

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Tuesday, January 15, 2019

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met in special session at 9:00 A.M. with Holliday, Sauer, Sorensen and Saucedo present. Mather was absent. Vice-Chairperson Sorensen presiding.

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

Mather entered the meeting at 9:08 A.M. and presided over the rest of the meeting.

Sheriff C.J. Ryan reviewed the FY19/20 budget request for the Sheriff's Office and Jail stating housing out of county is used when the jail is full and local prisoners are moved to Louisa County, but they try to avoid that whenever possible. Ryan stated the medical contract is increasing due to additional mental health hours being provided to the Jail and the addition of a safety cell inside the booking area to better accommodate suicidal prisoners which should be ready by June. In response to a question from Saucedo, Ryan stated there are no more part-time correction officers. Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber stated the Jail is losing recently trained employees to Rock Island County so the County is exploring the possibility of requiring employees to payback the training expense if the employee leaves County employment within a certain amount of time after completing training. Ryan stated the budget includes the replacement of two squad cars this year. Ryan stated squad set up reflects a substantial increase because the previous vendor had gone out of business and all other vendors have always charged considerably more. Ryan stated the Sheriff's Office is responsible for the sex offender registry which has grown to be a 40 hour a week job so he has budgeted for an additional sheriff deputy. Ryan stated in order to have the minimum two car staffing, they have had to routinely hold over a deputy sheriff, bring in a patrol captain or pull an investigator to help with patrol duty. Ryan stated deputies are continually earning in excess of 100 hours of overtime. Ryan stated it takes 130 days to replace a vacated deputy position, plus another 14 weeks if Iowa Law Enforcement Academy certification is needed, so it could take up to 8 months to get a new deputy on the road. Ryan proposed two additional deputies, one this fiscal year, and one in FY19/20. Ryan stated he is also negotiating a new agreement to raise the fee for holding a federal inmate from the current fee of \$65.90 per day. Sorensen asked if new vehicles would be purchased for the new deputies. Ryan stated his department has some extra vehicles to accommodate two additional deputies. Sorensen stated he is in favor of the proposal. Saucedo stated he is in favor of the proposal with the condition next year Ryan show how the department has benefited from the addition of two new deputies. Schreiber stated she will place the addition of one deputy on next week's agenda and the second deputy will be placed into the budget for FY19/20.

Information Services Director Bill Riley reviewed the FY19/20 budget request for the Information Services Department stating one of the items in his budget was for a remote access device for the deputies, but they should be able to get back on the city's system which will save about \$18,000. Riley stated the increase in service agreements is due to a recommendation the County work with a 24/7 third party service to monitor event logs for firewalls, servers, and antivirus solutions at a potential cost of \$10,000. Riley stated the budget includes \$7,500 for a vulnerability assessment of IS to evaluate current security practices and policies and help develop an immediate plan for addressing vulnerabilities. Riley stated \$12,000 has been included

in the budget to pay for a load balancing device which will allow us to maintain a static IP. Riley stated the budget includes the replacement of copiers at the Sheriff's Office and Conservation at a cost of \$10,000. Riley stated the increase in mileage expense is due to his activity on the ICIT Board which requires more travel.

The Board recessed at 10:32 A.M. and reconvened at 10:38 A.M.

County Auditor Leslie Soule reviewed the FY19/20 budget request for the Auditor's Office stating the Auditor's budget reflects no changes. Soule stated the \$11,000 under Sidwell is really for annual archival of old books. Soule stated the archival should be complete by 2021. In response to Mather, Soule stated the archival is only on the old books up to a certain point after which everything is electronic. Soule stated FY19/20 is the first year the school and city election will be combined and held in November. Soule stated Muscatine County will conduct elections for all of the residents of the County including those who previously voted in a different control county which means costs will increase due to having several more ballot styles with the addition of more school districts and cities. Soule stated she has increased the budget accordingly, but may require a budget amendment should the election cost more than projected. Soule stated she has included \$10,000 to replace 22 more Precinct Atlas laptops. Soule requested \$1,500 to purchase charging carts for the 54 Precinct Atlas laptops in order to charge them on a more regular basis, which extends laptop life and facilitates regular updates.

The Board reviewed the FY19/20 budget requests for Administration/Board of Supervisors, Court Services, DHS and General Services with Budget Administrator Sherry Seright and Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 A.M.

ATTEST:

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Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

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Nathan Mather, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors