

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, October 9, 2017

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

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

On a motion by Sauer, second by Bonebrake, claims dated October 9, 2017 were approved in the amount of \$1,200,355.12. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Mather, the Board approved Ordinance #10-09-17-01 Rezoning Certain Real Property in Fruitland Township from I-2 Heavy Industrial District Zoning Classification to R-1 Residential District Zoning Classification on the third and final reading. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

Discussion was held regarding a proposed re-plat of Lot 18 of Margate Addition Replat Kent Estates, into five residential lots. Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas stated the Zoning Commission met in August 2016 to consider the development of one of the old golf course fairways into five residential lots. The Zoning Commission recommended approval of the development subject to concerns regarding waste water handling being addressed with the Zoning Administrator through the development of a storm and waste water system. Furnas stated they had an engineer develop a plan for a common line to carry treated waste water from the sand filters to an appropriate discharge location by a large culvert through an easement on Paul Reeb's property to the east. Furnas reported some homeowner association concerns that this type of development is not allowed in their covenants, but the Zoning Commission's opinion was that the County does not enforce covenants and the homeowner's association has other means of stopping the development if it does not meet the requirements of their covenants. On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Sauer, the Board approved a preliminary plat of the proposed re-plat of Lot 18 of Margate Addition Replat Kent Estates, into five (5) residential lots. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Bonebrake, the Board accepted the Muscatine County Auditor's Office Report of Fees Collected for the quarter ending September 30, 2017 in the amount of \$544.40. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Bonebrake, the Board accepted the Muscatine County Recorder's Office Report of Fees Collected for the quarter ending September 30, 2017 in the amount of \$65,240.12. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Bonebrake, the Board accepted the Muscatine County Sheriff's Office - Civil Department's Report of Fees Collected for the quarter ending September 30, 2017 in the amount of \$25,588.26. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, the Board accepted the Muscatine County Treasurer's Report of Fees Collected for the quarter ending September 30, 2017 in the amount of \$160,914.61. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved 2016 Business Property Tax Credit applications, with the exception of 10 applications on 40 parcels, as recommended by the Auditor's Office. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Mather, the Chairperson was authorized to execute an amended Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau Impaired Driving Countermeasures Grant contract in the amount of \$51,500.00. Ayes: All. This contract replaces the \$41,500 contract approved September 25, 2017.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Mather, minutes of the October 2, 2017 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Bonebrake reported a message on the condition of a road.

Sauer reported a call regarding the condition of Davis Avenue.

Mather reported a contact regarding the condition of a shoulder on North Isett Avenue.

Committee Reports:

Sorensen attended a Regional Workforce Investment Board meeting October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Mather, the Chairperson was authorized to execute a contract between Muscatine County and Wolfe Contracting Incorporated for professional services related to the Muscatine County Community Services Building Exterior Window and Door Replacement in the amount of \$158,600.00. Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 A.M.

ATTEST:

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Betty Wamback  
First Deputy Auditor

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Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, October 16, 2017

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

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

On a motion by Howard, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved Resolution #10-16-17-01 Approval of Combined Preliminary and Final Plat of Bellview Estates Subdivision. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed a variance granted by the Muscatine County Board of Adjustment on Friday, October 6, 2017. Case #17-10-01 is an application filed by Dustin J. or Stacey J. Feldman, Record Owners. This property is located in Wapsinonoc Township, Carey Bend Acres, Lot 1, 1054 Hwy 6 in the SE ¼ of Sec. 6-T78N-R4W, containing approximately 4.80 acres and is zoned A-1 Agricultural District. This request, if approved, would allow the Zoning Administrator to issue a Variance in order to build a new one family dwelling behind an existing outbuilding, but it would be at least 50' back from the front lot line. Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas stated this property is off Highway 6 near the Johnson County line. Furnas stated there in an existing pole building in what would be the front yard space and the record owners have torn down an old farm house that had been on the property. Furnas stated the plan is to build a new house very close to the site of the old farm house. Furnas stated due to the shape of the parcel and the location of the driveway the replacement structure should not create any sight distance issues when pulling out onto the highway. On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Mather, the Board accepted the variance. Ayes: All.

Following a brief discussion of the proposed Unknown Owner Parcel Acquisition Policy, Sorensen stated he sees no rush to move the policy forward because it is more important to get it right.

Furnas stated he plans to attend the Cedar River Watershed Coalition meeting in Muscatine on Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> to gather more information on watershed authorities.

Information Services Director Bill Riley updated the Board on the County's internet connections. Riley stated there was an internet outage on Tuesday of last week which lasted approximately five hours. Riley stated there was a problem with the internet provider and also with the County's backup internet connection. Riley stated he has put a temporary solution for the backup connection in place. Riley stated moving forward he will look into another internet backup connection solution and associated costs which will provide seamless rollover and load balancing.

Riley reviewed the September help desk tickets with the Board.

On a motion by Mather, second by Bonebrake, minutes of the October 9, 2017 regular meeting were approved as amended. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Sorenson and Mather reported contacts regarding the Unknown Owner policy.  
Howard reported a contact regarding Fruitland Road.

No committee reports were noted.

County Engineer Keith White updated the Board on various secondary road projects.

On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Mather, the Board approved the hiring of Patricia Honeyman as Victim/Witness Coordinator at \$39,953 (Grade 9, Step 11) for the County Attorney's Office. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Bonebrake, the Board authorized renewal of the Muscatine County Flexible Benefit Plan for 2018 and set the open enrollment period for October 23 through November 9, 2017. Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed the health/dental fund balance as of September 30, 2017.

The Board recessed at 9:27 A.M. and reconvened at 9:36 A.M.

On a motion by Howard, second by Bonebrake, the Board went into closed session at 9:36 A.M. pursuant to Chapter 21.5(c), Code of Iowa, to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent. Roll call vote: Ayes: All. On a motion by Howard, second by Mather, the Board returned to open session at 10:43 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 A.M.

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Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

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Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors