

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, April 2, 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 amended to delete item #4. Ayes: All.

Information Services Director Bill Riley updated the Board on help desk tickets for February and March. Riley updated the Board on the Tyler Financial Conversion Project. Riley stated support for Windows 7 will end January 2020. Riley stated the County will begin converting computers to Windows 10 over the next few years.

Community Services Director Kathie Anderson-Noel updated the Board on legislation passed that will affect the Eastern Iowa MH/DD Region. Anderson-Noel stated she attended a meeting with several legislators, the DHS director, Medicaid and Unity Point regarding how they are trying to fix problems with managed care. Anderson-Noel stated the Governor signed SF2456 which wants regions to help with the startup of new services by moving them from core plus services to core services. Anderson-Noel stated the legislation also allows a 30% fund balance rather than a 20% fund balance. Howard stated they continue to mandate, never provide enough money to cover the mandate and it will all come back to the County. Sorensen stated the legislators need to fix the funding issue first before mandating more services. Mather stated he is bothered by the unfunded mandates and legislators need to give the counties the ability to support their services. Mather stated the counties are already locked into a budget for next year and now they want the counties to find more money for these new services. Anderson-Noel provided the Board with a copy of the Eastern Iowa MH/DD Region FY2019 Annual Service and Budget Plan. Mather stated the State needs to remove the levy caps so the counties can levy the resources necessary to cover the services. Howard stated the Milestones Board is incurring the same issues with funding for the elderly and the elderly make up the majority of Iowans.

Community Services Director Kathie Anderson-Noel provided a brief overview of Community Services stating General Assistance expenditures are currently at 75.37% with a target of 66.67%. Anderson-Noel stated she is seeing very positive things at MCSA with programs offered that are helping train people for jobs.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, minutes of the March 26, 2018 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Bonebrake reported a concern from a resident regarding gravel road conditions and right-of-way area.

Mather had a conversation with the MCSA Program Director regarding their programs.

Howard reported a concern from a subdivision on east side of County regarding rock and grading.

Bonebrake left the meeting at 9:47 A.M.

Committee reports:

Howard attended a Milestones Area Agency on Aging Board meeting March 27th.

Sauer and Mather attended a Bi-State Regional meeting March 28th.

Mather attended an Eastern Iowa MH/DD meeting March 26th.

Howard attended the Muscatine County League of Women Voters Hunger Panel meeting March 27th.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Howard, the Chairperson was authorized to execute contract documents with Myers Construction for the Muscatine County Former Sheriff's Office/Jail Rehabilitation Project – Phase I. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, the Board accepted the March 2018 payroll claims. Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 A.M.

ATTEST:

Betty L. Wamback
First Deputy Auditor

Scott Sauer, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors