

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, June 12, 2017

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

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

Discussion was held regarding a request from Debbie Iliff, Muscatine County Coordinator for the Iowa 99 County Bible Reading Marathon, to allow the Iowa Prayer Caucus Network to read the Bible from cover to cover on the Courthouse grounds. On a motion by Sauer, second by Bonebrake, the Board authorized the Iowa Prayer Caucus Network to read the Bible from cover to cover on the Courthouse grounds from July 7-9, 2017. Ayes: All.

Historic Preservation Commission Chair Lisa Wertzbaugher updated the Board on the Historic Jail Project. Wertzbaugher stated after speaking with Muscatine County Budget Administrator Sherry Seright there is \$70,000 in the County's FY17-18 budget to cover Phase I (building stabilization) of this project. Wertzbaugher stated the Commission would like to go out for bid on Phase I, then start fundraising and grant writing once the Phase I is underway. Wertzbaugher stated the Commission will be come back to the Board with an actual budget and approval once they have gone out for bid. Board consensus was to move forward with the bid process.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved Resolution #06-12-17-01 Assigning Tax Sale Certificate. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #06-12-17-02 Assigning Tax Sale Certificate. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

Information Services Director Bill Riley updated the Board on help desk activity for the month of May. Riley stated they have been conducting an audit on printers to develop a plan for purchasing toner in larger quantities to save money. Riley stated the County is currently spending approximately \$10,360 per year for toner and ink (excluding copiers). Riley stated next week he will be in Des Moines for an IT conference.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sauer, minutes of the June 5, 2017 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Howard reported a concern from a resident regarding feral cats.

Committee Reports:

Sorensen attended a Regional Workforce Investment Board meeting June 6th.

County Engineer Keith White updated the Board on Secondary Road Projects.

Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber reviewed actions taken the last two fiscal years as a result of recommendations from the 2015 Triumph Salary Study. On a motion by Howard, second by Sauer, the Board approved the FY 17/18 Salary Schedule (2.85% adjustment to the FY16/17 schedule). Ayes: All.

Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber reminded the Board that the Triumph Consulting Salary Administration Program recommendations implemented July 1, 2015 included grade placement increases for several positions. Schreiber stated the Board directed her to place the employees in a step that would result in a maximum increase of 7.5% for the past two fiscal years which allowed four employees to regain their step placement. Schreiber stating moving the remaining three employees up one step this year will complete the final adjustment as recommended by the salary study. On a motion by Howard, second by Sauer, Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber was directed to make a step adjustment of one step for the remaining 3 employees to regain their step placement. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Bonebrake, Sorensen and Sauer were appointed to negotiate a FY17/18 salary increase with the County Engineer. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Sauer, the Board accepted the May 2017 payroll claims. Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 A.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors