

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, October 10, 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 written. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, claims dated October 10, 2016 were approved as corrected in the amount of \$1,416,830.07. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Brian Hazlett, Kellor & Kellor Landscaping, Inc. regarding a proposal to landscape the terrace next to the Community Services/DHS building. Hazlett stated they are proposing Junipers and Scarlet Oaks that will fill in within 2 to 3 years to cover the hillside. Hazelett stated a lifetime weed barrier with cypress mulch will be installed to control erosion. Hazelett stated the Junipers will not need to be maintained. Sauer asked why the hillside could not be planted in native grasses. Hazlett stated native grasses would require long term maintenance and they need full sun whereas the hillside needs something that grows in both sun and shade. Sauer stated native grass would be practical but would have to be maintained by occasional spraying. Kelly stated the County has tried many things and it is time to invest the money to do it correctly. In response to a question from Bonebrake, Hazlett stated the County is probably looking at 10 -15 hours of maintenance per year until the Junipers fill in. Sauer suggested putting several more scarlet oaks throughout the rest of the hillside to add color. Bonebrake stated day lilies would be a lot cheaper and only require volunteer trees to be removed once a year. The Board by consensus tabled the proposal for one week in order to look at the hillside and research options.

Discussion was held with Muscatine County Engineer Keith White regarding replacement of a motor grader. White stated he has one motor grader near the 5 year, 5,000 mile buyback which is a better value than a trade, so the County will not see a better price than right now. On a motion by Howard, second by Sauer, the Board authorized White to purchase a 2016 Caterpillar 140M3 motor grader from Altorfer for \$148,245 (\$298,245 sale price less \$150,000 for the trade in of a 2012 Caterpillar 140M2). Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Bonebrake, a letting date was set for November 7, 2016 at 9:00 A.M. for L-(Water)-73-70, for a water main extension on Park Avenue West. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Keith White updated the Board on secondary roads construction projects and current flooding. White stated a great deal of the repairs have been completed for the current flooding. White stated Iron City Avenue has large holes that will require long term decisions. White stated the levee farther north also failed.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Howard, the Board accepted the Muscatine County Auditor's Office Report of Fees Collected for the quarter ending September 30, 2016 in the amount of \$386.45. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Kelly, the Board accepted the Muscatine County Recorder's Office Report of Fees Collected for the quarter ending September 30, 2016 in the amount of \$70,023.55. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sauer, the Board accepted the Muscatine County Sheriff's Office - Civil Department's Report of Fees Collected for the quarter ending September 30, 2016 in the amount of \$20,922.68. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Bonebrake, the Board accepted the Muscatine County Treasurer's Report of Fees Collected for the quarter ending September 30, 2016 in the amount of \$154,139.83. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sauer, minutes of the October 3, 2016 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

All supervisors received an invitation to attend a presentation by the Jefferson County farmers on water quality.

Sauer reported several calls regarding the flooding on Iron City Avenue.

Sauer reported a call regarding an erosion issue north of Wild Cat Den on 180th Street.

Sorensen reported reviewing flood damage and road issues on Iron City Avenue with County Engineer Keith White.

Howard reported a contact that appreciated the outcome accomplished through work on Burlington Road.

Committee Reports:

Kelly attended a Muscatine Health Association meeting October 5th.

Sorensen attended a Regional Workforce Investment Board meeting October 7th.

On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Kelly, the Board approved and authorized issuance of a Request for Proposal for demolition of a structure located at 112 E. 4th Street, Muscatine, IA. Ayes: All.

John Lutz, Letts Engineering, presented a proposed design and general overview for a 36 space parking lot next to the Community Services/DHS building.

On a motion by Howard, second by Kelly, a public hearing was set for October 31, 2016 at 9:00 A.M on a request from Jeffrey and Pamela Turkle to rezone approximately 0.39 acres in Fulton Township from A-1 Agricultural District to I-1 Light Industrial District. Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed an application to fill an upcoming vacancy on the Muscatine County Zoning Commission from Thomas Furlong. Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber stated the application was received after the deadline.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, the Board authorized renewal of the Muscatine County Flexible Benefits Plan for 2017 and set the open enrollment period for October 31 through November 18, 2016. Ayes: All.

Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber stated Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas informed her that the City of Muscatine approved the one lot subdivision plat for the parcel next to the Optimae building.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:23 A.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors