

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, March 26, 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 Bonebrake, second by Sorensen, the agenda was approved as presented. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, claims dated March 26, 2018 were approved in the amount of \$358,099.86. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Michael Nolan, Horizon Architecture, on bid review and recommendations regarding the Muscatine County Former Sheriff's Office/Jail Rehabilitation Project – Phase I. Nolan presented the following bids: Myers Construction - \$78,470 and Wolfe Contracting - \$79,320. Nolan stated work on the project is starting in the basement with structural repair, weather proofing and stabilization in the front and back cellars. Nolan stated the project includes removal of an abandoned staircase, wall patching and additional work on the main floors. Nolan stated the additional work includes roof repairs, installation of a structural cable system, protection of the historic staircase and other necessary repairs. Nolan recommended the County award the contract for construction to the low bidder, Myers Construction. Bonebrake stated for a difference of less than a thousand dollars he would prefer to use the local company. Nolan stated state law requires the County give the contract to the lowest responsible bidder and Myers Construction and Wolfe Contracting are both responsible bidders so the County is tied to using Myers Construction. Tom Furlong, 1745 231st Street, Letts, Iowa spoke in favor of the rehabilitation project. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board accepted a bid from Myers Construction for the Muscatine County Former Sheriff's Office/Jail Rehabilitation Project – Phase I in the amount of \$78,470. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved Resolution #03-26-18-01 Approval of the Combined Preliminary and Final Plat of Money Pit Subdivision. Roll call vote: Ayes: Howard, Mather, Sorensen and Bonebrake. Abstain: Sauer. Sauer recused himself from the vote due to his interest in the property.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, the Board approved 11 special events permits for events to be held in 2018 on May 27th, June 1st, June 15th, June 29th, July 13th, July 27th, August 10th, August 24th, August 31st, September 2nd and September 14th at Ardon Creek Vineyard and Winery as requested by Mike Furlong. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Sorensen, the Board authorized the Chair to execute an agreement with Terry Goerdt for IBC Plan Review Services at a rate of \$75.00 per hour. Ayes: All.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas updated the Board on the recently completed audit of the Grants to Counties program through the Iowa Department of Public Health. Furnas stated the County passed the audit with no issues.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather the Board approved Ordinance #03-26-18-01 Establishing a Local Option Sales and Services Tax Applicable to Transactions within Certain Incorporated and Unincorporated Areas of Muscatine County for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2034 on the third and final reading. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Bonebrake, minutes of the March 19, 2018 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Howard reported a contact regarding the Highway 61 By-Pass not being properly maintained by the State of Iowa.

Howard reported a contact from a farmer regarding putting in a culvert North of Montpelier.

Sauer reported a call from a hog operator regarding snow removal on a County road.

Sorensen reported a follow-up call about a culvert/drainage issue in Fairport.

Committee Reports:

Sorensen attended a Wilton Development Corporation meeting March 21st.

Sorensen attended a West Liberty Economic Development Board meeting March 22nd.

Sauer attended a River Bend Transit Board meeting March 21st.

Sauer attended a Muscatine County Board of Health meeting March 21st.

Howard attended a Muscatine County Veterans Affairs Commission meeting March 20th.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board approved a FY19 Local Public Health Services Grant application in the amount of \$101,196 to be submitted to the Iowa Department of Public Health by the Muscatine County Board of Health. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board affirmed a Muscatine Community Foundation Grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 submitted by the Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission to apply towards the cost of the Muscatine County Former Sheriff's Office/Jail Rehabilitation Project – Phase I. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board appointed Carl Kleppe, Jr. to the Muscatine County Zoning Board of Adjustment for a 5-year term ending March 31, 2023. Ayes: All. Sorensen thanked both applicants for their willingness to serve Muscatine County.

County Engineer Keith White updated the Board on secondary road snow removal after the weekend's winter storm.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 A.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Scott Sauer, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors