

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Tuesday, September 6, 2016

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met in regular session 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.

On a motion by Howard, second by Bonebrake, the Board waived the requirement for three readings and approved Ordinance #09-06-16-01 Rezoning Certain Real Property in Sweetland Township from A-1 Agricultural District Zoning Classification to R-1 Residential District Zoning Classification on the second and final reading. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

Information Services Director Bill Riley presented quotes for a phone system for Community Services and DHS as follows: Access Systems (9508 Handsets) - \$41,857.00; Access Systems (9508 and 9504 Handsets) - \$38,937.00; Integrated Technology Partners - \$39,357.83; Lucas Communications - \$33,821.79; Marco (Digital) - \$26,300.51; and Marco (IP) - \$38,079.42; CenturyLink Hosted Solution - \$3,375.00 per month. Riley stated once the cost of maintenance over several years is included, the lowest quote is from Lucas Communications. Riley stated Lucas Communications provides a 7-year warranty on the system and handsets whereas Marco (Digital) has a 1-year warranty and a \$1,500 per month maintenance plan. Kelly asked about the conference bridge capabilities. Riley explained a conference bridge sets up a conference call through an email, but the Lucas solution still allows for the setup of a conference call by contacting the participants by phone. Riley stated if the Board does not go with the Lucas Communications solution, he would recommend the Marco (IP) solution. Howard asked if there are ongoing costs on top of the costs of the phone system. Riley stated the only other cost would be the monthly phone bill for service. On a motion by Kelly, second by Howard, the Board accepted a proposal from Lucas Communications in the amount of \$33,821.79 for a phone system for Community Services and DHS. Ayes: All.

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

On a motion by Howard, second by Kelly, the following utility permits were approved: Windstream – repair damaged cable at the intersection of Turner and 110th Avenue; Interstate Power and Light – replace a 2” gas main along Hwy 61, Old Hwy 61 and a portion of Fruitland Road; Eastern Iowa Light and Power – placement of new poles on 230th Street. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Kelly, utility permits were approved for CenturyLink to place fiber optic cable and equipment in the right-of-way as follows: along 180th Street and Tucker Avenue; along 41st Street from Burlington Road to the Muscatine city limits; along Vail Avenue; along Stewart Road from 41st Street to 57th Street; along Solomon Avenue from Hwy 22 to Eagle Ridge Court; along Wild Cat Den Road from Hwy 22 to New Era Road; along High Prairie Road from 231st Street to 215th Street; and along 180th Street from Vail Avenue to Verde Street. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, minutes of the August 29, 2016 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

The Board received a letter from Hudson Law Firm regarding a DD#13 Open Ditch Crossing at 41st Street. County Engineer Keith White stated they cleaned out the beaver dams at least twice this year, but it is a recurring problem that the Board of Supervisors needs to decide how often he needs to remove a beaver dam. White stated the culvert has never been blocked and was cleaned out thoroughly about a month ago. White stated an option would be to remove the culvert and close the road. Sauer stated it is a control issue, not an elimination issue. Sorensen stated the most cost effective solution for the County would be to remove the culvert and close the road.

Howard reported a complaint regarding a property with dumping or trash.

Howard reported a complaint regarding the quality of Burlington Road.

Howard reported a question regarding the completion status of a gun range.

Committee Reports:

Kelly attended an Eastern Iowa Mental Health Region meeting August 31st which dealt with strategic planning for mental health and disability services.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved a revised Accountant/HR Assistant class specification. Ayes: All.

Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber updated the Board on vacancies on Boards and Commissions.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 A.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors