine County Five -Year program. White stated he believes the City of Fruitland is still on board with the joint project on Fruitland Road planned for FY2017. On a motion by Howard, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved the Five -Year Secondary Roads Construction Program and the 2017 Secondary Roads Budget for submission to the Iowa Department of Transportation. Ayes: All.

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

Discussion was held with Conservation Director Curt Weiss regarding submitting a written objection to proposed annexation of properties owned by Muscatine County to Joint Drainage District #13. Weiss stated the Muscatine County Conservation Board is opposed to inclusion in Joint Drainage District #13 as the drainage district has no effect on Deep Lakes Park as they want their water to stay in Deep Lakes Park. Weiss stated an objection regarding possible inclusion of Deep Lakes Park in the Joint Drainage District #13 needs to be raised by the County, not Muscatine County Conservation, because the County is the legal owner of Deep Lakes Park. Tom Wilson, former Drainage District Trustee, explained that a landowner gets one vote for each \$10 of drainage district taxes paid. Wilson stated that he was told that if pumps were not running, there would be water on the streets in Fruitland, but he disagrees. Wilson stated that when it rains, water soaks into the ground and becomes groundwater. Wilson stated industry uses a lot of the water through their wells, so he feels the water flows in that direction rather than towards the slough.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Howard, staff was directed to compose, and the Chairperson was authorized to sign, a written objection to the proposed annexation of all properties owned by Muscatine County to Joint Drainage District #13. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved an application for an 8-month Class C Beer, Liquor, Sunday Sales and Outdoor Service Permit for The Chart House, Inc., DBA The Lighthouse, 2142 Water Street, Muscatine, Iowa. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, minutes of the March 21, 2016 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Kelly, Sorensen and Sauer reported contacts regarding the proposed Joint Drainage District #13 Annexation.

Bonebrake reported contacts regarding a bump on entrances to the F70 bridge over the Cedar River.

Committee Reports:

Sauer attended a Muscatine County Conservation meeting March 21st.

Kelly attended a Mental Health Regional meeting March 21st.

Discussion was held regarding Iowa Senate File 2236 and House Study Bill 650. Supervisor Kelly stated she is in opposition to HSB 650 because it is a study to look at whether or not to allow eight Counties to raise their Mental Health levy when they need to allow those Counties to raise their levies now. Kelly stated SF 2236 would allow the counties who are lower than the frozen levy to raise their levies to the frozen level as it would remove the 1996 levy cap. Sorensen stated he had difficulty understanding SF 2236 as it did not mention the issues with Muscatine and Scott Counties. Kelly stated ISAC has registered in support of SF 2236 and several counties have hired lobbyists to support SF 2236. Kelly stated if SF 2236 is passed, then the \$47.28 cap which applies to the rest of the Counties would also apply to the eight Counties frozen at a lower cap in 1996. On a motion by Kelly, second by Howard, the Chairperson was authorized to sign a letter supporting SF 2236 and opposing HSB 650 to be sent to all Senators and Representatives for the State of Iowa. Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

ATTEST:

Susan J. O'Donnell
Second Deputy Auditor

Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors