

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, January 8, 2007

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. with Shoultz, Dean, Kelly, Furlong and Watkins present. Chairperson Kelly presiding.

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

A Public Hearing was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Chairperson Kelly on a request from Harry W. Marx, record owner, to rezone approximately 54 acres in Fruitland Township from R-1 Residential District to R-2 Residential District. Marx said it would be more practical for development if it was rezoned. Furlong voiced concerns with rezoning such a large area. Shoultz noted that the adjacent area was also R-2, and this rezoning may help the future tax base. Watkins questioned whether Fruitland had jurisdiction over the land within 2 miles of the city limits and if there would be city water or well hook-ups. On a motion by Watkins, second by Dean, the Board continued the public hearing to Monday, January 15, 2007 at 10:00 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Clerk of Court Jeff Tollenaer and Judge Patrick Madden regarding Courthouse space needs and security issues. Tollenaer reported the most pressing space needs would first be for filing space, then office space. Tollenaer stated that he would like to see both Clerk of Court offices combined on the first floor along with a Magistrate's Courtroom to reduce security risks. Judge Madden agreed with Tollenaer, adding that he would like to see one entrance locked using only one entrance. Watkins stated that it would be helpful for Tollenaer, Madden and staff from Juvenile Probation to walk through the Courthouse to get an idea of what would work for them. Furlong suggested appointing two Board members to work with the court offices to assist with planning and requested it to be placed on the next agenda.

On a motion by Shoultz, second by Dean, the Board approved Resolution#01-08-07-01 Approving an Iowa County Treasurers Egovernment Alliance (ICTEA) 28E Agreement, with Jerry Coffman. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

The Board held their monthly meeting with County Engineer Keith White.

On a motion by Dean, second by Watkins, the Board approved the following utility permits: Eastern Iowa Light and Power – respan existing line with new poles on New Era Road and Vail Avenue; Eastern Iowa Light and Power – bore from existing pole in right of way, east under N. Tipton Road to private property owned by Mike Deahr in Bloomington Township south of 1745 N. Tipton Road; Eastern Iowa Light and Power – set 2 poles and anchors to get away from trees in yard at 2430 Jasper Avenue. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Watkins, second by Furlong, the Board approved Agreement 06-5-HBP-042 to allow the use of federal bridge funds to replace a bridge located on Vail Avenue over Pine Creek. Ayes: All.

White updated the Board on various issues. Watkins stated concern regarding the rough condition of gravel roads near stop signs.

On a motion by Watkins, second by Dean, the Board approved a contract with the Corps of Engineers for patrol services at Clark's Ferry and Shady Creek Recreation Areas. Ayes: All.

First Deputy Sheriff Major Dave White discussed using the former County care facility building as a minimum security facility to replace the work release center. Board members will further discuss multiple options at a future date.

On a motion by Dean, second by Shoultz, the Board accepted the County Auditor's Report of Fees Collected for the quarter ending December 31, 2006 in the amount of \$304.02, and the County Recorder's Report of Fees Collected for the quarter ending December 31, 2006 in the amount of \$76,422.33. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Furlong, second by Watkins, minutes of the Tuesday, January 2, 2007 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Committee Reports:

Dean attended the Muscatine County Commitment Process and Jail Mental Health Committee meeting January 3rd.

Watkins made a motion, second by Furlong, to approve Resolution #01-08-07-02 Appointing Shoultz and Furlong as the Muscatine County Representatives to the Muscatine County Joint Communications Commission. Dean stated that she had been on the committee since inception and past practice had been to allow Board members to remain on committees they have been serving on if they chose. Dean stated replacing a Board member who wishes to retain a seat is unprecedented. Dean said she would not like to see conflict, controversy or dissension develop over a committee appointment. Dean also said that as a County Supervisor she represents all of Muscatine County, including small towns and rural areas, so by replacing her on the committee she was just being replaced by another city representative and as she has not heard any complaints regarding her service on the committee she does not understand the problem. Dean stated that at the last committee meeting she was elected Chairperson of this committee and would like to serve as Chairperson. Dean added that as there are two representatives from the City Council and two from the County Board of Supervisors, if both Board members were replaced the new people would not have the experience or knowledge, which would put the county at a disadvantage. Shoultz stated that he felt he should be on the committee due to his experience with First Responders and Mutual Aid. Furlong stated that he feels it is time for a change and there is room for improvement. Watkins stated that although he disagrees, there is a perception to some citizens that since Dean lives in the city and is good friends with members of the City Council that she serves the city, which is why he made the motion. Kelly agreed with Dean and felt both members should not be replaced at one time. Roll call vote: Ayes: Shoultz, Furlong and Watkins. Nays: Dean and Kelly.

Discussion was held regarding the appointment of William Koellner of West Liberty to the Board of Health for a three-year term ending December 31, 2009. Administrative Assistant Nancy Schreiber stated that Koellner was recommended by Jane Caes of Community Health. Furlong made a motion, second by Watkins, to table the appointment pending advertising as with other Board appointments. Ayes: All.

The Board recessed at 10:31 A.M. and reconvened at 10:40 A.M. to hear budget requests for FY07/08 from outside agencies with Shoultz, Dean, Kelly, Furlong and Watkins present.

EMS – Thomas Summitt			
FY06/07 Allocation	\$ 1,400	FY07/08 Request	\$ 1,558
Law Library			
FY06/07 Allocation	\$ 13,000	FY07/08 Request	\$ 13,000
Muscatine Legal Services – Roland Caldwell			
FY06/07 Allocation	\$ 18,000	FY07/08 Request	\$ 19,000
Y-Family Program Services (young moms) – Susan Cory and Diana Broderson			
FY06/07 Allocation	\$ 24,000	FY07/08 Request	\$ 25,134
MCSA Case Coordinator – Sister Irma Ries			
FY-6/07 Allocation	\$ 25,000	FY07/08 Request	\$ 25,500
MCSA Shelter Subsidy – Mike Johannsen			
FY06/07 Allocation	\$ 26,000	FY07/08 Request	\$ 26,500

The Board recessed at 12:00 P.M. and reconvened at 1:00 P.M.

Muscatine County Fair Board – Richard Smith and Donna Hintermeister			
FY06/07 Allocation	\$ 40,000	FY07/08 Request	\$ 40,000
River Bend Transit – Randy Zobrist			
FY06/07 Allocation	\$ 7,100	FY07/07 Request	\$ 7,313
Senior Resources – Barb Kral			
FY06/07 Allocation	\$ 39,250	FY07/08 Request	\$ 40,428
Muscatine County Humane Society – Chris McGinnis			
FY06/07 Allocation	\$ 12,000	FY07/08 Request	\$ 12,000
West Liberty Development Corp – Karen Lathrop and Cindy Mays			
FY06/07 Allocation	\$ 3,200	FY07/08 Request	\$ 3,200

On a motion by Furlong, second by Watkins, the meeting adjourned at 2:35 P.M. Ayes: All.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Kas Kelly, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors