

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, July 2, 2018

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:01 A.M. with Howard, Mather, Sorensen and Bonebrake present. Sauer was absent. Vice-chairperson Mather presiding.

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

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Howard, claims dated July 2, 2018 were approved in the amount of \$197,769.48. Ayes: All.

Community Services Director Kathie Anderson-Noel updated the Board on Community Services departmental activity. Anderson-Noel stated as of the end of May, year-to-date Mental Health expenditures are \$1,388,956.84 which is 77.40% of the total budget. Anderson-Noel stated as of the end of May, year-to-date General Assistance expenditures are \$410,191.00 which is 82.40% of the total budget. Anderson-Noel stated there were 19 Mental Health commitments in May. Anderson-Noel stated there are 228 active cases in the Trust Program.

Discussion was held with Anderson-Noel regarding authorizing the Chair to execute a Business Associate Agreement between Muscatine County Community Services and Iowa Counties Technology Services (ICTS). Anderson-Noel stated this agreement is to ensure protected health information entered through the Community Services Network system remains protected. On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Sorensen, the Chair was authorized to execute a Business Associate Agreement between Muscatine County Community Services and Iowa Counties Technology Services (ICTS). Ayes: All.

Anderson-Noel reviewed a report from United Way on ALICE (Asset Limited Income Constrained, Employed) households in Muscatine County. In response to a question from Howard, Anderson-Noel stated ALICE households are working families that, based on the cost of housing, child care, food and transportation, do not earn enough money to meet their basic needs. Anderson-Noel stated the number of ALICE households in the City of Muscatine is 42%.

Discussion was held with Muscatine Center for Strategic Action Executive Director Charla Schafer and Program Director Scott Dahlke regarding assistance services and programs available at MCSA. Schafer stated MCSA offers shelter for the homeless, sheltering for victims of domestic violence, a rapid rehousing program, a homeless prevention program, 68 units of permanent supportive housing and a number of supportive health services. Schafer stated Scott Dahlke will be assuming the role of Executive Director in two weeks. Schafer stated the leading cause of homelessness is the lack of affordable housing. Schafer stated last year MCSA served 365 individuals, 104 of which were children, through sheltering services. Schafer stated this morning there were 16 children staying with them. Dahlke stated they are working with Muscatine Community College on helping individuals get a GED, take CNA classes and participate in a pilot welding program. Dahlke stated they have partnered with the City on a renters program and with Hy-Vee on a food program. Schafer stated they have received an \$180,000 grant for the rapid rehousing program.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Howard, the Board affirmed a submission of a Grants to Counties application between the Muscatine County Board of Health and the Iowa Department of Public Health for well testing, well plugging and well reconstruction activities in the amount of \$30,612.00. Ayes: All.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas updated the Board on the lack of progress in fixing the panic button and adding security measures to the Zoning and Secondary Roads building. Furnas stated the office does have a public safety radio with a panic button that can be used if an emergency response is needed. Furnas stated he plans to follow up with the Sheriff's Office regarding updating the security measures in both offices. In response to a question from the Board, Furnas stated there have been no fireworks issues to date.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Howard, the Board approved an ordinance rezoning approximately 44 acres in Seventy-Six Township from A-1 Agricultural District to R-1 Residential District on the second of three readings. Roll call vote: Ayes: Sorensen, Mather and Howard. Nay: Bonebrake. Bonebrake stated he is not opposed to construction of a residence on this property but is opposed to rezoning the property for possible future development as a subdivision.

On a motion by Howard, second by Bonebrake, minutes of the June 25, 2018 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

All Board Members received an email regarding e-coli levels found in the Cedar River Watershed.

Howard reported a contact from a citizen regarding a Resolution.

Sorensen reported communication with the Muscatine Levee Stakeholders Commission regarding a survey to be completed by owners of commercial and industrial property which may allow access to FEMA funding when raising the levee.

Committee Reports:

Howard attended a Milestone Area Agency on Aging Foundation meeting and a Milestone Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council meeting June 26th.

Mather attended a Bi-State Regional meeting June 27th with Sauer.

Sorensen attended a West Liberty Economic Area Development Board meeting June 28th.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Howard, the Board adopted an updated Muscatine County Fixed Assets and Physical Inventory Policy and an updated Muscatine County Capital Assets Policy. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the Board accepted the June 2018 payroll claims. Ayes: All.

Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber updated the Board on the Tyler software conversion and changes in publishing County Resolutions.

Schreiber informed the Board the closed session for a performance evaluation has been postponed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 A.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Scott Sauer, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors