Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, August 20, 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.

Discussion was held with Muscatine County Fair Manager Lori Gosenberg regarding release of funds designated in FY17/18 and FY18/19 to assist with debt repayment. Gosenberg stated they have raised $15,000 for debt repayment and requested the $15,000 match from the $30,000 budgeted for FY18/19 be released. Gosenberg stated the Fair Board is still planning to raise another $35,000 this year and asked the Board to reinstate the $20,000 match from FY17/18. Sauer stated he is not in favor of reinstating the FY17/18 $20,000 match. Sorensen and Howard agreed. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved release of $15,000 of the FY18/19 designated matching funds to the Muscatine County Fair for assistance with debt repayment. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the Board affirmed a FY19 application to the Iowa Department of Public Health to continue the Iowa Grants to Counties Program for well testing, well plugging and well reconstruction activities in the amount of $30,927.00. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Deputy Assessor Delaine Clark, Muscatine County Assessor's Office, regarding 2018 homestead tax credits and/or military tax exemptions the Assessor recommended be allowed and disallowed. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Howard, the Board disallowed 2018 homestead tax credits and military tax exemptions as recommended by the Assessor. Ayes: Howard, Sauer, Sorensen and Bonebrake. Mather abstained due to his legal representation of one of the property owners. On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, the Board allowed 2018 new homestead tax credits as recommended by the Assessor. Ayes: Howard, Sauer, Sorensen and Bonebrake. Mather abstained due to his legal representation of one of the property owners.

On a motion by Howard, second by Mather, the Board approved a utility permits for Mid-American Energy for completion of their fiber to substation project which includes installation of 48 fiber cable on various roads from the Johnson County border to the Scott County border and on to the Louisa County border. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Keith White updated the Board on secondary road projects stating that nothing happened on 130th Street and Western Avenue last week due to weather conditions.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, minutes of the August 13, 2018 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

No correspondence was noted.

Committee Reports:

> Sorensen and Howard attended a MAGIC meeting August 13th.
> Sorensen attended a Lower Cedar Watershed Management Authority meeting August 14th.
> Sorensen attended a West Liberty Economic Area Development meeting August 16th.
> Sauer attended a Riverbend Transit Board meeting August 15th.
> Howard attended an Emergency Management Commission meeting August 15th.
> Howard attended a Milestones Area Agency on Aging meeting August 17th.

Sorensen attended a Fruitland City Council meeting August 14th.

On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Sorensen, a fireworks permit for Jacob Swift was approved. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held regarding a proposed wage scale for a Jail Medical Records Clerk position and the addition of one part-time Jail Medical Records Clerk position. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved a negotiated wage scale for a Jail Medical Records Clerk position under the AFSCME contract and authorized the hiring of one part-time Jail Medical Records Clerk. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held regarding various re-grading requests. Muscatine County Sheriff C. J. Ryan presented a re-grading request for Assistant Jail Administrator Matt McCleary from Grade 13, Step 13 - $60,036 to Grade 15, Step 10 - $70,587 due to additional duties assigned to this position. Sheriff Ryan also requested the Fair Labor Standards Act designation be reclassified from non-exempt to exempt for several positions. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Howard, the Board approved the re-grading request for Assistant Jail Administrator and the Fair Labor Standards Act designation change for Assistant Jail Administrator, Chief Deputy Sheriff, Patrol Division Supervisor and Investigative Division Supervisor from non-exempt to exempt. Ayes: All.

Budget Coordinator Sherry Seright presented several re-grading requests. Seright presented a re-grading request for one Maintenance Worker from Grade 9, Step 16 - $44,804 to Grade 10, Step 16 - $47,354 and another Maintenance Worker from Grade 9, Step 8 - $38,960 to Grade 10, Step 8 - $41,354 due to new knowledge and continuing education requirements relative to maintaining the geo-thermal systems in multiple County buildings. Seright presented re-grading requests for Lead Custodian from Grade 5, Step 13 - $31,906 to Grade 6, Step 13 - $34,301, Custodian from Grade 3, Step 7 - $12.68/hour to Grade 5, Step 7 - $13.76/hour and Custodian from Grade 3, Step 5 - $12.17/hour to Grade 5, Step 5 - $13.24/hour due to the requirement to perform minor electrical, plumbing and carpenter work, occasional oversight of diversion program participants and current market demand in the area. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved the re-grading requests for the two Maintenance Worker positions. Ayes: All. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Howard, the Board approved the re-grading requests for the Lead Custodian and two Custodian positions directing staff to remove the requirement to perform minor electrical, plumbing, and carpenter work from job descriptions for the Lead Custodian and Custodian positions. Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 A.M.

ATTEST:

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Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor   Scott Sauer, Chairperson
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