

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, June 11, 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.

County Engineer Keith White presented the bids for L-(CUL18)—73-70 for a bridge replacement on Iron City Avenue south of 170<sup>th</sup> Street as follows: Peterson Contractors, Inc., Reinbeck, Iowa – grand total \$291,109.10; Brandt Construction Co., Milan, Illinois – grand total \$331,414.70; Iowa Bridge & Culvert, Washington, Iowa – grand total \$255,685.00; Hagerty Earthworks, Muscatine, Iowa – grand total \$483,857.10; and Bomerang Corp, Anamosa, Iowa - grand total \$268,176.60. White stated he would review the bids, check the math and return later in the meeting with his recommendation.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, a letting date was set for July 9, 2018 at 9:00 A.M. for LFM-(76-4)—7X-70 for Longitudinal Subdrains on 231<sup>st</sup> Street (G28). Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with County Engineer Keith White regarding various equipment purchases.

County Engineer Keith White presented a bid for a road widener which mounts on a loader from Star Equipment at a cost of \$42,305. White stated he found another road widener that has its own engine from Midland for \$71,065, but he recommended the less expensive road widener that mounts on a loader. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved the purchase of a road widener from Star Equipment in the amount of \$42,305. Ayes: All.

White stated he plans to replace a secondary roads truck with a tractor/trailer. White stated he has found a MAC Tractor for \$109,200 and a Western Star Tractor that is \$3,000 to \$4,000 higher than the MAC. White stated he considered used tractors, but Fleet Manager Mike Seright felt the County needed a new tractor due to the long term commitment. White stated he will not have trailer quotes until next week because he was expecting another quote by the meeting, but it has not arrived. Sorensen stated since the bid White is waiting on did not make the deadline, they should not wait for another bid for the trailer. White stated the bid that he has for the trailer is \$39,900. Howard stated he thinks the Board needs to see a plan to justify what they are doing. Mather would also like clarification. Sorensen stated he does not mind waiting, but does not want to reward a vendor for a late bid. Board consensus was for White to return next week with a plan highlighting pros and cons of switching from a truck to a tractor/trailer.

White updated the Board on secondary road projects.

On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Sorensen, the Board approved an ordinance rezoning approximately 42 acres in Sweetland Township from A-1 Agricultural District to R-1 Residential District on the second of three readings. Roll call vote: Ayes: Howard, Sauer, Sorensen and Bonebrake. Mather abstained as one of the parties in this matter is his client.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Howard, the Board approved renewal of an Iowa Retail Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor Permit for Casey's Marketing Company, dba Casey's General Store #2472, 1334 Hwy 22, Nichols, IA 52766. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved renewal of an Iowa Retail Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor Permit for Reif Oil Co., dba Stewart Road Fast Break, 2418 Stewart Road, Muscatine, IA 52761. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Mather, minutes of the June 4, 2018 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Sauer reported a call regarding permitting on a new residential building site.

Howard received a letter from Roger Roth regarding a potential future Board member and how the County conducts business.

Howard reported a contact concerned about rules and regulations regarding Deep Lakes Park.

Committee Reports:

Mather attended a Seventh Judicial District meeting June 8<sup>th</sup>.

Sauer attended a Riverbend Transit meeting June 8<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion was held with Budget Coordinator Sherry Seright regarding the possible elimination of one full-time custodian position to be replaced by two part-time custodian positions. Seright stated the County has an opening for a full-time custodian, but there would be much more flexibility to staff with two part-time custodians rather than a full-time custodian. Seright stated they have had many quality applicants that only want part-time and they have also had issues in the past with scheduling. On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the elimination of one full-time custodian and authorized two part-time custodian positions for General Services. Ayes: All.

White stated he reviewed the bids for L-(CUL18)—73-70, a bridge replacement project on Iron City Avenue and recommended the Board accept the apparent low bid from Iowa Bridge & Culvert, Washington, Iowa. On a motion by Howard, second by Bonebrake, the Board accepted the bid from Iowa Bridge & Culvert in the amount of \$255,685.00. Ayes: All.

The Board recessed at 10:02 A.M. and reconvened at 10:10 A.M.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board went into closed session at 10:10 A.M. pursuant to Chapter 21.5.1(i), Code of Iowa, for a performance evaluation. Roll call vote: Ayes: All. Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber had requested a closed session. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the Board returned to open session at 11:15 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

MUSCOM Manager Beverly Griffith introduced herself to the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 A.M.

ATTEST:

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Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

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Scott Sauer, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors