

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, November 27, 2017

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

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

Discussion was held regarding a proposed approval of the final plat of Tripar 5 Addition with Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas. Furnas stated the Board approved a preliminary plat October 9, 2017 for the re-plat of Lot 18 of Margate Addition Replat Kent Estates, now being referred to as Tripar 5 Addition. On a motion by Howard, second by Mather, the Board approved Resolution #11-27-17-01 Approval of the Final Plat of the Tripar 5 Addition. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

County Auditor Leslie Soule reported to the Board that the City of Muscatine has requested a Local Options Sales and Services Tax Renewal Election. Soule stated she has notified all of the cities in Muscatine County of an upcoming election requesting they submit wording for their ballots by December 8, 2017.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, the Board scheduled a special election for March 6, 2018 and set the sunset date for the Local Option Sales and Services Tax (LOSST) to be June 30, 2034 which is fifteen years from the proposed implementation of July 1, 2019. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Mather, the Board approved placement of a local option sales and services tax question for the unincorporated areas of Muscatine County on a special election ballot and the question for the unincorporated areas will read: "Shall the Unincorporated Areas of Muscatine County, Iowa continue to levy a one percent (1%) sales and services tax to be effective July 1, 2019 and shall automatically be repealed, without election, on June 30, 2034? Revenues from the sales and services tax are to be allocated as follows: 100% for rural property tax relief." Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Bonebrake, minutes of the November 20, 2017 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Sauer and Sorensen were contacted by the Levee Stakeholder group regarding a proposed study with the Corp of Engineers to raise the levee to protect against flooding from the MP&W Power Plant into Louisa County for which there is funding available through a small project fund.

Sorensen reported a letter from ISAC requesting the County send a letter to Congress to join a class action lawsuit against opioid manufacturers which he has forwarded to the County Attorney for advice. Christy Roby-Williams stated there is a needs assessment done by the Iowa Department of Public Health regarding the opioid crisis that she can try to have forwarded to the Board.

Mather reported a call from a citizen concerned about dangers imposed by a recent high speed chase.

Committee Reports:

Howard attended a Milestones Area on Aging Agency meeting November 20th.
Howard attended a Muscatine County Veterans Affairs meeting November 21st.
Sauer attended a Muscatine County Conservation meeting November 20th.
Sauer attended a Region IX Transportation meeting November 21st.

Howard made a presentation on Board activity to Muscatine Kiwanis Club November 21st.

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

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

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, December 4, 2017

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. with Howard, Sorensen, Sauer and Bonebrake present. Mather joined the meeting at 9:12 A.M. Chairperson Sorensen presiding.

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

On a motion by Sauer, second by Bonebrake, claims dated December 4, 2017 were approved in the amount of \$674,148.39. Ayes: All.

A Public Hearing was called to order by Chairperson Sorensen at 9:02 A.M. on proposed revisions to Title III – Property/Land Use and Development, Chapter II – Zoning Ordinance to add seed sales warehouses and offices as a permitted special use in A-1 Agricultural Districts. No one spoke against the proposed ordinance. On a motion by Howard, second by Sauer, the public hearing was closed at 9:04 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Sauer, an ordinance was approved revising the Title III – Property/Land Use and Development, Chapter II – Zoning Ordinance on the first of three readings. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sauer, minutes of the November 27, 2017 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Sorensen had a meeting with Representative Carlson regarding mental health funding and E911/EMA structure and control.

Howard had contacts concerned about the City of Muscatine.

Committee Reports:

Howard attended a Milestones Area on Aging Agency meeting November 28th.

On November 28th, Sorensen, Howard and Sauer attended the Community Improvement Action Team's announcement that the Pearls of Progress Project reached its fundraising goal to qualify for an Enhance Iowa Board \$500,000 Community Actions and Tourism (CAT) grant which will provide funding for the conversion of the former HNI headquarters into a new library and community center, construction of a trail to connect Discovery Park and Kent Stein Park, construction of a dog park and construction of four rental cabins at Deep Lakes Park.

County Auditor Leslie Soule informed the Board that she had discovered there had been a change in election law which now requires the voting equipment to be used for the upcoming LOSST renewal election rather than a hand count paper ballot. Soule stated this will increase the overall projected cost of the election by roughly \$6,000 to an estimated \$18,000.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Howard, the Board committed \$25,000 in matching funds for a Corp of Engineer study of the Mississippi River Levee in Muscatine County. Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 A.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors