

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, September 19, 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 Bonebrake, the agenda was approved as presented. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Howard, the Chairperson was authorized to execute a Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau (GTSB) Impaired Driving Countermeasures Grant Contract in the amount of \$34,000. Ayes: All.

Community Services Director Mike Johannsen updated the Board on General Assistance. Johannsen stated expenditures are at 13.59% with a target of 16.67%. Johannsen stated expanded Title IX has helped Muscatine County reduce costs drastically in the areas of prescriptions, medical and hospitalization.

Johannsen updated the Board on Veterans Affairs. Johannsen stated expenditures are at 14.22% with a target of 16.67%. Veterans Affairs Director Jennifer Watkins-Schoenig stated from September 2013 – September 2014 \$14,703,000 was spent on veterans in Muscatine County in comparison to September 2014 – September 2015 in which \$16,381,000 was spent on Muscatine County veterans. Watkins-Schoenig stated she is looking for volunteers to drive the van that takes veterans to appointments at the VA Hospital. Sauer suggested parking the van in a visible location with a banner advertising for drivers. Watkins-Schoenig stated veterans can now get veteran designation placed on their driver license directly through the Department of Transportation.

Johannsen updated the Board on Case Management. Community Services Assistant Director Kathy Anderson-Noel stated they are currently serving 153 people through Case Management. Anderson-Noel stated they have had good experience with Amerihealth as a managed care provider. Anderson-Noel stated they bill a month in arrears, but the current reimbursement rate is covering Muscatine County's cost. Anderson-Noel stated two new service areas that were previously seen annually through DHS will now be seen monthly through case management.

Johannsen updated the Board on Trust Services stating Muscatine County's Trust Services program has expanded throughout the Eastern Iowa Mental Health Region and the State is looking to offer the service throughout the State of Iowa. Johannsen stated there are 213 trust cases of which 65 are guardianships, 38 are conservatorships and the remaining cases are payee.

Johannsen updated the Board on Eastern Iowa Regional Mental Health Services. Johannsen stated the expenditures are 13.44% with a target of 16.67%. Johannsen stated the region has a healthy fund balance, but will be seeing some funding designated for crisis stabilization, permanent supported housing, HIPAA compliance, quality measures and evidence based practices. Johannsen stated a top priority of the Eastern Iowa Mental Health Region is to study whether or not to establish a dedicated CEO and/or administrative assistant positions. Johannsen stated the crisis stabilization effort has been the biggest benefit of regionalization.

County Engineer Keith White updated the Board on secondary roads construction projects and two outstanding FEMA projects from FY2013.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, the Board approved the following utility permits: CenturyLink – installation of equipment and power at the intersection of Sweetland Road and 180th Street; CenturyLink – installation of fiber optic cable and equipment on Vail Avenue between New Era Road to just north of Pine Creek. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Keith White stated he is seeing many campaign signs wrongly placed in the right-of-way on County roads. White stated the signs need to be on the private property, not in the right-of-way.

On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Howard, the Board approved a renewal application for a Class E Liquor License, Class B Wine Permit, Class C Beer Permit and Sunday Sales Permit for Reif Oil Company, dba Stewart Road Fast Break, 2418 Stewart Road, Muscatine, IA 52761. Ayes: All.

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met as a Board of Canvassers for the Muscatine Community School District Physical Plant and Equipment Levy Special Election held on Tuesday, September 13, 2016. The Board certified the following results to be a true and correct abstract of the votes cast in the election: Yes Votes: 388; No Votes: 99; Total Votes: 487. Public Measure B was adopted.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, minutes of the Monday, September 12, 2016 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

All Supervisors reported a call from John Beckey regarding the Muscatine Hospital Board.

Sorensen reported a contact from a citizen requesting a turn lane at Hwy 61 and Vail Avenue.

Kelly reported a call from Jessup, IA regarding the beavers.

Committee Reports:

Sorensen attended a Regional Workforce Investment Board meeting September 12th.

Sauer attended a Muscatine County Fair Board meeting September 15th.

Bonebrake and Sauer attended the Farm Bureau Annual Meeting September 12th.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 A.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors