

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, July 23, 2012

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 7:00 P.M. with Furlong, Howard, Kelly, Watkins and Sorensen present. Chairperson Kelly presiding.

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

On a motion by Watkins, second by Howard, the Board approved Resolution #07-23-12-01 Renaming the Iowa Highway 61 Bypass to Douglas King Memorial Expressway. Roll call vote: Ayes: All. Howard stated that he had an abnormally high amount of contacts regarding this matter and all but a couple were in support of the renaming of the Highway 61 Bypass. Furlong stated he also received overwhelming support for this because of Doug King's heroism. Watkins, Sorensen and Kelly also received a lot of calls and felt a lot of pride in being able to be a part of honoring Doug King.

On a motion by Watkins, second by Furlong, the Board approved Resolution #07-23-12-02 Approving Vacation of a Utility Easement of Lot 1, Lake View Estates in Muscatine County, Iowa. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Furlong, second by Sorensen, the Board approved a preliminary plat of the proposed re-plat of Lot 1, Lake View Estates, containing approximately 5.74 acres in Bloomington Township. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Furlong, second by Sorensen, the Board approved Resolution #07-23-12-03 Approval of Final Plat of the Replat of Lot 1, Lake View Estates. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed a variance granted by the Muscatine County Board of Adjustment on July 6, 2012 for the Greiner Subdivision. Jerry D. Murphy, Record Owner, and Claude Greiner, Proposed Buyer, requested approval of the preliminary and final plat of the proposed one lot agricultural subdivision, Greiner Subdivision. The petitioners also asked for a Variance from the minimum standards in an A-1 Agricultural District. They are asking to have a 50' lot width to the back of the property, instead of the required 150' and also and ingress/egress to 277th Street, since they do not own the property up to the road. This property is located in Orono Township, North of 277th Street, the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 31-T76N-R4W, containing approximately 19.51 acres, and is zoned A-1 Agricultural District. Furlong stated that he thinks the County needs to look at what Johnson County did to control people who just buy acreage to put up a livestock confinement, but have no responsibility outside of that acreage. Board consensus was that Zoning Administrator Jodee Stepleton should start doing some research and hold some public meetings with the Board of Adjustment to discuss options. On a motion by Howard, second by Watkins, the Board accepted a Variance for Greiner Subdivision as approved by the Board of Adjustment. Ayes: All. Furlong stated that although he disagrees, he is voting for the variance because it was filed for within the current rules of Muscatine County.

On a motion by Watkins, second by Sorensen, the Board approved a preliminary plat of the proposed one lot agricultural subdivision, Greiner Subdivision, containing approximately 19.51 acres in Orono Township. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, the Board approved Resolution #07-23-12-04 Approval of Final Plat of Greiner Subdivision. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed a variance granted by the Muscatine County Board of Adjustment on July 6, 2012. Case #12-07-02 is an application filed by Chad D. Eichelberger, Record Owner. This property is located in Lake Township, Parcel D, 1824 205th Street, West of 205th Street, in the NW¹/₄ of Section 28-T77N-R3W, containing approximately 5.62 acres, and is zoned A-1 Agricultural District. This request, if approved, would allow the Zoning Administrator to issue a Variance in order for Mr. Eichelberger to build an outbuilding in front of the dwelling and right on the front property line, instead of being 50 feet back from the front property line. The Board of Adjustment felt that this was the only location for the outbuilding due to the rear of the property being located in the flood plain, the steep ravine and the existing location of the house. On a motion by Watkins, second by Howard, the Board accepted a Variance for Case #12-07-02 as approved by the Board of Adjustment. Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed a variance denied by the Muscatine County Board of Adjustment on July 6, 2012. Case #12-07-01 is an application filed by Gary A. Hafner, Record Owner. This property is located in Cedar Township, Parcel C, 2678 Echo Avenue, West of Echo Avenue in the SE¹/₄ of Section 27-T76N-R4W, containing approximately 7.44 acres, and is zoned A-1 Agricultural District. This request, if approved, would allow the Zoning Administrator to issue a Variance in order for Mr. Hafner to build an outbuilding in front of his dwelling and be 25 feet from the front lot line, instead of the required 50 feet. The Board of Adjustment denied the Variance because they felt that Mr. Hafner had several other options to locate the structure behind the house or north of the house.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, minutes of the Monday, July 16, 2012 regular meeting and the Wednesday, July 18, 2012 special meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

A motion was made by Sorensen, seconded by Watkins, to approve claims dated July 23, 2012 in the amount of \$283,737.41. County Auditor Leslie Soule questioned public purpose on a Bancard claim that included a gas receipt in the amount of \$36.76 for an employee to attend another employee's parent's funeral. Furlong stated they have had a number of employee family deaths in the past few years and the County has never paid expenses to attend a funeral. The Board agreed this should be a personal expense. On a motion by Watkins, second by Furlong, the motion was amended to remove \$36.76 from the Claims Register. Ayes: All. Howard asked for additional information to be provided after the meeting regarding a large purchase of toilet paper, but he did not want the claim removed from the Claims Register. The claims dated July 23, 2012 were approved as amended in the amount of \$283,700.65. Ayes: All. The Board directed Soule to contact

Sheriff White to obtain a personal check to be included with the claim to pay the outstanding balance on the County's charge card.

Correspondence:

Howard was contacted regarding road grading on west end of Bayfield.
All Supervisors received numerous contacts regarding the possible renaming of the Hwy 61 Bypass to Douglas King Memorial Expressway.

Committee Reports:

Sorensen attended a Wilton Development Corporation meeting July 18th.

Howard and Kelly attended the ISU Extension 100 Year Celebration July 18th. On July 23rd, all Supervisors attended a presentation and tour given by Grain Processing Corporation highlighting progress on their efforts to clean air through the construction of a new dryer house.

On a motion by Furlong, second by Howard, the Chair was authorized to execute the Iowa/Byrne – Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program/ARRA FFY10 Recovery Act Contract in the amount of \$79,878 which consists of \$59,909 in federal funds with a \$19,969 local match. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Watkins, second by Howard, the Chair was authorized to execute a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Planning application and related documents including Resolution #07-23-12-05 Local Match for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program in the amount of \$55,000 which consists of \$41,250 in federal funds, \$5,500 in state funds and a \$8,250 local match. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed the health/dental fund balance as of June 30, 2012.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 P.M.

ATTEST:

Julie Holliday
Election/Real Estate Administrator

Kas Kelly, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors