

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, September 11, 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 Sauer, second by Bonebrake, the agenda was approved as presented. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sauer, claims dated September 11, 2017 were approved in the amount of \$633,166.26. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with County Sheriff C.J. Ryan regarding a request to authorize seven additional full time Correction Officers and one additional part time Jail Nurse-LPN position. Ryan stated the jail population has grown to the point they had to open the dorm area which has been closed for several years. Ryan stated the dorm opening added a work station that has to be staffed 24 hours a day. Ryan stated his request is to add two staff to the first, second and third shifts, add one staff for booking and add one part-time nurse for assistance with med passes and the population increase at a projected cost of \$348,229. Ryan reviewed a staffing report with the Board. Ryan stated the proposal addresses staff safety, inmate safety and the efficiency and liability of the operation. In response to a question from Sorensen, Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber stated after adding staff the projected excess revenue over budget will change from 1.7 to 1.4 million dollars. Ryan stated projections were based on the cost of filling the part-time nurse position with an LPN. Schreiber stated the cost of adding an RN instead of an LPN is approximately \$16,000. Ryan stated his preference is to hire an LPN but he does not know who would be available in the job market. In response to a question from Bonebrake, Ryan stated he has checked with Clinton County, Johnson County and the Federal Government and they project that their inmate populations will stabilize or increase in the future. On a motion by Howard, second by Sauer, the Board approved the hiring of seven additional full-time Correction Officers and one additional part-time Jail Nurse with the flexibility to hire either an LPN or RN. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Conservation Director Curt Weiss regarding a proposal to patch Harmony Lane. Weiss stated there is a large area of the lane that was damaged when the water main had to be repaired. Weiss presented two bids to the Board. In response to questions from the Board regarding upcoming park building projects, Weiss reviewed a handout showing the proposed plans for the former care facility land. Weiss stated the plans call for 2-3 shelters and a restroom. Weiss stated there will be periodic heavy truck traffic on Harmony Lane when the concrete is poured for the base of the shelters and the restroom. Bonebrake stated a temporary solution to cut down on dust and to even out the road would be to use a cold patch. Bonebrake stated the cold patch could be laid down until the construction is completed at which time the roadway could be permanently repaired. The Board directed Weiss to return with a quote for use of a cold patch on Harmony Lane; updated plans and timelines for extensions of the road loop on the former care facility land; and a timeline for installation of a restroom.

Information Services Director Bill Riley updated the Board on various IT projects and Help Desk tickets for July and August.

On a motion by Howard, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved a renewal application for a Class C Beer, Class B Wine and Sunday Sales Permit for Reif Oil Company, dba Stewart Road Fast Break, 2418 Stewart Road, Muscatine, IA 52761. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Bonebrake, minutes of the August 28, 2017 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Sorenson reported several contacts regarding a disallowed homestead credit.

Howard reported a contact regarding a concern about the quality of engineering on the new Lindle Avenue bridge.

No committee reports were noted.

County Engineer Keith White updated the Board on various secondary road projects. White stated he does not know how hurricanes Harvey and Irma will affect Muscatine County. White stated FEMA resources are being directed to the South and this may slow FEMA down on County projects.

On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Sauer, the Board authorized the Chair to execute the FY 17/18 Methamphetamine Drug Hot Spots Grant Program in the amount of \$6,960.00. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved Resolution #09-11-17-01 Abating Taxes on a Parcel Owned by Muscatine County. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #09-11-17-02 Transferring \$40,000 from the General Basic Fund to the Conservation Equipment Reserve Fund. Roll Call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Bonebrake, the Board set a public hearing for Monday, September 25, 2017 at 9:00 A.M. on a request from Todd Bermel to rezone approximately 2 acres located in Fruitland Township from I-2 Heavy Industrial District to R-1 Residential District. Ayes: All.

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

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors