

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, July 10, 2017

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

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

Discussion was held with Communications and Emergency Management Director Matt Shook regarding various proposals to eliminate obsolete towers. Shook presented the following proposals and approximate costs: demolish four tower sites (Houser Street, Secondary Roads, Nichols Grade Shed, Ward Avenue) and remove shelter and concrete at Houser - \$56,000; move VHF County Fire paging to Muscatine Community College and page through StarCom21 - \$65,000; paging via County Volunteer Fire Starcom 21 portables - \$12,000; move Secondary Roads old Trbo radio system to Muscatine Community College - \$9,000; purchase P25 Mobiles and Portables for Secondary Roads - \$100,000; and programming and setup of P25 radios for Secondary Roads - \$17,000. Shook stated the Houser Street shed has very minimal environmental controls that overheat in the summer, the floors are rotted, the shed leaks water and is not monitored by alarms. Shook stated switching Secondary Roads would give Secondary Roads the same coverage as MUSCOM. In response to a question from Howard, Shook stated the equipment has a 20-year life and has been purchased with the capability for expansion. In response to a question from Sauer, County Engineer Keith White stated their current coverage is pretty good, but would possibly be better with the new radios although they do have GPS on the old Trbo system. Shook stated he did not realize they had GPS and would have to add that in to the project. Board consensus was for Budget Coordinator Sherry Seright to work up a funding plan and for Shook to work with the County Engineer to research the possibility of adding GPS to the project.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Howard, the Board approved Ordinance #07-10-17-01 Amending the Muscatine County Zoning Ordinance Relating To The Definition Of A Dwelling on the third and final reading. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Howard, the Board approved Ordinance #07-10-17-02 Amending the Muscatine County Construction Codes and Enforcement Ordinance on the third and final reading. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #07-10-17-01 Abating Taxes: Unknown Owner Parcel. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Mather, the following utility permit was approved: CenturyLink – providing fiber services to the customers of Park Avenue West running from the north intersection of Park Avenue West and Hwy 38 to Secondary Roads property and Ruan. Ayes: All.

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

County Engineer Keith White stated he would like to fill the last vacant Highway Worker position. Board consensus was to move forward with hiring a Highway Worker.

On a motion by Howard, second by Mather, the Board approved the Muscatine County Recorder's Report of Fees Collected for the quarter ending June 30, 2017 in the amount of \$70,137.61. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Mather, the Board accepted the Muscatine County Treasurer's Report of Fees Collected for the quarter ending June 30, 2017 in the amount of \$185,764.08. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Mather, the Board accepted the Muscatine County Auditor's Report of Fees Collected for the quarter ending June 30, 2017 in the amount of \$1,510.11. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sauer, minutes of the July 3, 2017 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Sorensen reported a call regarding a road concern on Echo Avenue.

Committee Reports:

Mather attended a Muscatine Community Health Association meeting July 5th.

Sauer attended Dedications of the Ryan Building, new restroom and new fairgrounds entrance at the Muscatine County Fairgrounds on July 8th.

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

On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, the Chairperson was authorized to execute a letter of agreement with Price Preservation Research to provide evaluation for potential listing on the National Register of Historic Places for the Nichols Commercial District (Tan Project No. T00-807) and the houses/churches in the town of Nichols (Tan Project No. T00-808). Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed the budget to actual FY18 beginning fund balances.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 A.M.

ATTEST:

Susan J. O'Donnell
Second Deputy Auditor

Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors