

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, April 23, 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 Bonebrake, the agenda was approved as presented. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, claims dated April 23, 2018 were approved in the amount of \$1,729,784.41. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Lynn Pruitt, Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commissioner, regarding a Historic Resource Development Program (HRDP) grant application to develop a National Register nomination for a Nichols Commercial Historic District in the amount of \$8,149.00. Pruitt stated there is a \$2,000 match they plan to fund through a local buy-in from the City of Nichols and its residents. In response to a question from Howard, Pruitt stated property owners would benefit from a historic district by having the ability to apply for grants to upgrade their properties. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Howard, the Board approved a Historic Resource Development Program (HRDP) grant application to develop a National Register nomination for a Nichols Commercial Historic District in the amount of \$8,149.00. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Conservation Director Curt Weiss regarding restoration of power to the Old Barn and garage at Discovery Park. Weiss stated the \$15,000 budgeted should cover the cost of restoring the power as Muscatine Power & Water is estimating their cost to be approximately \$9,400 to run power from Discovery Park into a transformer with a meter near the former cottage location. Weiss stated the barn and maintenance building will be reconnected, with a bathroom and shelter house to be connected at a future time once they are constructed.

Weiss updated the Board on other projects at Discovery Park stating they have a request from Friends of the Barn to hold an open house every second Saturday starting in May. Weiss stated 4 roofs will be replaced which were damaged by hail last year and will be covered by insurance. Weiss stated \$100,000 is budgeted to resurface the newly acquired portion of the park and connect Discovery Park to the new area. Weiss stated they are working with the City of Muscatine to connect the trail from Discovery Park to the trail at Kent Stein in 2019.

Weiss updated the Board on projects at Deep Lakes stating the ground prep work has begun for the cabin area. Weiss stated they need to raise that area a couple of feet to prevent water from getting into the cabins during flooding. Weiss stated they would like to have the cabins built by Fall and then open them next Spring. Weiss stated they are going out for bids this month for new restrooms at the beach. Weiss stated Monsanto is holding their company picnic at Deep Lakes on June 2nd. Weiss stated the Fall 2019 Iowa Association of County Conservation Boards Conference will be held in Muscatine so he wants to have all of the projects completed by then.

Howard asked whether there is still a possibility for a new gun range. Weiss stated the approval from FEMA lasts forever and the Conservation Board has asked for public input for a better

location, but they have not heard from anyone. Weiss stated at this time everything is on hold. Howard stated there is still a need for a place to shoot guns.

On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Mather, the following utility permits were approved: Liberty Communications – install fiber optic cable within the right-of-way on portions of Elder Avenue, 160th Street, 155th Street, Iron City Avenue, 170th Street and Foster Avenue; MidAmerican Energy – replace an existing H-frame transmission structure where the transmission line crosses York Avenue; Interstate Power & Light – install a 2” gas line along Wiggins Road and Stewart Road; Interstate Power & Light – install an 8” transmission line from 3601 Grandview Avenue to the Monsanto Plant crossing County right-of-way at 41st Street, 49th Street, 57th Street, Fruitland Road, Stewart Road, Wiggins Road and Ogilvie Avenue. Ayes: All.

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

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the Board authorized the Chair to sign a Statement of Election Costs for the March 6, 2018 Muscatine County Local Option Sales and Services Tax Election. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Sorensen, the Board approved a liquor application for a 5-day Class BB Beer (Includes Wine Coolers) License and Outdoor Service Area Permit for Backpack Brewing, LLC, for an event at 2522 112th Street, Moscow, IA 52760 effective July 27, 2018. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, minutes of the April 16, 2018 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

The Board received a Notice of Voluntary Annexation request from the City of West Liberty with an opportunity to consult with West Liberty City Council, April 24th at 1:30 PM in the West Liberty Council Chambers.

Howard reported a contact asking for the status of the proposed gun range.

Bonebrake stated he and the County Engineer followed up on a question regarding some County right-of-way.

Committee Reports:

Sorensen attended a Wilton Development Corporation Board meeting April 18th.

Sorensen attended a West Liberty Economic Area Development meeting April 19th.

Sauer attended a Riverbend Transit Board meeting April 18th.

Sauer attended a Muscatine County Fair Board meeting April 19th.

Mather attended an Eastern Iowa MH/DD Region meeting April 16th.

Muscatine County Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas stated his office is going to have to take some enforcement action against owners of nuisance properties. Furnas stated if owners received letters in the last year, they are not going to be allowed to ignore the letters. Furnas stated the next step is to summon the property owners to court. Furnas assured the Board

his office has made multiple attempts to resolve the issue with the property owners before moving forward with court action.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the Board authorized the Chairperson to execute the July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021 agreement regarding the Muscatine County Sheriff's Office Deputy Sheriffs Unit between Muscatine County and Chauffeurs, Teamsters & Helpers, Local Union #238. Ayes: All.

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The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 A.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Scott Sauer, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors