

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, May 14, 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 Bonebrake, the agenda was approved as presented. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Planning & Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas on his request to hire an additional full time Building Inspector for the Zoning/Building/Environmental Office. Furnas stated a need has developed for another Building Inspector due to recently acquiring commercial/industrial inspections and a significant increase in construction activity. Furnas stated between January and May of 2018, total permits have increased 44% and new home permits have increased 200%. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board authorized the hiring of one additional full-time Building Inspector for the Zoning/Building/Environmental Office. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, a public hearing was set for June 4, 2018 at 9:00 A.M. on a request to rezone approximately 42 acres in Sweetland Township from A-1 Agricultural District to R-1 Residential District. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the following utility permits: Interstate Power and Light – cap off gas mains at 2672 Stewart Road and at Monsanto Butterfly Park near Wiggins Road; and Liberty Communications – installing fiber optic cable on portions of Atwood Avenue, 130th Street, 140th Street, 155th Street, Bancroft Avenue, Birkett Avenue, Clark Avenue and Davis Avenue. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Keith White reported the project on Zachary Avenue is completed.

Community Services Director Kathy Anderson-Noel stated General Assistance and Mental Health are on target in all areas so they will most likely come in under budget at the end of the fiscal year. Anderson-Noel stated the main reason the County is paying more to MCSA is because there was a gap between the \$5 per night the County was paying and the \$13 per night that MCSA charged, so the County raised what it will pay to \$13 per night. Anderson-Noel stated no one was being displaced because the County was only paying \$5 per night. Bonebrake asked why the County is paying more if no one was being displaced because we weren't paying the full amount. Anderson-Noel stated because it makes sense. Sorensen asked where the overage for rent is coming from in the budget. Anderson-Noel stated medical, funeral, food and utilities are all running under budget. Sorensen asked why he is seeing more and more need when the point of the shelter case coordinator was to get people off of assistance by teaching how to budget. Anderson-Noel stated they are not paying more for the coordinator, they are paying more for rent. Sorensen asked how MCSA is helping a person. Anderson-Noel stated MCSA started a welding program this year to train people how to weld and they have acquired a building on 4th street with apartments to transition people from the shelter back into independent living. Sauer stated he has never seen any results of any of the programs through MCSA.

Anderson-Noel stated gathering the data is not an easy thing to do at Community Services, but MCSA could provide that information. Mather stated he would like to see if they can come up with an idea of how a person's life has changed because of the program. Howard would like to see what services MCSA provides that takes care of the mandated services the County has to provide. Anderson-Noel stated in April, they had 18 total commitments (11 mental health, 2 dual mental health and substance abuse, 1 substance abuse). Anderson stated year-to-date they have had 78 mental health cases, 40 substance abuse cases and 17 dual mental health and substance abuse cases which is close to what Clinton County has had. Anderson-Noel stated the crisis center is helping to reduce the cost of commitments. Sauer stated he wants future reports to reflect the number of people that have been helped.

On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Sorensen, minutes of the May 7, 2018 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Bonebrake reported he is still doing some follow-up on the call he had regarding the condition of the Conesville Cemetery.

Mather reported a seal coating issue on a road south of Nichols.

Mather reported a contact regarding a possible location for the food pantry.

Committee Reports:

Sorensen attended a Lower Cedar Watershed Management Authority meeting May 8th.

Sorensen attended a MUSCOM meeting May 9th.

Information Services Director Bill Riley stated the Incode financial system has started the go live process which will take about 5 weeks. Riley stated the boardroom video system has been replaced and a camera has been added.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved Resolution #05-14-18-01 Transferring \$975,000 from the Rural Services Fund to the Secondary Roads Fund. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION #05-14-18-01
TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE RURAL SERVICES FUND TO THE
SECONDARY ROADS FUND**

WHEREAS, it is desired to authorize the Auditor periodically to transfer sums from the Rural Services Fund to the Secondary Roads Fund; and

WHEREAS, said transfers must be in accordance with Sections 331.429 and 331.432 of the Code of Iowa.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors that the Auditor is authorized to transfer \$975,000 from the Rural Services Fund to the Secondary Roads Fund.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 14th day of May, 2018.

ATTEST:

/s/Leslie A. Soule
Muscatine County Auditor

/s/Scott Sauer, Chairperson
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved a Credit Card Acceptance Policy. Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed the health/dental fund balance as of April 30, 2018.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board authorized the Chair to execute paperwork necessary to renew health and dental Third Party Administrator services with Wellmark, Inc. effective July 1, 2018. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board approved the proposed health and dental premiums effective July 1, 2018. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, the Board set an annual enrollment period for health insurance and an open enrollment for dental insurance for May 23, 2018 through June 6, 2018. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber regarding programs presented last week by Wellmark representative DeVonne Harford. Board consensus was that they do not plan to proceed with the Blue Distinction program as the costs to the County would be more than the savings the County might receive from employees joining this program. As for the Naturally Slim program, Schreiber stated there is another relatively low cost program that she has asked Wellmark to return for a more comprehensive presentation.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 A.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Scott Sauer, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors