

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, June 20, 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.

Dan Shea, CenturyLink, updated the Board on CenturyLink activities within Muscatine County to provide broadband services to rural America. Shea stated CenturyLink has submitted numerous utility permit applications for approval and they are under a tight time frame for getting this project done. County Engineer Keith White stated after a meeting with CenturyLink and the subcontractor, he has agreed to present four more permits for approval by the Board today, but he still has issues with CenturyLink's subcontractor causing damage to the roads and feels there should be third party inspection monitoring the project. Shea stated they will stand behind their contractor and cleanup or fix any issues, making every effort to work with the County Engineer. White stated if he goes out to a site and sees them working with no one watching, he will stop them. Sauer asked for confirmation that there is not an inspector on every job. Jeff Talbert, CenturyLink, stated the general contractor had inspectors on sight, but not all the time because they were also doing other activities. Talbert stated he plans to have a dedicated inspector working with up to four crews and the inspector will approve their setup before they begin the work. Shea stated the County Engineer will be notified immediately if CenturyLink is making any modifications to the plans.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, claims dated June 20, 2016 were approved in the amount of \$871,513.36. Ayes: All.

A Public Hearing was called to order by Chairperson Sorensen at 9:31 A.M. on a proposed Wind Energy Conversion Systems ordinance. Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas discussed the proposed ordinance. Bonebrake stated he does not want to tell a resident they cannot build a residence due to the CSR rating, but a wind turbine could be built on the property. Furnas stated the Board could choose to use the same CSR rating determination as used for residences. West Liberty City Manager Lawrence McNaul explained that they are looking for alternative energy sources and he has done a lot of research. McNaul stated the farmer receives compensation for farmland taken out of service and farmers are farming within 20 feet of the base of the towers. Tom Swierczewski, Director of Development Services for Bluestem Energy Solutions, stated they focus on smaller wind projects. Swierczewski stated a general rule of thumb is to allow a ½ acre per turbine which includes the service road. Swierczewski stated generally it takes approximately 100 acres of gross product size to install one turbine. No one spoke against the proposed ordinance. Furnas stated he is hearing from the Board that they would like to see siting criteria similar to the criteria used for rural residences added to the ordinance. On a motion by Kelly, second by Bonebrake, the public hearing was closed at 10:19 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All. The Board tabled the ordinance to allow Furnas to make some revisions to the proposed ordinance.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, the Board approved the following utility permits subject to CenturyLink meeting the County's requirements: CenturyLink – place fiber cable and pedestals from 215th Street to Hwy 22 on High Prairie Road with a short piece on Jewett Avenue; CenturyLink – place fiber, cable and pedestals on Mulberry Avenue between Bayfield Road and Saulsbury Road with a short run on Saulsbury Road; CenturyLink – place fiber, cable and pedestals on Bayfield Road between Mulberry Avenue and Neally Avenue; and CenturyLink – place fiber on Vail Avenue from New Era Road to Hwy 22. Ayes: Kelly, Sorensen, Sauer and Bonebrake. Nay: Howard.

Discussion was held with County Engineer Keith White regarding bids received for L-(M16-5)—73-70, Pavement Markings at various locations throughout the County. White presented bids as follows: Vogel Traffic Services, Inc. - \$77,338.68; DPLM, Inc. - \$122,248.44; Iowa Plains Signing, Inc. - \$126,924.70. On a motion by Howard, second by Bonebrake, the Board accepted a bid for the L-(M16-5)—73-70, Pavement Markings at various locations throughout the County with Vogel Traffic Services in the amount of \$77,338.68. Ayes: All.

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

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, the Board disallowed 3 additional 2015 Business Property Tax Credit Applications on 5 parcels, as recommended by the County Auditor. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Howard, minutes of the June 13, 2016 regular meeting and June 14, 2016 special meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Sauer reported a contact regarding road conditions on Vail Avenue.

Kelly reported an interview with a government class student.

Howard reported a contact regarding Muscatine City Council's efforts to make changes to the appointment process for Boards and Commissions.

Committee Reports:

Howard attended a Milestones Area Agency on Aging meeting June 14th.

Sorensen attended a Wilton Development Corporation meeting June 15th.

Sorensen attended a RAGBRAI meeting June 17th.

Sauer and Bonebrake attended a MAGIC meeting June 13th.

Sauer attended a Riverbend Transit meeting June 15th.

Sauer attended a Muscatine County Fair Board meeting June 16th.

Howard attended a Fruitland City Council meeting June 14th.

Zoning and Planning Administrator Eric Furnas stated he will be addressing Farm Bureau on the June 29th. Furnas also stated will speak to the Board next week regarding activity in the Zoning Office.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Howard, the Board approved Resolution #06-20-16-01 Approving Preliminary Official Statement for General Obligation Urban Renewal Refunding Bonds, Series 2016B. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Kelly, the Chairperson was authorized to sign the Muscatine Health Support Foundation Grant Agreement, 16-3, Physio-Control Life Pack 1000 AEDs and Training Unit in the amount of \$19,742.23. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Howard, the Board authorized the Chair to execute the FY16/17 Contract for Specialized Transportation Services with River Bend Transit in the amount of \$7,000. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Bonebrake, a fireworks permit for Kevin Ellsworth was approved. Ayes: All

On a motion by Kelly, second by Howard, the Board approved placement of the Planning and Zoning Administrator in Grade 16, Step 10 effective June 13, 2016. Ayes: All.

The Board recessed at 11:12 A.M. and reconvened at 11:24 A.M.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Bonebrake, the Board went into closed session at 11:24 A.M. pursuant to Chapter 21.5.1(i), Code of Iowa, for a performance evaluation. Roll call vote: Ayes: All. County Engineer Keith White had requested a closed session. On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, the Board returned to open session at 1:04 P.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:04 P.M.

ATTEST:

Betty L. Wamback
First Deputy Auditor

Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors