

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, October 17, 2016

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

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

County Sheriff C.J. Ryan reported that a recent jail inspection completed October 7, 2016 resulted in a very clean report. Ryan and the Board thanked Correction Officers for their hard work.

Discussion was held with Brian Hazlett, Kellor & Kellor Landscaping, Inc., regarding a Community Services/DHS Building Landscaping proposal. The Board agreed they would like to add 3-4 more trees along the side. On a motion by Howard, second by Kelly, the Board accepted a landscaping proposal for the Community Services Building from Kellor & Kellor Landscaping, Inc. in the amount of \$26,662.50 plus the addition of up to 4 trees at a unit cost of \$179.00 per tree. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Josh Spies, Lower Cedar Project Director, regarding the formation of a Watershed Management Authority for the Lower Cedar River. Spies stated Iowa Code Chapter 466B allows for the formation of Watershed Management Authorities to assess and reduce flood risk and improve water quality. Spies invited Muscatine County to participate in the process of forming a Watershed Management Authority for the Lower Cedar River. Spies invited the Board to send a representative to a kickoff meeting to be held Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at 1:00 P.M. at the West Branch City Hall. Spies stated that all funding is through grants so there will be no funding through taxation. Board consensus was interest in forming a Watershed Management Authority.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Howard, the Board approved 2016 business property tax credit applications, with the exception of two parcels, as recommended by the Auditor's Office. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with County Auditor Leslie Soule regarding a Sales Order Agreement between Muscatine County and Election Systems and Software, Inc. (ES&S) for the purchase of new voting equipment approved by the Board of Supervisors on July 11, 2016. Soule stated the actual cost of the voting equipment (\$249,125.00) came in slightly lower than the original quote (\$264,825.00). Soule stated the rental of a DS850 Central Count device for the General Election has already been paid by the County and credited against the purchase of a DS450 Central Count device through the sales agreement which is why the total on the sales agreement is \$218,318.00. Soule stated the new equipment should arrive in December or January. Soule stated Appendix A of the agreement covers ongoing maintenance and software support through the silver plan at an annual cost of \$16,857.50 which will cover one preventive maintenance visit in even numbered years, plus all repairs. Soule stated the maintenance and software support do not begin until after the 1-year warranty has expired which will be in FY18. By consensus the Board authorized the

County Auditor to execute a Sales Order Agreement between Muscatine County and Election Systems and Software (ES&S) in the amount of \$218,318.00 plus the silver maintenance plan.

County Auditor Leslie Soule stated satellite voting is being held today, October 17th, from 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 A.M. at MCC McAvoy Center in Muscatine and tomorrow, October 18th, from 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 A.M. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church Parish life Center in West Liberty.

On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Howard, minutes of the October 10, 2016 regular meeting were approved as amended. Ayes: All.

No correspondence was noted.

Committee Reports:

Bonebrake attended a MAGIC meeting October 10th.

Kelly attended a Seventh Judicial District meeting October 14th.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Howard, the Board set a public hearing on proposed amendments to the FY 16/17 Muscatine County budget for Monday, November 21, 2016 at 9:00 A.M. Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed the health/dental fund balance as of September 30, 2016.

Supervisor Howard stated the County is still looking for applicants for the Zoning Commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 A.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors