

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, August 10, 2015

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

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

Discussion was held with Muscatine County Assessor's Office regarding 2015 homestead tax credits and/or military tax exemptions the Assessor recommended be disallowed. In response to a question from Sorensen, County Assessor Dale McCrea stated the homeowner must occupy the residence on July 1<sup>st</sup> and live in it at least six months during the year. McCrea stated there are exceptions for nursing home residents as long as they are not renting the property. McCrea explained the resident will get a letter which if they respond to with proof they are living in the house, their homestead credit will be reinstated. The Board received a letter from John and Judy Hintermeister asking that their homestead credit application on their home at 2217 Oak Valley Drive be allowed. The letter stated the Hintermeister's closed on the property at 2217 Oak Drive on June 18<sup>th</sup>, but the previous owners could not give them possession until the end of September. McCrea stated Hintermeister's previous residence at 2230 Mulberry Avenue already has a homestead credit for 2015. McCrea stated the Hintermeister's will need to reapply for the 2217 Oak Valley Drive residence for 2016. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board disallowed 2015 homestead tax credits and/or military tax exemptions as recommended by the Assessor. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, minutes of the August 7, 2015 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Bonebrake reported a call regarding County park hours and why they differ from State park hours.

Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber was contacted by Jim Harney, 1141 Bay Circle, about dust on the road. Harney stated there is a lot of truck traffic at the hog confinement next door and he should not have to pay for dust control for the hog confinement facility.

Committee Reports:

Kelly attended a Muscatine Health Association meeting August 5<sup>th</sup>.

Bonebrake, Sauer, Kelly and Sorensen attended the Annual Farm Bureau Dinner August 6<sup>th</sup>. Sauer attended the P25 Starcom Kickoff meeting August 6<sup>th</sup>. Sauer attended the REC Open House August 5<sup>th</sup>.

Information Services Director Bill Riley updated the Board on help desk activity for the month of July.

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

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, an ordinance adopting the 2015 Muscatine County Code of Ordinances was approved on the second of three readings. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved the hiring of John Crump as Corrections Lieutenant at \$47,777 (Grade 12, Step 9) for the Jail. Ayes: Sorensen, Kelly, Sauer and Bonebrake. Nay: Howard.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Chair was authorized to execute Contract #5886EM70 Iowa EMS System Development Grant from the Iowa Department of Public Health in the amount of \$7,026.00. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Bonebrake, the Board affirmed Contract #5886AW70 Iowa Grants to Counties from the Iowa Department of Public Health for well testing, well plugging and well reconstruction activities in the amount of \$26,530.00. Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed the FY14/15 health/dental fund balance.

The Board reviewed the health/dental fund balance as of July 31, 2015.

The Board reviewed the budget to actual FY16 beginning fund balances.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Howard, the Board approved Resolution #08-10-15-01 Transferring \$125,000.00 from the General Basic Fund to the Building Maintenance and Repair Fund. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, the Board approved Resolution #08-10-15-02 Transferring \$300,000.00 from the General Basic Fund to the Debt Repayment Fund. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

The Board recessed from 9:47 A.M. until 1:00 P.M.

The Board held an in-depth discussion regarding design options for a high deductible health plan coupled with a Health Savings Account, and other health insurance/ACA related issues, with Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield Representative Devonne Hartford. Hartford explained that a Health Savings Account (HSA) is usually paired with a high deductible health plan. The Board directed Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber to gather more information to address the topic during future in-depth sessions.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 P.M.

ATTEST:

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Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

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Kas Kelly, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, August 17, 2015

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

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

On a motion by Howard, second by Sauer, claims dated August 17, 2015 were approved in the amount of \$355,724.72. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Community Services Director Mike Johannsen regarding a request for support from Strategic Behavioral Health who is interested in building a 72 bed facility for adult and juvenile inpatient and outpatient psychiatric services in Scott County. Johannsen stated the letter of support is crafted to cover all services as long as projects are eligible for Medicaid and Medicare. Howard stated he does not want to adversely affect our ability to get the beds by requiring Medicaid and Medicare eligibility. Johannsen stated this company's track record shows they accept Medicaid and Medicare. Bonebrake stated he is not in favor of the broad approach of the letter by supporting all companies when the County is being asked specifically to support Strategic Behavioral Health. Johannsen suggested rewording the letter of support to specifically address the proposal by Strategic Behavioral Health and remove the contingency for the project to be eligible for Medicaid and Medicare. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Howard, the Chair was authorized to sign a letter of support for additional mental health services in the Eastern Iowa Region as amended. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission Chair Lynn Pruitt regarding two CLG grant applications. Pruitt stated the Muscatine County Historic Preservation Board is proposing a Preservation Planning Project which will inventory the overall historic resources, determine themes and provide direction to the Commission on future projects in the County at a cost of \$13,000 with \$7,800 covered by the State Historical Society, \$3,700 from volunteers and \$1,401 from the County. Pruitt stated the Commission is also proposing a Pre-Development Study of the 1857 Jail/Historic Archive Project to develop a detailed scope and cost to convert the 1857 County Jail into a countywide archive for historic materials. Pruitt stated this project would cost \$24,286 with \$14,500 covered by the State, \$4,182 from volunteers and \$5,604 from the County. Pruitt requested funding in the amount of \$7,005 from the County for the two projects. Bonebrake stated he thought the objective of historic preservation was to restore the building back to its original state. Pruitt stated they will put it back to its original condition, not its original use. Pruitt stated they will store the documents upstairs and make the downstairs a display area with changing displays. Sauer stated when he looks at the cubic space to be utilized upstairs for document storage and the climate control situation, this project makes no sense to him as there are wiser locations for document storage. Bonebrake agreed. Pruitt stated there is an enhancement to document storage if it is located in a historic building as it doubles the amount of

people going to see those historic buildings. Sorensen stated the difference with this is it is active display of specific documents rather than general document storage. Pruitt stated they will not accept every document, only those that have a historic link to the past. In response to a question from Howard, Budget Coordinator Sherry Seright stated \$25,000 was budgeted to replace the concrete at the Historic Jail, but since the County created a greenspace there for approximately \$1,000, there are some capital project funds available. Howard stated this project is of a historical nature, the County has already put some dollars into preserving the building, so he is in favor of the project. Sorensen stated the County needs to address the appropriate storage of all County documents in the future. Sorensen stated that he sees this project being a display of historic documents. The Board by consensus of Sorensen, Howard and Kelly directed Pruitt to proceed with the two grant applications. Sauer and Bonebrake were not in favor of the Jail project as a storage facility.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Howard, the Board authorized the Chair to execute the FY 15/16 Federal Violence Against Women Contract with the Crime Victim Assistance Division of the Iowa Department of Justice in the amount of \$2,840.00. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board authorized the Chair to execute the FY 15/16 Iowa/Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Contract in the amount of \$51,914. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Bonebrake, the Board authorized the Chair to execute the FY 15/16 Methamphetamine Drug Hot Spots Grant Program Contract in the amount of \$5,025.00. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sauer, minutes of the August 10, 2015 regular meeting were approved as amended. Ayes: All.

**Correspondence:**

Howard reported a contact regarding an easement dispute.

**Committee Reports:**

Kelly attended a Seventh Judicial District meeting August 14<sup>th</sup>.

Kelly attended a REAP meeting August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Kelly dealt with a property line dispute August 11<sup>th</sup>.

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

On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, Ordinance #08-17-15-01 Adopting the 2015 Muscatine County Code of Ordinances was approved on the third and final reading. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

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

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Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

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Kas Kelly, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors