

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, July 10, 2017

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

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

Discussion was held with Communications and Emergency Management Director Matt Shook regarding various proposals to eliminate obsolete towers. Shook presented the following proposals and approximate costs: demolish four tower sites (Houser Street, Secondary Roads, Nichols Grade Shed, Ward Avenue) and remove shelter and concrete at Houser - \$56,000; move VHF County Fire paging to Muscatine Community College and page through StarCom21 - \$65,000; paging via County Volunteer Fire Starcom 21 portables - \$12,000; move Secondary Roads old Trbo radio system to Muscatine Community College - \$9,000; purchase P25 Mobiles and Portables for Secondary Roads - \$100,000; and programming and setup of P25 radios for Secondary Roads - \$17,000. Shook stated the Houser Street shed has very minimal environmental controls that overheat in the summer, the floors are rotted, the shed leaks water and is not monitored by alarms. Shook stated switching Secondary Roads would give Secondary Roads the same coverage as MUSCOM. In response to a question from Howard, Shook stated the equipment has a 20-year life and has been purchased with the capability for expansion. In response to a question from Sauer, County Engineer Keith White stated their current coverage is pretty good, but would possibly be better with the new radios although they do have GPS on the old Trbo system. Shook stated he did not realize they had GPS and would have to add that in to the project. Board consensus was for Budget Coordinator Sherry Seright to work up a funding plan and for Shook to work with the County Engineer to research the possibility of adding GPS to the project.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Howard, the Board approved Ordinance #07-10-17-01 Amending the Muscatine County Zoning Ordinance Relating To The Definition Of A Dwelling on the third and final reading. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Howard, the Board approved Ordinance #07-10-17-02 Amending the Muscatine County Construction Codes and Enforcement Ordinance on the third and final reading. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #07-10-17-01 Abating Taxes: Unknown Owner Parcel. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Mather, the following utility permit was approved: CenturyLink – providing fiber services to the customers of Park Avenue West running from the north intersection of Park Avenue West and Hwy 38 to Secondary Roads property and Ruan. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Keith White updated the Board on Secondary Road projects.

County Engineer Keith White stated he would like to fill the last vacant Highway Worker position. Board consensus was to move forward with hiring a Highway Worker.

On a motion by Howard, second by Mather, the Board approved the Muscatine County Recorder's Report of Fees Collected for the quarter ending June 30, 2017 in the amount of \$70,137.61. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Mather, the Board accepted the Muscatine County Treasurer's Report of Fees Collected for the quarter ending June 30, 2017 in the amount of \$185,764.08. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Mather, the Board accepted the Muscatine County Auditor's Report of Fees Collected for the quarter ending June 30, 2017 in the amount of \$1,510.11. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sauer, minutes of the July 3, 2017 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Sorensen reported a call regarding a road concern on Echo Avenue.

Committee Reports:

Mather attended a Muscatine Community Health Association meeting July 5th.

Sauer attended Dedications of the Ryan Building, new restroom and new fairgrounds entrance at the Muscatine County Fairgrounds on July 8th.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, the Board accepted the June, 2017 payroll claims. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, the Chairperson was authorized to execute a letter of agreement with Price Preservation Research to provide evaluation for potential listing on the National Register of Historic Places for the Nichols Commercial District (Tan Project No. T00-807) and the houses/churches in the town of Nichols (Tan Project No. T00-808). Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed the budget to actual FY18 beginning fund balances.

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

ATTEST:

Susan J. O'Donnell
Second Deputy Auditor

Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, July 17, 2017

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

On a motion by Howard, second by Sauer, the agenda was approved as written. Ayes: All.

James Petersen, 501 N. Clay Street, West Liberty, addressed the Board on two issues. Peterson stated he was concerned about slag on Iron City Avenue because within the past 2-3 months he has picked up several large chunks of metal on the road. Peterson stated a large, smooth piece of metal was pushed into a driveway and has since disappeared. Sorensen stated it is not likely a big piece of metal came with the slag because screens and other sorting methods are used. Sorensen stated the large piece probably fell off the truck from a junker or trash hauler. Peterson stated he and his family are not in favor of the proposed outdoor shooting range near 170th Street and Jasper Avenue. Peterson stated his family owns property to the west and his main concern is safety, because family members go for walks there, and he hunts and mows in this area. Peterson stated there are three dwellings within approximately 2,000 feet of the proposed outdoor shooting range. Peterson stated he hunts and he has guns, but he is not in favor of having a shooting range in that particular area. Peterson stated the County Conservation Board owns a lot of other ground where an outdoor shooting range could be placed. Mather asked Peterson if he had reviewed the plans for the outdoor shooting range which include a berm around the perimeter, except on the west side.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Bonebrake, claims dated July 17, 2017 were approved in the amount of \$519,982.17. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #17-17-17-01 Resolution Assigning Tax Sale Certificate. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved Resolution #07-17-17-02 Resolution Assigning Tax Sale Certificate. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

Discussion was held regarding review and direction on various proposals to eliminate obsolete towers, move VHF paging from the Houser Street tower, Secondary Roads to move to P25 and/or move from the Houser Street tower, as submitted by Director of Communications and Emergency Management Matt Shook. The Board reviewed two options: Option 1 - demolish tower sites at Houser Street, Secondary Roads, Nichols & Ward Avenue; move the current Secondary Roads Trbo radio system to the MCC tower; move VHF paging for County fire departments to the MCC tower and page through Star Com for a total cost of \$127,171. Option 2 - demolish tower sites at Houser Street, Secondary Roads, Nichols & Ward Avenue; purchase P25 mobiles and portables for Secondary Roads; programming and setup of Secondary Roads new radios; GPS

programming for Secondary Roads; move VHF paging for County fire departments to the MCC tower and page through Star Com; create paging capability for County fire departments using new radios for a cost of \$255,973, plus an additional amount for GPS programing which is to be determined. Board consensus was to proceed with Option 1.

Information Services Director Bill Riley updated the Board on help desk tickets, the Sheriff's Department's installation of Watchguard servers, and the upcoming Tyler software conversion.

County Engineer Keith White presented the following bids for paving the parking lot and approaches for the new Muscatine County Cold Storage building located at 3610 Park Avenue West: Heuer Construction, Inc. - \$121,026.80 and Muscatine Bridge Co., Inc. - \$144,218.05. On a motion by Howard, second by Bonebrake, the Board accepted the bid from Heuer Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$121,026.80 to pave the parking lot and approaches for the new Muscatine County Cold Storage building located at 3610 Park Avenue West, as recommended by White. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Mather, the following utility permit was approved: Muscatine Power and Water - pole replacement and reconductoring of 69,000 volt transmission line parallel to Wiggins Road from the power substation at the corner of Wiggins Road, Stewart Road and Ogilvie Avenue to Monsanto. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Keith White updated the Board on various Secondary Road projects.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sauer, minutes of the Monday, July 10, 2017 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Howard, Mather, Sauer and Sorensen received a letter in opposition to the proposed Muscatine County Conservation Outdoor Shooting Range.

All Board members received an email regarding slag on roads and tires damaged by nails.

Howard, Mather, Sauer and Sorensen received several contacts both in opposition to and in support of the proposed outdoor shooting range.

Committee Reports:

Howard attended a special meeting of the Milestones Area Agency on Aging July 12th.

Bonebrake and Sauer attend a Muscatine Area Geographic Information Consortium (MAGIC) meeting July 10th.

Sorensen and Sauer attended the Muscatine County Zoning Board Public Hearing on the proposed Muscatine County Conservation Shooting Range July 6th.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #07-17-17-03 Transferring Funds from the General Basic Fund to the Debt Repayment Fund in the amount of \$500,000.00. Roll call vote. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #07-17-17-04 Transferring Funds from the General Basic Fund to the Capital Projects Fund in the amount of \$250,000.00. Roll call vote. Ayes: All

On a motion by Howard, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #07-17-17-05 Transferring Funds from the General Basic Fund to the Capital Projects Fund in the amount of \$500,000.00. Roll call vote. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Bonebrake, the Board authorized the Chair to execute the FY 2017/18 Contract for Specialized Transportation Services with River Bend Transit in the amount of \$7,000. Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed the project program and scope submitted by Michael Nolan of Horizon Architecture for renovation of the 3rd Floor Courtroom at the Muscatine County Courthouse with Budget Administrator Sherry Seright. Board consensus was to table any action to proceed until the next Board meeting. The Board directed Seright to contact Chief Judge Mary Greve about future courthouse building security requirements and to contact Nolan about the possibility of expanding the scope of the original project to include courthouse building security.

Sauer announced the Muscatine County Fair begins on Wednesday, July 19th and continues through Sunday, July 23rd at the Fairgrounds in West Liberty.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 AM.

ATTEST:

Susan J. O'Donnell, 2nd Deputy Auditor

Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors