

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, November 19, 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 Mather, the agenda was approved as presented. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Howard, claims dated November 19, 2018 were approved in the amount of \$1,043,884.26. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the hiring of Amy Herring as an Assistant County Attorney at \$63,788.00 for the County Attorney's Office. Ayes: All.

Edward Askew, Askew Scientific Consulting, presented additional information regarding slag. Askew stated the County should setup quality control requirements for slag aggregate producers that insure no metal contaminants are included in the slag that will cause flat tires or other damage to vehicles that utilize the gravel road. Askew stated anyone exposed to the material should wear personal protective equipment. Askew stated pH is raised when slag gets wet and anything above a level 9 can be detrimental to a watershed. Askew stated SSAB does not collect samples under the EPA Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) and does not do a total metal analysis for Arsenic and Mercury. Askew stated in his opinion, the slag the County has been using is substandard. Howard stated this information is different from what the County was given years ago and he feels the County should have tests run to make sure the slag they getting is compliant. Mather confirmed that the County needs to establish if they are getting what they think they are getting from the supplier. Mather stated the SDS looks identical to the SDS on crushed rock. Sauer stated he would be interested in comparing the acute toxicity of limestone as compared to slag.

On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the following utility permits: Alliant Energy – run an overhead line on Moscow Road for service to 1131 Moscow Road; and Eastern Iowa Light & Power – rebuild overhead lines along 100th Street. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved plans and specifications for STBG-SWAP-C0700(62)—FG-70 and FM-C070(67)—55-70 for a PCC paving project on G28. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Sorensen, the Board approved an agreement with the Iowa DOT, Agreement No. 5-18-STBG-SWAP-029, for utilization of SWAP funds on a PCC paving project on G28. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Keith White updated the Board on secondary road projects.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved 2018 Family Farm Credit Applications, as recommended by the County Assessor's Office. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held regarding a possible contribution to the Lower Cedar Watershed Management Authority (LCWMA) to be used as match dollars for a future planning grant from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. Sorensen stated the LCWMA is planning to apply for a grant in FY2019-2020. Bonebrake stated he is concerned about duplication of support by taxpayers through multiple agencies contributing to the LCWMA. Howard asked if there is any other group working on watershed management. Sorensen stated to the best of his knowledge this is the only entity working on the Lower Cedar River. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board approved a \$500 contribution to the Lower Cedar Watershed Management Authority to be used as match dollars for a future planning grant from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Mather, minutes of the November 5, 2018 regular meeting and November 14, 2018 special meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

All Supervisors received a complaint regarding road conditions on 152nd Street.

Committee Reports:

Bonebrake attended a Muscatine County Solid Waste Commission meeting November 15th.

Sorensen attended West Liberty Economic Area Development meetings November 12th and November 16th.

Sorensen attended a Lower Cedar Watershed Management Authority meeting November 13th.

Sorensen attended a Wilton Development Corporation meeting November 14th.

Sauer attended a Muscatine County Fair Board meeting November 15th.

Mather attended a Seventh Judicial District meeting November 9th.

Mather attended an In-Depth Financial Planning Session for the Eastern Iowa Mental Health Region November 13th.

Howard attended a Fruitland City Council meeting November 13th.

MUSCOM Manager Beverly Griffith stated the MUSCOM Commission requested that radios be returned by some County departments and she was disappointed to see that 4 employees of the Medical Examiner's office were reimbursed for mileage and one hour of time to return their radios. Sauer stated his understanding is that often times the medical examiner's office would be at a location without any way to communicate without a radio. Griffith stated her opinion is that they all have cell phones and can call 911 if needed. Griffith stated the fire and police do not leave until the location is secured, so there is no need for medical examiner investigators to have a radio.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved the appointment of Tashia Wheeler as a Medical Examiner Investigator for Muscatine County. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber regarding possible submittal of a grant application to ICAP for safety related items. Schreiber stated the Muscatine

County Safety Committee received two requests for consideration. Schreiber stated the Muscatine County Safety Committee recommends that the Board authorize a grant for \$881.80 for the purchase of 10 OSHA safety program training DVDs to be used by all departments to complete required annual training and \$118.20 towards the purchase of additional fall material around the play structures at Jack Shuger Memorial Park in Moscow. Schreiber stated the committee also recommends committing a portion of the 2019 ICAP Safety Grant funds toward the remaining cost of 15 yards of the certified safety mulch for the playground (approximately \$400). On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Sorensen, the Board authorized submittal of a grant application to ICAP for safety related items and material in the amount of \$1,000.00. Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed the health/dental fund balance as of October 31, 2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:46 A.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Scott Sauer, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors