

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, October 7, 2013 - AMENDED

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

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

On a motion by Furlong, second by Sauer, the Board approved the following utility permit: Windstream Communications – relocation of telephone cables at the intersection of Camp Avenue and 217th Street. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sauer, the Board approved the purchase of a quad-axle dump/plow truck demonstrator unit (2014 Monroe Demo #1407) in the amount of \$71,565.00 before trade from Monroe Truck Equipment, Inc. through Courtesy Ford. Ayes: All.

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

On a motion by Furlong, second by Howard, the Board approved Resolution #10-07-13-01 Abating Taxes: Buildings on Leased Land. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, the Board accepted the Muscatine County Recorder's Report of Fees Collected for the quarter ending September 30, 2013 in the amount of \$65,205.28. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Furlong, second by Kelly, the Board accepted the Muscatine County Treasurer's Report of Fees Collected for the quarter ending September 30, 2013 in the amount of \$109,208.93. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Furlong, second by Sauer, the Board accepted the Muscatine County Civil Department – Sheriff's Office Reports of Fees Collected for the quarter ending September 30, 2013 in the amount of \$27,183.06. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Howard, minutes of the Monday, September 30, 2013 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Sorensen received a call from an attorney regarding the recent hog confinement issue in Bloomington Township who stated that there has only been one appeal since the law's inception where the DNR erred in their application of the law.

Committee Reports:

Sorensen attended a Muscatine County Safety Committee meeting October 2nd.
Kelly attended a Muscatine County Health Association meeting October 2nd.

Howard, Sauer, Kelly and Furlong attended the Iowa Department of Natural Resources Non-attainment SO2 informational meeting October 3rd.

Information Services Director Bill Riley updated the Board on various issues and projects. Riley asked if a Board Member would like to be part of the website redesign committee and Chairperson Jeff Sorensen stated he will participate on the website redesign committee. Riley asked about resolution of the Engineer's Office wireless issues. Board consensus was to place it into the budget next year.

Discussion was held regarding a draft Request for Proposal for the demolition of the Muscatine County Old Sheriff's Quarters/Jail. Budget Coordinator Sherry Seright stated the Request for Proposal is for total demolition of the facility. Sauer stated he talked to a salvage company who stated that because of the asbestos issue, it would be better to just contract for demolition rather than trying to salvage any part of the building first. Information Services Director Bill Riley stated that network fiber from the Jail to the Courthouse runs through the front yard, but it is not known how far below sidewalk level it runs so it may get cut during demolition. Riley stated that a wireless connection would cost approximately \$3,100 and relocating the fiber would cost approximately \$10,900. Riley stated he would prefer the second alternative because they would have greater bandwidth with fiber. Riley stated relocating the fiber could take approximately 3-4 weeks. Board consensus was to see if Lucas Communications has a trace wire to determine the fiber's depth in order to determine whether it will need to be moved. On a motion by Furlong, second by Howard, the Board authorized the issuance of a Request for Proposal for the Muscatine County Old Sheriff's Quarters/Jail Demolition Project. Ayes: Furlong, Howard, Sorensen and Sauer. Nay: Kelly.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Furlong, Virginia Cooper was appointed to the Muscatine County Zoning Commission to fill a vacant term ending November 7, 2014. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held regarding the possible regrading of the Food Service Manager position at the Jail. Sheriff Dave White stated that due to elimination of positions, this position has taken on more responsibility and will be required to work as a Corrections Officer. Howard asked what happens if staffing is restored in the future. Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber stated that this is the third regrading and they will all have to be revisited should the Administrative Sergeant position ever be restored. On a motion by Furlong, second by Kelly, the Board approved regrading the Food Service Manager position from a Grade 8 to a Grade 10. Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 A.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, October 14, 2013

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

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

On a motion by Kelly, second by Howard, claims dated October 14, 2013 were approved in the amount of \$1,805,319.18. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Sheriff Dave White regarding the Jail Diversion Program. White stated the two positions are paid for by Commissary funds and requested the program be continued seven days a week on a permanent basis. On a motion by Furlong, second by Howard, the Board permanently authorized a part-time Corrections Officer position in order to continue operating the Jail Diversion Program seven days per week. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Community Services Director Mike Johannsen regarding a vacant Case Manager position due to an upcoming retirement. Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber stated Community Services is currently functioning with seven Case Managers. Johannsen stated that each Case Manager currently handles 39 cases which will increase to 45 cases per Case Manager if the upcoming vacancy is not filled. On a motion by Furlong, second by Kelly, the Board authorized Community Services to fill a vacant Case Manager position. Ayes: All.

Johannsen updated the Board on the Regionalization process stating that the State wants to capture some of the dollars that it anticipates will be saved with the Affordable Care Act so the County needs to insure clients are signed up so that they realize those savings. Johannsen stated Muscatine County Community Services, Senior Resources and Trinity Muscatine Public Health have developed a brochure to provide information to citizens on how to access services under the Affordable Care Act. Howard stated he is not sure who is eligible. Johannsen stated people below 400% of the poverty line will be eligible for some form of subsidy. Johannsen stated the Region is interested in getting as many people enrolled as possible. Johannsen stated that individuals that fall below 133% of the poverty level and are medically frail will be covered under Title XIX. Public Health Director Mary Odell stated there are over 4,000 citizens in Muscatine County that currently do not have insurance. Furlong stated that it is his understanding that an individual has to apply by December 15th in order to have insurance coverage as of January 1st, but they have until March 31st to apply and be covered at a later date. John Beckey, Beckey Insurance, stated the only choices for an individual entitled to a subsidy on the Iowa Insurance Exchange will be Coventry or Co-Opportunity.

Johannsen stated that the Region applied for a technical assistance grant in order to develop an accounting and business plan which was approved by the Department of Human Services so they are currently in negotiations with the one respondent to their request for proposal to develop that plan. Johannsen stated there is going to be a meeting in Dewitt on October 29th to update providers in the Region.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Howard, the Board accepted the Muscatine County Auditor's Report of Fees Collected for the quarter ending September 30, 2013 in the amount of \$413.29. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Kelly, minutes of the Monday, October 7, 2013 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Furlong reported a couple of calls regarding needed road repairs which he passed on the the County Engineer.

Committee Reports:

Howard attended a Muscatine County Search and Rescue meeting October 9th.

Kelly attended a Seventh Judicial District meeting October 11th.

Howard attended an exit meeting with the State Auditors October 9th.

Kelly and Sorensen attended an exit meeting with the State Auditors October 11th.

Howard attended a Fruitland City Council meeting October 8th.

Discussion was held with Budget Coordinator Sherry Seright regarding a bid for replacement of a portion of the Old Jail roof. Seright stated she received only one bid from Riverbend Roofing Ltd. for \$7,755 to replace the roof where the condensor units were removed with an alternate bid for replacement of a 10' X 10' section that is leaking in the amount of \$3,845, or \$750 to just re-flash the existing pipes in this area. On a motion by Furlong, second by Kelly, the Board accepted a bid from Riverbend Roofing Ltd. in the amount of \$11,600 to replace two sections of the Old Jail roof. Ayes: All.

Seright updated the Board on various General Services projects. Seright would like to use Kellor and Kellor again this year as they have offered to remove snow in the parking lots at the same rate as last year. Kelly suggested seeing if they would do the same for two years in order to get us on a three year contract for snow removal. Board consensus was to go ahead with Kellor and Kellor for up to two years at the same amount.

The Board reviewed the health/dental fund balance as of September 30, 2013.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Furlong, the Board went into closed session at 10:01 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 Furlong, second by Howard, the Board returned to open session at 10:39 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:39 A.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, October 21, 2013

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

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

County Engineer Keith White updated the Board on Secondary Road projects.

Discussion was held regarding possible replacement of the evaporative cooler at the Community Services Building. Howard expressed concern about putting \$96,200 into a building that the County may decide to move its employees out of sometime in the near future. Furlong stated it is his understanding that it needs to be done regardless of whether or not we own the building. Budget Coordinator Sherry Seright stated it is leaking constantly and General Services staff and the HVAC engineer all feel it will not survive another cooling season. Sorensen agreed stating they are probably at least a year or two out from possibly moving anyone out of the building so this needs to be done. Sauer stated the County is between a rock and a hard spot and cannot transition in a short enough timeframe to ignore the problem. On a motion by Furlong, second by Kelly, the Chairperson was authorized to execute a contract with J. L. Brady Company, LLC for replacement of an evaporative cooler at the Community Services Building in the amount of \$96,200.00. Ayes: Furlong, Sorensen, Sauer and Kelly. Nay: Howard.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Howard, minutes of the Monday, October 7, 2013 regular meeting were approved as amended. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Kelly, minutes of the Monday, October 14, 2013 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Howard reported two calls regarding the affordable care act because the callers could not access the system. Howard referred the calls to Community Services Director Mike Johannsen.

Committee Reports:

Kelly and Sorensen attended a MAGIC meeting October 14th.

Sorensen attended a Wilton Development Corporation meeting October 16th.

Sorensen attended a Website Redesign Committee meeting October 16th.

Furlong attended a West Liberty Economic Area Development meeting October 17th.

Sorensen attended a Senior Resources Annual meeting October 16th.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Furlong, the Board accepted the October 2013 payroll claims. Ayes: All.

Supervisor Kelly reminded everyone that October is Breast Cancer Awareness month and to make their appointments today.

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

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors