

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, October 24, 2016

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 7:00 P.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.

Pastor Robert Rada, 911 1/2 E Sixth Street, stated that his church next to the Sheriff's Office and Secondary Roads is supplied water from the well owned by the County. Rada stated that when the County connects to City of Muscatine water, they will be closing the well which means his church will be without water. Bonebrake stated the County is paying for new water service to run to the County Sheriff and Secondary Roads, so it would be a good time for the church to tie in to the City. Rada stated his church is very small and cannot afford the \$25,000 necessary to connect to City water. Kelly asked why the well has to be closed. County Engineer Keith White stated Muscatine Power and Water requires that the well be closed when connecting to City water. Sauer wondered how it came to be that the County well was supplying water to the church. White stated the water main is ending at the northeastern corner of the County property and Muscatine Power and Water would not allow the County to include the church, nor would they allow them to have a meter. White stated he had received a temporary allowance for them to use the well, but not the pressure system. Howard asked if they could continue to use the well and the equipment if the County sells the rights to it to the church. White stated he does not think Muscatine Power and Water would allow that. Kelly stated she feels it is the County's responsibility because the County requested the water hookup to city water. Sorensen stated the County is in a difficult situation because it would not be right to use taxpayer dollars to get the church hooked up to City water. White stated Muscatine Power and Water refused to let the church run a line in the right of way, refused to let them run a line across County property and would only grant a grace period for staying hooked to the well, but without the pressure system. White stated the only ones with the power to make the decision are Muscatine Power and Water. Sorensen stated maybe the County should have more conversations with Muscatine Power and Water. Bonebrake stated he would be willing to do a lease with the church on the well and pump system if Muscatine Power and Water would agree to it. Rada stated for them to put in their own well would cost at least \$10,000. White stated Phelps has a well on the other side of the church property that will not be closed and suggested that may be an option for the church. The Board advised Rada to research his options.

On a motion by Howard, second by Kelly, claims dated October 24, 2016 were approved in the amount of \$1,008,117.86. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Kelly, the Board authorized the Chair to sign a Statement of Election Costs for the September 13, 2016 Muscatine School Special Election. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Kelly, minutes of the October 17, 2016 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Sauer reported several contacts regarding recent flooding on Iron City Avenue.
Kelly reported a conversation with Pastor Rada regarding the water project at Secondary Roads.
Kelly received an email from Nevin Roberts regarding noise and speed on G28.

Committee Reports:

Howard attended a Muscatine County Veteran Affairs meeting October 18th.
Kelly attended an Eastern Iowa Mental Health Region meeting October 17th.
Sorensen attended a Wilton Development Corporation meeting October 19th.

Discussion was held regarding an appointment to the Muscatine County Zoning Commission. Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber stated she received another application this morning and expects another this week in case the Board wants to postpone the appointment for a few weeks. On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Howard, the Board extended the application deadline for an appointment to the Muscatine County Zoning Commission until November 14, 2016. Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 P.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors