

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, September 24, 2018

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

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

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, claims dated September 24, 2018 were approved in the amount of \$768,704.74. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Keith White presented the bids for a PCC parking lot paving project at 3610 Park Avenue West as follows: Heuer Construction - \$349,278.29; and Brandt Construction - \$499,650.30. White will review the bids and return later in the meeting with a recommendation.

White updated the Board on secondary road projects. White stated they have started to look at engineering designs for repairs on F70 west of North Mulberry, 180<sup>th</sup> west of Hwy 38 and 180<sup>th</sup> Street east of Hwy 38, which are going to cost more than \$100,000 each. White stated the projects will be programmed for completion in the next year with temporary fixes to hold them until they can be permanently fixed.

Muscatine County Food Pantry Board President Nora Dwyer updated the Board on the relocation of the Muscatine Community Food Pantry to the Muscatine Center for Strategic Action. Dwyer thanked the County for cooperating with the Food Pantry over the long term and stated the Food Pantry will be opening at MCSA on October 2, 2018. Dwyer stated they should be completely moved out of the County building by the end of October. Dwyer stated they are moving as the Board requested, but they still would like to be able to provide the emergency food sack service to Community Services. Dwyer stated they would like to keep the inventory and pack the approximately 30 emergency food sacks per month at Community Services. Sorensen stated the food pantry was asked to move because it has grown beyond the space able to be provided by the County. Mather stated he is sure the Board can ease whatever transition pains may occur.

White stated he reviewed the bids for the PCC parking lot paving project at 3610 Park Avenue and recommended the Board accept the apparent low bid from Heuer Construction. On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board accepted a bid from the apparent low bidder Heuer Construction in the amount of \$349,278.29 for a PCC parking lot paving project at 3610 Park Avenue West. Ayes: All.

Community Services Director Kathie Anderson-Noel provided a brief overview of Community Services stating General Assistance expenditures are currently at 17.67% of budget and MH expenditures are currently at 12.84 % of budget. Anderson-Noel stated there were 17 commitments for July, of which 7 were hospitalized out of region, and 15

commitments for August, of which 4 were hospitalized out of region. Anderson-Noel stated they currently have 229 trust cases at the end of August and are working on a business plan to address expansion of the trust program. Anderson-Noel stated the MCO provider locally is having difficulty negotiating a rate, but a temporary plan has been worked out. Anderson-Noel reported the Eastern Iowa MH/DD Region has approved quarterly payments to Muscatine County of \$192,202.25 for a total of \$768,809.00 in FY19.

Anderson-Noel stated they could probably store a few more emergency food sacks so she believes they can work out storage of the inventory and sacks with the Food Pantry.

A quarterly update on the Eastern Iowa MH/DD Region was provided by Region CEO Lori Elam. Elam stated this year they will be starting support drop-in centers and crisis stabilization residential services in Muscatine, Clinton and Scott Counties. Elam stated the State has shifted a lot of services to the regions so sustainability and long term funding needs to be addressed before taking on changes from HF2456. Elam stated the Region's cap is \$30.78 per capita which generates approximately \$9,000,000 with the Region having a \$15,000,000 budget so there needs to be a change financially. Elam stated DHS has approached the Region about managing the children's system but the Region is not able to take that on at this time. Elam stated there were 2,127 total evaluations in 2017 and 3,793 in 2018. Elam stated 2018 total crisis calls are estimated to be 1,344 up from 789 last year.

Discussion was held regarding an application for a Class A Native Distilled Spirits Liquor License for Lucky 8 Distillery. Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas stated it is a sole proprietorship with very limited provisions as a home business. Furnas stated the home business cannot have any offensive smells, have no more than eight vehicles arriving per day, no outside advertising and no employees other than the homeowner. Furnas stated if the business is successful, it will have to relocate in a commercially zoned district. On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Sorensen, the Board approved an application for a Class A Native Distilled Spirits Liquor License permit for Lucky 8 Distillery LLC, dba Lucky 8 Distillery, 1636 N. Mulberry Road, Muscatine, IA 52761. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Sorensen, the Board approved a renewal application for a Class C Beer, Class E Liquor License and Sunday Sales permit for Reif Oil Company, dba Stewart Road Fast Break, 2418 Stewart Road, Muscatine, IA 52761. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, minutes of the September 17, 2018 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Mather reported a thank you from a resident to the Engineering Department for addressing the washout issue on 180<sup>th</sup> Street.

Bonebrake reported a call regarding wash boarding and slag on county roads.

Committee Reports:

Sorensen, Sauer and Mather attended a Conference Board meeting September 20<sup>th</sup>.

Sorensen attended a Wilton Development Corporation meeting September 19<sup>th</sup>.

Sauer attended a Muscatine County Fair Board meeting September 20<sup>th</sup>.

Mather attended a Decategorization Board meeting September 21<sup>st</sup>.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the Chairperson was authorized to execute contracts for the Muscatine County Courthouse Third Floor Courtroom Renovation Project as follows: Wolfe Contracting Inc. in the amount of \$578,000.00; Daprato Rigali Studios in the amount of \$57,610.00; FSS Incorporated in the amount of \$125,000.00; and COP, Inc. in the amount of \$80,000.00. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the Chairperson was authorized to execute the FY18/19 Federal Violence Against Women Contract between the Crime Victim Assistance Division of the State of Iowa Department of Justice and Muscatine County in the amount of \$3,471.00, with a \$1,247.00 match. Ayes: All.

Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber reported the County received no applications for the vacancy on the Zoning Commission by the deadline so she will have to re-advertise.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 A.M.

ATTEST:

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Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

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Scott Sauer, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors