

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, April 18, 2016

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

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

Discussion was held with County Engineer Keith White regarding the possible purchase of 4 light duty trucks. White presented the following quotes for (2) ½ ton pickups and (2) ¾ ton pickups: Green Chevrolet - \$125,478.00; Kreigers Ford - \$130,484.00; Kreigers Chevrolet - \$122,346.00; and Wiele Chevrolet - \$134,878.00. White stated the trade-in value on the four current pickups is \$29,722.00. On a motion by Howard, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved the purchase of 4 pickups from Kreigers Chevrolet in the amount of \$122,346.00 less trade-in of four vehicles at \$29,722.00, for a total cost of \$92,624.00. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sauer, the following utility permits were approved: Centurylink – move 25-pair cable for the bridge replacement project on 180th Street; Centurylink – place fiber cable along Tipton Road from Hwy 61 to 170th Street; Eastern Iowa Light and Power – move overhead line for the bridge replacement project on 180th Street; Eastern Iowa Light and Power – move overhead line out of the way for the Bayfield Road culvert replacement project. Ayes: All.

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

Community Services Director Mike Johannsen updated the Board on legislative items concerning mental health funding. Johannsen stated ISAC supports SF2236 which allows the dollar cap to be raised to an amount not to exceed the \$47.28 per capita limit. Johannsen stated the passage of SF2236 would allow Scott County to raise their levy so others in the region, including Muscatine County, could lower their levy. Johannsen stated HSB650 extends the current funding formula for one more year and establishes a committee to study the formula. Johannsen stated if the formula is not changed, the region will realize a deficit by FY2018. Johannsen stated both bills have come out of committee with new numbers, SF2236 is now SF2318, and HSB650 is now HF2456.

On a motion by Howard, second by Kelly, minutes of the April 11, 2016 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

The Board received a Notice that the City of West Liberty is in the process of expanding an urban renewal area and a meeting is scheduled to discuss the plan amendment at 1:00 P.M. on April 18th with a public hearing on the amendment scheduled for 7:30 P.M. on May 3rd.

The Board received a letter praising Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission's dedication and proactive approach to historic preservation and commending the Commission for their efforts in getting historic preservation

training so they can be as effective advocates as possible. The letter also thanked Sherry Seright for her help in getting the Commission established and her ongoing contributions. The letter invited the Board of Supervisors to the 2016 Preserve Iowa Summit scheduled to be held September 15 -17 in Davenport.

The Board received a Notice that the Iowa Department of Natural Resources has made a preliminary determination that Doug & Nic Shalla have met the legal criteria to be issued a construction permit for two new swine finishing confinement buildings in Orono Township.

Howard reported a contact regarding a road concern.

Committee Reports:

Bonebrake and Sauer attended a MAGIC meeting April 11th.

Sauer attended a Muscatine County Conservation Board meeting April 11th.

Kelly attended a Decategorization meeting April 11th.

Kelly attended a Mental Health meeting in Des Moines April 13th. Kelly and Sauer attended a Joint Drainage District #13 Annexation Public Meeting April 15th.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved an EMS System Development grant application in the amount of \$7,026.00 for FY2017. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, the Board approved the hiring of Matthew McCleary as Assistant Jail Administrator at \$53,713 (Grade 13, Step 11) for the Jail. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held regarding the use of County-owned property. Sauer stated the DHS Building at 3210 Harmony Lane has more value to the County as an addition to Discovery Park. Sorensen agreed that the County is not getting enough money for that property to offset the value of it as a Park to the citizens of Muscatine County. Sauer stated the 3500 Harmony Court property lines should be squared off and access issues resolved before selling the property. Sorensen proposed demolishing the DHS Building and then granting the property and roadway to the Conservation Board. Kelly stated if the property was sold, the County would lose control and it could turn into a huge eyesore. Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber stated she is hearing that the Board wants her to explore options for possibly moving the Barn and redefining the lines for the Harmony Court Optima Building to square that property off before selling it. Budget Coordinator Sherry Seright stated there is a grant that is evaluating whether or not the Barn would be eligible for the National Historic Registry. Sauer stated the County needs to proceed with caution to be sure that the eligibility of the Barn for the National Historic Registry is not dependent on where it is located so that the County has the option to move the Barn if so desired. Board consensus was to start the process of exploring the possible demolition of the DHS Building, determine property lines for the Harmony Court parcel, and explore options for possibly moving the Barn.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Bonebrake, the Chair was authorized to execute a notice of lease non-renewal to Lutheran Services in Iowa effective June 30, 2016. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Budget Coordinator Sherry Seright regarding debt refunding information. Seright stated the Refunding Issue 2016A Bonds would refinance four local bank loans with an estimated savings of \$239,000. Seright stated the Board may consider paying off a 2010 local bank loan with an outstanding balance of \$380,000 from the Debt Repayment Fund. Seright stated Refunding Issue 2016B Bonds would refinance the Jail Expansion Build America Bonds with an estimated savings of \$410,182. On a motion by Howard, second by Kelly, the Chair was authorized to execute two agreements for municipal advisory services with Public Financial Management, Inc. for a fee of \$15,000 per agreement to be paid at the closing of the transaction. Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 A.M.

ATTEST:

Betty L. Wamback
First Deputy Auditor

Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors