

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, January 30, 2017

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

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

On a motion by Sauer, second by Howard, claims dated January 30, 2017 were approved in the amount of \$322,603.15. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Mather, the Board approved Resolution #01-30-17-01 Authorizing Weight Embargoes on Secondary Roads. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

County Engineer Keith White reported that Muscatine County had some damage with heavy loads due to the thaw that is now frozen again. In response to a question from Sauer, White reported that Hunter's Road is a private road that intersects with Seven Springs Road.

Douglas Steinmetz, Architect, gave a presentation of the Rehabilitation and Adaptive Reuse Plan for the Former Sheriff's Office/Jail. Steinmetz stated total square footage of museum space would be approximately 800 square feet (21' X 36'). Steinmetz stated the first floor would house the museum. Steinmetz stated while the front of the building would be restored historically, there is nothing of historical nature in the rear of the building that currently houses County maintenance so it would be finished more modernly. Steinmetz stated restrooms would be constructed in the previous maintenance workroom and the rear maintenance area would still be available to County maintenance with an equipment garage added to the rear of the building. Steinmetz stated the second floor would be used for storage of records on the load bearing walls. Steinmetz stated the basement would house additional storage for the museum along with the County's geothermal system. Steinmetz stated Phase 1 would be the stabilization of the building with an approximate cost of \$70,000. Steinmetz stated rehabilitation with approximate costs is as follows: Phase 2 – addition of the garage and sitework (\$330,000); Phase 3 – rehabilitation of the house (\$212,000); and Phase 4 – restroom, office space and cellar improvements (\$288,000). Sorensen asked about the long term use of the building. Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission Chairperson Lisa Wertzbaugher stated the Commission is looking at this as a museum and a place for the preservation commission to be headquartered. Wertzbaugher stated on their past projects, the actual cost of rehabilitating buildings has been lower than what was budgeted. Steinmetz stated the museum portion of the building would have a different climate control than the rear maintenance area due to the requirement to control humidity for the records being stored in the museum. Wertzbaugher stated this is the first project that would be for the Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission rather than the Commission supporting someone else's project. Wertzbaugher stated the next step would be development of a friends group to handle the funds for this project. Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commissioner Tom Furlong stated completion of the project would probably span several years.

The Board canvassed the Drainage District #2 Election held on January 24, 2017. Results were as follows: For the office of Trustee for a three-year term beginning January 28, 2017 – 3 votes were cast. Chris Meacham received 3 votes. Chris Meacham was elected.

The Board canvassed the Drainage District #9 Election held on January 21, 2017. Results were as follows: For the office of Trustee for a three-year term beginning January 28, 2017 – 4 votes were cast. David Millage received 3 votes and George Meyers received one vote. David Millage was elected.

The Board canvassed the Levee District #17 Election held on January 21, 2017. Results were as follows: For the office of Trustee for a three-year term beginning January 28, 2017 – 4 votes were cast. Louis Broders received 4 votes. Louis Broders was elected.

The Board canvassed the Muscatine-Louisa Island Levee Second District Election held on January 21, 2017. Results were as follows: For the office of Trustee for a three-year term beginning January 28, 2017 – 9 votes were cast. Keith Bartenhagen received 9 votes. Keith Bartenhagen was elected.

The Board canvassed the Muscatine-Louisa Drainage District #13 Second District Election held on January 21, 2017. Results were as follows: For the office of Trustee for a three-year term beginning January 28, 2017 – 3,853 votes were cast. Terry Martin received 3,853 votes. Terry Martin was elected.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sauer, minutes of the January 23, 2017 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

#### Correspondence:

The Board received a notice from the City of West Liberty that they are in the process of amending their Urban Renewal Plan.

The Board received a notice from the County Attorney of an Assessed Valuation Litigation settlement with Arctic Properties LLC.

The Board received a notification from Community Services Director Mike Johannsen of his retirement effective June 30, 2017.

Mather, Sorensen, Howard and Sauer reported a contact regarding a pothole on Hunter's Road near Seven Springs Road.

Mather, Sorensen, Howard and Sauer reported a contact regarding opposition to the Bayer acquisition of Monsanto.

All supervisors received a thank you from Christy Roby-Williams for the funding for Trinity Community Nursing.

Howard and Sorensen reported calls regarding funding for Senior Resources.

#### Committee Reports:

Sauer attended a Muscatine County Conservation meeting January 26<sup>th</sup>.

Sorensen attended a Bi-State Executive Committee meeting January 25<sup>th</sup>.

Sorensen and Howard attended a Bi-State Regional meeting January 25<sup>th</sup>.

Sorensen attended a West Liberty Economic Area Development monthly meeting and an annual meeting January 26<sup>th</sup>.

Mather attended the ISAC New Officer School in Des Moines on January 18<sup>th</sup>.

Budget Administrator Sherry Seright presented the following bids for demolition of the former DHS Building: Valley Construction - \$88,430; Brauns Excavating - \$138,500; DW Zinser Co - \$143,000; Sulzberger Excavating - \$195,000; SulzCo, Inc. - \$200,000 and Triple B Construction - \$216,350. On a motion by Howard, second by Mather, the Board accepted a bid from Valley Construction in the amount of \$88,430 for demolition of the County-owned former DHS Building at 3210 Harmony Lane, Muscatine, IA. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Chairperson was authorized to execute a Subscription License and Services Agreement with Tyler Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$191,661 plus annual fees of \$104,161. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sauer, the Board appointed Stacey Eberhard as the Board of Supervisors' second representative to the Muscatine County Compensation Board. Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 A.M.

ATTEST:

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Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

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Scott Sauer, Vice-Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors