

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, June 4, 2018

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

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

On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, claims dated June 4, 2018 were approved in the amount of \$535,771.34. Ayes: All.

A Public Hearing was called to order by Chairperson Sauer at 9:01 A.M. on proposed amendments to the Fiscal Year 2017/18 Muscatine County Budget. Budget Administrator Sherry Seright reviewed the proposed amendments with the Board. No one spoke against the proposed amendments. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Howard, the public hearing was closed at 9:05 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved Resolution #06-04-18-01 Amending the Fiscal Year 2017/18 Budget. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved Resolution #06-04-18-02 Fiscal Year 2017/18 Budget Appropriations. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

A Public Hearing was called to order by Chairperson Sauer at 9:07 A.M. on a request from Martin G. or Sharon A. Huseman, Record Owners, and Jeffrey Spitler, Proposed Buyer, to rezone approximately 42 acres located in Sweetland Township from A-1 Agricultural District to R-1 Residential District. Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas stated the Zoning Commission held a public hearing and approved the rezoning on May 11, 2018. Furnas stated this parcel is suitable for residential development and lies within an area that the County expects to see residential development. No one spoke against the rezoning. On a motion by Howard, second by Bonebrake, the public hearing was closed at 9:09 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved an ordinance rezoning approximately 42 acres in Sweetland Township from A-1 Agricultural District to R-1 Residential District on the first of three readings. Roll call vote: Ayes: Howard, Sauer, Sorensen and Bonebrake. Mather abstained as one of the parties in this matter is his client.

On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Howard, the Board approved Resolution #06-04-18-03 Approval of the Combined Preliminary and Final Plat of Mulberry Meadows Family Farm. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Sorensen, the Board approved Resolution #06-04-18-04 Approval of the Combined Preliminary and Final Plat of Echo-Echo Addition. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board set a public hearing for Monday, June 25, 2018 at 9:00 A.M. on a request to rezone approximately 44 acres between Burlington Road and 231st Street in Seventy-Six Township from A-1 Agricultural District to R-1 Residential District. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held regarding the possible adoption of provisions for the installation of telecommunications towers in Muscatine County. Furnas stated the Board of Adjustment heard a special use request for a cell phone tower off Elder Avenue by West Liberty. Furnas stated the Board of Adjustment tabled the request and strongly urged the Board of Supervisors to consider regulations specific to towers. Furnas stated minimum setback should be at least the height of the tower from roads, buildings and lot lines should be considered as well as utilization of existing towers where possible. Howard stated he would like to see preservation of agricultural land addressed in the regulations. Board consensus directed Furnas to take a proposal for regulations to the Zoning Commission.

Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas updated the Board on information presented at the Muscatine County Levee Outreach meeting held on January 11, 2018. Furnas requested the Board accept a Natural Valley designation for certain areas in Special Flood Hazard Areas around Nichols, IA. Furnas stated the drainage ditch was never designed as a levee and there is no benefit to be derived by investing in an upgrade in order for it to be a certified levee. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Howard, the Chairperson was authorized to execute the acceptance of a Natural Valley designation along Hockey's Slough near Nichols, IA. Ayes: All.

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

White presented a bid for L-(M18-3)—73-70 Pavement Markings from Vogel Traffic Services, Inc. in the amount of \$93,439.97. White stated there was a second bidder that did not supply the required performance bond. White stated Vogel Traffic Services, Inc. is the apparent low bidder so he will bring a contract before the Board for approval at a future meeting.

White stated the DNR is coming out to do a five-year inspection on Zachary Avenue on the portion considered a dam to hold water back.

White suggested that the regulations being considered for the construction of cell and Wi-Fi towers include obtaining an entrance permit from the County Engineer before proceeding with design and the other permitting.

White stated Brian Horesowsky passed his license exam. Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber stated the paperwork is in process to promote him to Assistant County Engineer as agreed upon when he was hired now that he has passed the exam.

On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Sorensen, minutes of the May 21, 2018 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Sorensen reported letters and calls regarding the Fair Board rejecting the West Liberty

Foods offer to purchase County Fair property.

Sauer reported a call regarding a concern about traffic control at the intersection of Zachary Avenue and 171st Street.

Mather reported a couple of calls regarding mental health questions.

Howard reported calls regarding parameters for hog confinements.

Committee Reports:

Mather attended an Eastern Iowa Mental Health Region meeting May 21st.

Mather attended a special Eastern Iowa Mental Health Region meeting May 22nd to consider a one-time funding request.

Sauer and Mather attended a Bi-State Regional meeting May 23rd.

Sauer attended an Ad Hoc Conference Board Committee meeting June 1st.

Sorensen attended a West Liberty Economic Area Development meeting May 24th.

Sorensen attended a Muscatine County Joint Communications Commission meeting May 31st.

Bonebrake reported a Muscatine Solid Waste Committee meeting scheduled for May 24th was cancelled for lack of quorum.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved the hiring of Laekkon McDaniel as Corrections Sergeant at \$43,056.00 (Grade 10, Step 12) for the Jail. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Howard, Sauer and Sorensen were appointed to negotiate a FY18/19 salary increase with the County Engineer. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Sorensen, the Board accepted the May 2018 payroll claims. Ayes: All.

The Board recessed at 10:10 A.M. and reconvened at 10:18 A.M.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the Board went into closed session at 10:18 A.M. pursuant to Chapter 21.5.1(i), Code of Iowa, for a performance evaluation. Roll call vote: Ayes: All. Information Services Director Bill Riley had requested a closed session. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Howard, the Board returned to open session at 11:59 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:59 A.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Scott Sauer, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors