

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, January 22, 2018

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

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

Discussion was held with Unity Public Health Director Christy Roby-Williams regarding Animal Bite Policy and Procedures for Muscatine County as adopted by the Muscatine County Board of Health on January 10, 2018. Roby-Williams stated it should be amended to read that this policy will supersede the previous policy adopted in August 1998. On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board affirmed Animal Bite Policy and Procedures as adopted by the Muscatine County Board of Health and amended to include the date of the previous policy. Ayes: All.

GIS Manager Mark Warren reviewed the FY18/19 MAGIC budget stating the budget includes \$32,000 for parcel fabric migration which is a newer GIS format. Warren stated the budget includes reinstating an intern at a cost of \$7,800 to help get ready for parcel fabric migration at 40 hours per week for 13 weeks.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved the following utility permit: CenturyLink – provide fiber service to 3191 150th Street. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Keith White updated the Board on secondary road projects.

On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Sorensen, minutes of the January 15, 2018 regular meeting, January 16, 2018 special meeting and January 18, 2018 special meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Howard reported a call regarding a culvert issue on Burlington Road.

Committee Reports:

Howard attended a Muscatine County Conservation Board meeting January 15th.

Howard attended a Muscatine County Emergency Management Association meeting January 17th.

Mather attended a Seventh Judicial District meeting January 19th.

Sauer attended a Riverbend Transit Board meeting January 17th.

Sauer attended a Muscatine County Fair Board meeting January 18th.

Sorensen attended a Wilton Development Corporation meeting January 17th.

Bonebrake and Sorensen attended a Muscatine County Joint Communications Commission (MUSCOM) meeting January 17th.

Discussion was held with Community Service Director Kathie Anderson-Noel regarding her recommendations for mental health funding. Anderson-Noel stated she recommends a MH/DD tax levy that would maintain current services and expand crisis services in an amount equal to

\$19.30 per capita. Anderson-Noel stated the current MH/DD property tax levy generates \$34.78 per capita. Anderson-Noel stated that if all counties in the region levied at a level of \$19.30 per capita, then they would need to increase the levy back up to a level of \$30.78 per capita in the third year. Mather stated Cedar, Jackson and Scott Counties are talking about the \$19.30 per capita, but there is no guarantee. Mather stated he thinks Clinton County will go below the \$19.30 per capita. Sorensen stated Muscatine County contributed a lot of the fund balance of the region, whereas Scott County did not contribute their share. Mather stated some of the counties want to be fair from this point forward, others want to recoup some of what they paid that was more than their share. Sorensen stated he would probably cut the \$19.30 per capita in half to recoup some of the excess funds that were contributed by Muscatine County. Bonebrake stated he feels Muscatine County should follow Clinton County and draw down the fund balance faster to recoup more of Muscatine County's share. Anderson-Noel stated Muscatine County has benefited from services that have been able to be developed and resources that have been leveraged through our association as a region with all five counties. Anderson-Noel stated some of the services that the County is now getting would not be possible without working as a team at the region level. Sorensen stated he is not questioning the value of the region and that the counties worked together in the beginning, but Scott County betrayed the rest of the counties by not increasing their levy when they had the opportunity. Sorensen stated he has no problem raising the levy in the future in order to pay for the services Muscatine County residents are using. Mather stated there has to be a message sent to get everyone to work together and Scott County has not gotten that message yet. Anderson-Noel stated her recommendation is based on the service side of it, rather than the political side of it, but she understands their position as long as the Board realizes that in a few years they will have to bring the levy back up in order for the region to provide services.

On a motion by Mather, second by Bonebrake, the Board set a public hearing on proposed amendments to the FY 17/18 Muscatine County budget for Monday, February 26, 2018 at 9:00 A.M. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, the Board set a public hearing on the proposed FY 18/19 Muscatine County budget for Monday, February 26, 2018 at 9:00 A.M. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Sorensen, the Board accepted the January 2018 payroll claims. Ayes: All.

The Board recessed at 10:13 A.M. and reconvened at 10:23 A.M.

The Board reviewed the FY18/19 budget request for Non-Departmental with Budget Administrator Sherry Seright and Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber.

Discussion was held regarding proposed capital projects for FY18/19 and beyond. Projects were presented and discussed individually by Budget Administrator Sherry Seright. Board consensus was to include the following in the FY18/19 capital projects budget: Courthouse – 3rd Floor Courtroom/Railing/Mural Restoration - \$1,500,000. Board consensus was to fund the FY18/19 capital projects with the \$750,000 from the capital project fund and a transfer from the debt repayment fund of \$750,000.

Discussion was held regarding funding for outside agencies to be included in the proposed FY18/19 budget. Board consensus was to fund outside agencies as follows: Muscatine Legal Services - \$22,613; River Bend Transit - \$7,000; Greater Muscatine Chamber of Commerce & Industry - \$10,000; Quad Cities First - \$5,000; Wilton Development Corporation - \$5,000; West Liberty Development Corporation - \$4,000; Muscatine County Fair Board - \$0 for their operating budget; up to \$30,000 match for debt principal reduction through fundraising, not operations; and \$5,000 for the fourth installment of a four year commitment; Wilton Library - \$14,493; West Liberty Library - \$14,493; and Musser Public Library - \$117,391; and Unity Public Health - \$217,098.

The Board held ongoing discussion of the proposed FY18/19 Muscatine County Budget.

Budget Administrator Sherry Seright reviewed FY18/19 MH/DD levy options as follows: Option 1: Lower the levy rate to \$0 recouping \$1,007,269 from the Region; Option 2: Decrease the levy rate to \$.43 recouping \$182,290 from the region; and Option 3: Decrease the levy rate to \$.18 recouping \$665,309 from the region. Board consensus was to budget proposed FY18/19 levies as follows: General Basic - \$3.76 levy; General Supplemental - \$2.77 levy; MH/DD - \$0 levy; Rural Services - \$2.63 levy; and Debt Service - \$.62 levy.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:36 P.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Scott Sauer, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors