

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, September 26, 2016

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

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

On a motion by Howard, second by Kelly, claims dated September 26, 2016 were approved in the amount of \$826,692.05. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, the Board approved the following utility permit: Winsdstream Communications – replace existing cable in the right-of-way along Davis Avenue north of Nichols. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Keith White updated the Board on secondary roads construction projects and current flood level projections. White stated empty sandbags are available to County residents at the Secondary Road's office.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sauer, minutes of the September 19, 2016 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

No correspondence was noted.

Committee Reports:

Howard attended a Muscatine County Veterans Affairs meeting September 20th.

Kelly attended an Eastern Iowa Mental Health/Disability Services Region meeting September 19th.

Sorensen attended a West Liberty Economic Area Development meeting September 22nd.

Sauer attended a Muscatine County Conservation Board meeting September 19th.

Sauer attended a Riverbend Transit meeting September 21st.

Sauer attended a Muscatine County Board of Health meeting September 21st.

Sorensen attended a Greater Muscatine Chamber of Commerce luncheon with the Counsel General from China September 20th.

County Auditor Leslie Soule stated the Auditor's Office began mailing absentee ballots today and will begin in-office voting Thursday, September 29th. Soule also stated there will be satellite voting from 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. at the Muscatine Community College McAvoy Center on October 17th and St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish Life Center in West Liberty on October 18th.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved a revised class specification for the Building, Zoning and Environmental Inspector position with a grade change recommendation on the revised class specification from Grade 10 to Grade 12 and placed the current Building, Zoning and Environmental Inspector Jim Schaapveld at a Grade 12, Step 10 effective October 1, 2016. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Kelly, the Board appointed Anna Mack to the Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission to fill a vacancy for a term ending January 1, 2017. Ayes: All.

The Board by consensus directed Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber to pursue a one year union contract with AFSCME which represents foodservice staff, nurses and clerical staff at the Jail in order to sync it with the three Teamster contracts that are two year contracts expiring next year.

Schreiber stated Wellmark is offering convenience care virtual visits free to employees requiring only an enrollment process with the virtual visits typically being cheaper to the employee. Board consensus was to proceed with offering the service to employees. The Board also expressed interest in the Naturally Slim program through Wellmark directing Schreiber to look into the costs associated with the program.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 P.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, October 3, 2016

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

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

A Public Hearing was called to order by Chairperson Sorensen at 9:02 A.M. on a request from Kirk and Kim K. Latta, Record Owners, to rezone approximately 75 acres of property located in Moscow Township from A-1 Agricultural District to R-1 Residential District. Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas stated the Zoning Commission recommended the zoning on a 3-2 vote. Kirk Latta stated he does not intend to fully develop the parcel as he is only planning to build a home for his daughter on the north parcel. Bonebrake has seen developments crop up next to a confinement facility that then complain about the smell. Furnas stated there is another layer of approval through the subdivision process. Sorensen stated he could support the rezoning, but would not support a large development. Sauer stated he does not have an issue with rezoning the north parcel, but does not agree with rezoning the south parcel. Bonebrake agreed with Sauer. Bonebrake stated he would like to see a specific site rezoned, but would not support rezoning the entire 75 acres. Howard stated he does not see an issue with the rezoning. On a motion by Howard, second by Sauer, the public hearing was closed at 9:20 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

A motion was made by Howard, seconded by Sorensen, to approve an ordinance rezoning approximately 75 acres of property located in Moscow Township from A-1 Agricultural District to R-1 Residential District on the first of three readings. Roll call vote: Ayes: Howard and Sorensen. Nays: Sauer and Bonebrake. Motion failed.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #10-03-16-01 Approval of a Combined Preliminary and Final Plat of Pheasant Crossing, Lot 1, containing approximately 5.76 acres located in Seventy-Six Township. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with JJ Koehler of FSS, Inc. regarding a proposal for additional cameras in the Muscatine County Administration Building. Information Services Director Bill Riley stated the additional cameras would be installed in the Muscatine County Administration Building offices and parking lot. Riley stated the security footage will be stored on the new courthouse camera system for a minimum of 30 days for the offices and 2 weeks for the parking lots. Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber stated this was not included in the current budget, but there is carryover to accommodate the project if the Board approves to proceed. On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Sauer, the Board approved a proposal for a security camera system in the Muscatine County Administration Building in the amount of \$37,251.00 from FSS Inc. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Sauer, the letting date was set for November 7, 2016 at 9:00 A.M. for L-(FEMA2013C)—73-70, two pipe culvert replacements on 215th Street due to the flood of 2014 and for L-(CUL17)—73-70 pipe culvert replacements on 181st Street and Bayfield Road. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Keith White updated the Board on current flooding and Secondary Road Projects. White stated flooding has closed the quarry and an asphalt plant which will slow down the project by Fruitland. Sauer reported an issue with a CenturyLink contractor plowing through an asphalt driveway. White will contact CenturyLink regarding the issue. Sauer asked White about flooding on Iron City Avenue. White stated the water went over the top of the berm in several areas. Sauer stated it needs to be determined who owns the material placed near Hwy 22 50 or so years ago. White stated the levee to the north is two to three feet higher and the area to the south looks like material just pushed up with no real thickness or height. Sauer stated he received calls from several residents about who owns the berm. White stated the County performs no maintenance in that area and his opinion is the deedholder is the owner. White stated in 2008 with FEMA funds the openings were filled in and turned into drive overs to get to the cabins but the County does not maintain that area.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sauer, minutes of the September 26, 2016 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

The Board received a notice from the City of Muscatine proposing amending an urban renewal plan for the Consolidated Muscatine Urban Renewal Area with a meeting to discuss the proposed amendment on October 3rd at 2:00 P.M. and a public hearing scheduled for October 20th at 7:00 P.M.

Sauer reported several calls regarding flooding issues.

Sauer reported a call regarding a fence issue.

Committee Reports:

Sorensen attended a Bi-State Regional meeting September 28th.

Information Services Director Bill Riley stated it was just brought to his attention that there is no security camera for the parking area behind the red brick building and proposed adding one for \$1,050. On a motion by Howard, second by Sauer, the Board approved amending the earlier motion for security cameras to add a security camera behind the red brick building for an additional \$1,050. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Sauer, the Board authorized the Chair to sign a disaster declaration for Muscatine County and surrounding areas. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sauer, the Board approved placing Beatrice Strong in the Financial Services Support II position (Grade 8, Step 14) and eliminated the Case Management Case Aide position. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Bonebrake, the Board accepted the September 2016 payroll claims. Ayes: All.

Sauer informed the audience that October is breast cancer awareness month.

Howard informed the audience that Veteran Affairs is still looking for volunteer drivers.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 A.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors