

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, April 4, 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 Howard, the agenda was approved as presented. Ayes: All.

Greg Lindle of Lindle Ave asked the Board how tax breaks for businesses affect revenues at the county level. Lindle was referred to County Assessor Dale McCrea, as the discussion focused more on property valuations and rollbacks.

Discussion was held with Public Health Executive Director Mary O'Dell regarding an application for a Local Public Health Services Grant. On a motion by Kelly, second by Howard, the Board affirmed a grant application between the Iowa Department of Public Health and the Muscatine County Board of Health for Local Public Health Services in the amount of \$109,293. Ayes: All.

Historic Preservation Commission Chair Lisa Wertzbaugher gave a presentation updating the Board on the Commissions' progress to date. Wertzbaugher stated achieving certification as a Certified Local Government (CLG), the Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission is allowed access to the CLG grant program (state and federal preservation grants). Wertzbaugher stated the commission is now developing a strategic plan which provides a comprehensive list of historical sites in Muscatine County and an assessment of each proposed project, including possible funding opportunities and proposed development timelines.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Howard, the Board authorized the Chair to execute a contract with Doug Steinmetz for consulting services to assist the Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission in the preparation of a Pre-Development Project Plan for Muscatine County Sheriff's Office/Jail Rehabilitation and Adaptive Reuse. Ayes: Howard, Kelly, Sorensen, Sauer. Nay: Bonebrake.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, the Board approved the Muscatine County Auditor's Report of Fees Collected for the quarter ending March 31, 2016 in the amount of \$31,152.29. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Kelly, the Board approved the Muscatine County Recorder's Report of Fees Collected for the quarter ending March 31, 2016 in the amount of \$58,874.38. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, the Board approved the Muscatine County Treasurer's Report of Fees Collected for the quarter ending March 31, 2016 in the amount of \$130,693.37. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, the Board approved the Muscatine County Sheriff's Office – Civil Department's Report of Fees Collected for the quarter ending March 31, 2016 in the amount of \$21,757.45. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Kelly, minutes of the Monday, March 28, 2016 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Howard reported a call regarding a frost boil on 180<sup>th</sup> Street  
Kelly reported multiple calls regarding the Drainage District #13 Proposed Annexation.  
Kelly reported a call regarding the Mercer-Muscatine Revolving Loan Fund.  
Kelly reported a call regarding a barricade on South Walnut Street in West Liberty.

Committee Reports:

Howard attended a Milestones Area Aging meeting March 29<sup>th</sup>.  
Kelly, Sorensen and Sauer attended a Volunteer Fire Department's meeting March 29<sup>th</sup>.  
Sorensen attended a Domestic Violence Shelter meeting March 29<sup>th</sup>.  
Kelly and Sauer attended an Iowa DNR meeting on sulfur dioxide levels March 30<sup>th</sup>.  
Kelly attended the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial State Board meeting April 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Kelly and Sauer attended the Legislative Forum April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Discussion was held with Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber regarding insurance coverage for MUSCOM radio equipment. Schreiber stated the cost of insurance for radio equipment is currently part of the MUSCOM budget, but the Memorandum of Understanding states each entity which receives radios will be responsible for their own insurance upon issuance of the equipment. Schreiber stated the cost for insurance through ICAP is less than \$2,000 per year. The Board, by consensus, directed Schreiber to continue to include insurance coverage for the radio equipment in the MUSCOM budget.

Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber reported she received notification the Muscatine County Friends of Historic Preservation were issued tax credits in the amount of \$358,827.71 of which, \$357,855.90 was deposited into Muscatine County Capital Projects Fund, \$941.81 was deposited into the Historic Preservation Fund, and \$17,894.29 was retained by the Muscatine County Friends of Historic Preservation.

The Board recessed at 10:36 A.M. and reconvened at 10:42 A.M.

On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Howard, the Board went into closed session at 10:42 A.M. pursuant to Chapter 21.5.1(j), Code of Iowa, to discuss the sale of County-owned property. Roll call vote: Ayes: Howard, Sorensen, Sauer and Bonebrake. Absent: Kelly. On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Sauer, the Board returned to open session at 11:48 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: Howard, Sorensen, Sauer and Bonebrake. Absent: Kelly.

The Board, by consensus, directed Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber to reject all offers to purchase County-owned property and remove the properties from all for-sale listings.

ATTEST:

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Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

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Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors