

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, September 14, 2015

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

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

On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Sauer, claims dated September 14, 2015 were approved in the amount of \$227,168.04. Ayes: All.

A Public Hearing was called to order by Chairperson Kelly at 9:01 A.M. on proposed amendments to the Fiscal Year 2015/16 Muscatine County Budget. No one spoke for or against the proposed amendments. Budget Coordinator Sherry Seright reviewed the proposed amendments with the Board. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the public hearing was closed at 9:04 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #09-14-15-01 Amending the Fiscal Year 2015/16 County Budget. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorenson, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved Resolution #09-14-15-02 Fiscal Year 2015/16 Budget Appropriations. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

Laura Berkley, Bi-State Regional Commission, and Matt Shook, Muscatine County Director of Emergency Communications and Emergency Management, presented a proposed updated Muscatine County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #09-14-15-03 Approval and Adoption of the Muscatine County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved Change Order #1 in the amount of \$1,824,930 to add the purchase of mobile radios, portable radios and accessories and related costs for programming, training, etc. to the current contract with Motorola Solutions, Inc. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the Chair was authorized to execute a Purchase Authorization Letter for dispatch console and related furniture for the MUSCOM Dispatch Center Renovations in the amount of \$152,876. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held regarding a request from Nathan Reichert relating to his homestead tax credit for 2013, 2014 and 2015. County Assessor Dale McCrea stated Reichert changed his address, triggering the Assessor's Office to remove his homestead credit on his residence at 1155 Iowa Avenue, Muscatine. McCrea stated that no letter was sent to Reichert notifying him that the homestead credit was removed. Sorensen stated he has a

problem that Reichert was not contacted when the homestead credit was removed and feels his request was reasonable. Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber stated a refund could be issued for 2013 and 2014 through the Loss Contingency fund. Schreiber stated an Auditor's Adjustment could be processed for 2015 placing the homestead credit on Reichert's parcel located at 3498 160<sup>th</sup> Street. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board honored Mr. Reichert's request for reinstatement of his homestead credit by reimbursing him for 2013 and 2014 and reinstating the homestead credit on his property located on 160<sup>th</sup> Street for 2015. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Sorensen, the Board affirmed a Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau (GTSB) Impaired Driving Countermeasures Grant contract in the amount of \$31,900. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved a STOP Violence Against Women grant application in the amount of \$3,991 for FY2017. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Sorensen, minutes of the August 31, 2015 regular meeting and September 11, 2015 special meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Sauer reported a call regarding a hog confinement on Taylor Avenue.

Sauer reported a call regarding a grading issue on a gravel road.

Committee Reports:

Sorensen attended a Decategorization Board meeting September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Sorensen and Kelly attended a Mississippi Drive Corridor Stakeholders Meeting August 31<sup>st</sup>. Sauer and Kelly attended the Kent Corporation Sustainability Update September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Greg Lindle, 1705 Lindle Avenue, requested an update on the status of the County's unknown owner parcel policy. Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber stated Board consensus is to grandfather the parcel he is trying to acquire so a public hearing will be scheduled in order to proceed. Lindle also stated he still thinks a couple of culverts need to be installed by the County under Saulsbury Road to help with drainage issues.

County Engineer Keith White updated the Board on secondary roads construction projects. White stated he has been contacted by a 4H Club in Fulton Township about conducting an Adopt-A-Highway type of project on Western Avenue. White stated Muscatine County does not have a formal policy and asked whether or not the Board would be interested. Bonebrake stated he is extremely pleased to see this group come forward and take pride in their community and the County. Board consensus was to proceed with development of an Adopt-A-Highway program for Muscatine County.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved Resolution #09-14-15-04 Resolution Authorizing and Approving a Loan Agreement and Providing for the

Issuance of a \$4,200,000 General Obligation County Purpose Note, Series 2015, and Providing for the Levy of Taxes to Pay the Same. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #09-14-15-05 Granting an Extension for Filing the Final Plat of Martin's Subdivision. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the Chair was authorized to execute an Amendment to the FY2016 EMS Systems Development Grant to increase funding by \$1,179 for a new contract total of \$8,205. Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed an application to fill a vacancy on the Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission from Wayne Corriell. On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, Wayne Corriell was appointed to the Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission to fill a vacancy for a term ending January 1, 2018. Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed the health/dental fund balance as of August 31, 2015.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the Board set a public hearing for proposed amendments to the FY15/16 Muscatine County Budget for Monday, October 5, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 A.M.

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Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

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Kas Kelly, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, September 21, 2015

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met in regular session with Howard, Sorensen, Kelly, Sauer and Bonebrake present. Chairperson Kelly presiding.

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

On a motion by Howard, second by Sauer, claims dated September 21, 2015 were approved in the amount of \$28,222. Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed variances granted by the Muscatine County Board of Adjustment on Friday, September 4, 2015. Case #15-09-03 is an application filed by Elnora J. Arp, Record Owner. This property is located in Montpelier Township, 3506 160<sup>th</sup> Street, South of 160<sup>th</sup> Street, in the NW ¼ of Sec. 5-T77N-R1E, containing approximately 37.36 acres, and is zoned A-1 Agricultural District. This request, if approved, would allow the Zoning Administrator to issue a Variance in order to split off the existing dwelling that was built in 1999. The Board of Adjustment approved this request. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board accepted the variance. Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed Special Use Permits granted by the Board of Adjustment on September 4, 2015: Case #15-09-01 is an application filed by Thomas M. and Rebecca L. Furlong, Record Owners and Lucas S. Kemp, Proposed Buyer and Builder. This property is located in Seventy-Six Township, East of Golden Avenue and South of 245<sup>th</sup> Street, in the SW¼ of Section 18-T76N-R3W, containing approximately 205 acres, and is zoned A-1 Agricultural District. This request would allow the Zoning Administrator to issue a Special Use Permit in order for Lucas Kemp to build a rural residence on approximately 28 acres that will be split from this property that borders 245<sup>th</sup> Street. The Board of Adjustment approved this request. Case #15-09-02 is an application filed by Marvin Ray Stolley, Record Owner by Doug Stolley, POA, and Craig Ineichen, Proposed Buyer and Builder. This property is located in Bloomington Township, East of Hwy. 38, in the SW¼ of Section 12-T77N-R2W, containing approximately 18 acres, and is zoned A-1 Agricultural District. This request would allow the Zoning Administrator to issue a Special Use Permit in order for Craig Ineichen to build a rural residence on this property. The Board of Adjustment denied this request because the proposed buyer stated that he would not be able to place the proposed dwelling at least 750 feet away from the next nearest residence. The Board of Adjustment suggested the proposed buyer pursue possible re-zoning.

A Public Meeting was conducted regarding a request by T. Wesley Hunter, Record Owner by Todd Hunter, to approve the preliminary and final plat of the proposed one lot agricultural subdivision, JBN Subdivision, containing approximately 47 acres. This proposed one lot agricultural subdivision is located in Goshen Township, North of 155<sup>th</sup> Street, in the SE ¼ of Section 26-T78N-R3W containing approximately 93 acres, and is zoned A-1 Agricultural District.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Howard, the Board approved Resolution #09-21-15-01 Approval of a Combined Preliminary and Final Plat of JBN Subdivision, a one-lot agricultural subdivision containing approximately 47 acres in Goshen Township. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

A Public Meeting was conducted regarding a request by Virginia Miehe or Donna Kaalberg, Record Owners by Zelma Burr Trust, to approve the preliminary and final plat of the proposed one lot agricultural subdivision, Atwood Acres, containing approximately 2.48 acres. This proposed agricultural subdivision is located in Wapsi Township, in parts of the NW ¼ and SE ¼ of Section 6-T78N-R4W, 1063 Atwood Avenue, containing approximately 78.51 acres, and is zoned A-1 Agricultural District.

On a motion by Howard, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved Resolution #09-21-15-02 Approval of a Combined Preliminary and Final Plat of Atwood Acres, a one-lot agricultural subdivision containing approximately 2.48 acres in Wapsi Township subject to submission of the restrictive covenants. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas updated the Board on activities related to the Nichols water supply nitrate levels. Furnas stated that Burt's Tap and Casey's have public water supply systems, while the rest of Nichols residences and businesses have private wells. Furnas stated the nitrate level increased considerably at Burt's Tap in the last few weeks, so they are under advisory until the situation is corrected. Furnas stated Nichols has a history of high nitrate levels. Furnas stated the Zoning Office has a grant to provide free well testing on private wells and he has provided brochures to the residents of Nichols offering them the free well testing. Furnas stated he researched whether or not the grant allows for testing of a rental property at the request of the lessee and found that it does.

On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Sauer, minutes of the September 14, 2015 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

#### Correspondence:

Howard reported that all Supervisors received correspondence from an individual requesting permission to pan for gold under County bridges.

#### Committee Reports:

Sauer attended a Riverbend Transit meeting September 16<sup>th</sup>.

Sauer attended a Muscatine Board of Health meeting September 16<sup>th</sup>.

Sauer attended a Muscatine County Fair Board meeting September 16<sup>th</sup>.

Sorensen attended a Wilton Development Corporation meeting September 16<sup>th</sup>.

Sorensen, Kelly, Sauer and Bonebrake attended the Muscatine County Farm Bureau Annual meeting September 14<sup>th</sup>. Sorensen and Kelly attended a Muscatine County Burial Policy Committee meeting September 17<sup>th</sup>.

County Engineer Keith White updated the Board on secondary road construction projects. Howard asked for White's opinion of the resident request to be allowed to pan for gold. White stated the County does not own the property, but has easements for road purposes. White stated utilities also have an easement. White stated he has no idea if this falls under mineral rights or not and suggested the County get an opinion from the County Attorney. Board consensus was to get an opinion from the County Attorney.

Information Services Director Bill Riley stated the County went live with a cloud based email server late last Tuesday afternoon. Riley stated email archiving will be temporarily held for one year to give time for the County to develop a policy for archiving email.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #09-21-15-03 Suspending the Collection of Taxes. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #09-21-15-04 Suspending the Collection of Taxes. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Bonebrake, the Board accepted the September 2015 payroll claims. Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 A.M.

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Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

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Kas Kelly, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors