

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Friday, September 16, 2011 – Special Session

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met in special session at 9:00 A.M. with Howard, Watkins, Kelly and Sorensen present. Furlong was absent. Chairperson Watkins presiding.

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

On a motion by Howard, second by Kelly, the following utility permits were approved: Mid-American Energy Co. – installation of a one inch gas service to a building by boring under Evans Avenue in West Liberty; Liberty Communications – installation of a 12 pair copper cable along Holly Avenue north of 155th Street(F70); Mediacom – installation of fiber optic cable along 231st Street(G28) from State Highway 70 to Blue Heron Avenue and down Blue Heron Avenue to a communications tower; Mediacom – installation of fiber optic cable from Elder Avenue along F62 to Eliason Avenue and down Eliason Avenue to a communications tower. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Keith White updated the Board on road projects.

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met as a Board of Canvassers for the School Elections held on Tuesday, September 13, 2011. The Board certified the following results to be a true and correct abstract of the votes cast in the election.

MUSCATINE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER (Four positions - four year terms) – There were 4,299 votes cast: Clyde Evans received 490 votes, Brenda Garcia Van-Auken received 837 votes, Penny Jones received 744 votes, Robin S. Krueger received 470 votes, Nathan Mather received 804 votes, John F. Simmons received 232 votes, Mary Wildermuth received 691 votes and there was a scattering of 31 votes. Brenda Garcia-Van Auken, Penny Jones, Nathan Mather and Mary Wildermuth were elected.

LOUISA-MUSCATINE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER (Three positions - four year terms) – There were 137 votes cast: Angie Kemp received 45 votes, Pam Lee received 42 votes, Bob Nowak received 45 votes and there was a scattering of 5 votes. Angie Kemp, Pam Lee and Bob Nowak were elected.

WEST LIBERTY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER (Three positions - four year terms) – There were 779 votes cast: Mike Duytschaver received 172 votes, Chris E. Martin received 171 votes, David Millage received 225 votes, Lynne M. Sasmazer received 207 votes and there was a scattering of 4 votes. Mike Duytschaver, David Millage and Lynne M. Sasmazer were elected.

WILTON SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER (Three positions - four year terms) – There were 366 votes cast: Linda A. Duncan received 101 votes, Beau Huber received 51 votes,

Anthony C. Hurd received 97 votes, Gary Maurer received 116 votes and there was a scattering of 1 vote. Linda A. Duncan, Anthony C. Hurd and Gary Maurer were elected.

EASTERN IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE MERGED AREA IX-DIRECTOR DISTRICT 9 (One position - four year term) – there were 425 votes cast. Michelle Garvin received 424 votes and there was a scattering of 1 vote. Scott County is the control county for this election and totals from Muscatine County are added to other counties to determine the winner.

Discussion was held with Maintenance Supervisor Troy Sievert regarding selection of an architect for the Administration Building study. Sievert stated that the proposal from Downing Architects does not include anticipated destructive testing which would be an additional cost of \$9,300. Sievert stated that the other bidders do not anticipate destructive testing, but might do asbestos tests at an additional cost of \$200-\$250. Sievert stated that Shive-Hattery Inc. anticipates one meeting with the Board of Supervisors and two with County staff, whereas Durrant Group stated they anticipate 5 trips to Muscatine, but are willing to meet with the Board however many times the Board deems necessary. Howard stated that Downing Architects came out after the testing with the highest overall bid. Howard stated he prefers Durrant. Sorensen stated he has been satisfied with projects from both Shive-Hattery, Inc. and Durrant Group and feels there is no reason not to go with the low bidder. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kelly, the Board accepted a proposal from Shive-Hattery, Inc. in the amount of \$30,500 for the Administration Building Condition Analysis and the DHS Space Utilization Study. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held regarding the Courthouse roofing contract. Sievert stated that he had received a letter from Hedberg and Son Roofing stating there were some inadvertent omissions in the contract with alternates 3 and 4 and he would like to offer a compromise with a new negotiated price of \$16,330 versus the original \$32,660 for the alternates. Sievert recommended that the Board accept the compromise. Don Seymour, Durrant Group, stated that when the discrepancy arose, he contacted Hedberg and Son Roofing to see if they were still willing to honor the bid and they offered a compromise. Seymour stated that it is in the best interest of the County to proceed with this compromise due to the favorable pricing they received in the original bid. Kelly stated that this contract after adjusted is still significantly lower than the next bid. Board consensus was to waive the irregularity and accept the proposal. The contract will be placed on Monday's agenda for action. Eric Hedberg stated he appreciates the Board working with him on this and that he plans on installing a beautiful roof on the Courthouse.

Correspondence:

Howard received a phone call regarding the use of slag on County roads.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 A.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

David H. Watkins, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors