

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, May 21, 2012

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

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

Don Monk, 1093 Ocean Avenue, Moscow, stated he lives on a dusty road north of town and that he has been doing personal recycling for 50 years, but that his neighbors are complaining about the recyclable material in his yard. Don Monk stated he is doing nothing wrong and would like to be left alone. Watkins stated that his parcel is in an area zoned Residential. Don Monk stated he is on a gravel road surrounded by mostly agricultural property. Anna Monk, 1093 Ocean Avenue, Moscow, stated there are other people right behind them and in Moscow that have more material in their yards and no one is turning them in. Anna Monk stated they are trying to make a life of their own, but their neighbors are harassing them. Kelly stated that she does not believe anyone from the County is picking on Mr. & Mrs. Monk and that the Zoning Administrator will look into the others, but they are just trying to make sure all of the laws are abided. Furlong stated that generally when the Zoning office receives complaints, they have to act on those complaints and if other neighbors are not in compliance, then they will need to get in compliance. Watkins stated the Zoning office can provide them with a copy of what is allowed in the yards. Kelly suggested they get with their neighbors and have a mediation to discuss the issues.

Jim Hull, 1085 Ocean Avenue, stated that there are property disputes in Moscow that need to get settled as the property lines in his area are laid out approximately 30 feet off from the original plat. Hull stated this caused his neighbor to construct a fence on Hull's property. Hull stated his attorney sent a letter to his neighbor telling him to remove the fence, but he has yet to remove it. The Board directed County Auditor Leslie Soule to work with County Attorney Alan Ostergren, GPS Coordinator Mark Warren and other counties for a resolution.

On a motion by Howard, second by Watkins, claims dated May 21, 2012 were approved in the amount of \$362,808.72. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Furlong, second by Watkins, the Board approved an agreement with the Iowa DOT, Agreement No. 05-12-HBP-013, to utilize funds for a bridge replacement project, Project No. BROS-C070(58)—8J-70, for FHWA Structure No. 257530, located on Saulsbury Road near the S 1/4 corner of Section 2, T-77N, R-3W, for a 232' x 24' Continuous Concrete Slab (CCS) bridge over Chicken Creek. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Keith White updated the Board on projects on Muscatine County roads.

The Board reviewed variances granted by the Muscatine County Board of Adjustment on May 4, 2012. Case #12-05-02 is an application filed by Robert S. or Jennifer J. Duggan, Record Owners. This property is located in Lake Township, in the NE ¼ of Section 31-T77N-R2W, West of Nettle Avenue, 2112 Nettle Avenue, containing approximately 3.56 acres, and is zoned A-1 Agricultural District. This request, if approved, would allow the Zoning Administrator to issue a Variance in order for the Duggan's to place an outbuilding in front of the existing one family dwelling. On a motion by Furlong, second by Howard, the Board accepted the variance. Ayes: All. Case #12-05-03 is an application filed by Robert C. Miller, Record Owner. This property is located in Bloomington Township, in the SW ¼ of Section 15 and the SE ¼ of Section 16, all in T77N-R2W, containing approximately 46.74 acres, and is zoned A-1 Agricultural District. This request, if approved, would allow the Zoning Administrator to issue a Waiver of the Subdivision Ordinance in order to split this property (up to three lots) and to sell Mike Deahr 35 acres. The Board of Adjustment denied this application due to the fact that this property has previously been split many times and that an agricultural subdivision should be presented to the Zoning Commission and Board of Supervisors for their approval. Case #12-05-04 is an application filed by Dennis L. or Debra L. Dick, Record Owners. This property is located in Fruitland Township, Hilltop Farm Subdivision, 2nd Addition, Lot 23, 2262 N. Hilltop Court, Muscatine, Iowa, in the NE ¼ of Section 6-T76N-R2W, containing approximately 1.96 acres, and is zoned R-1 Residential District. This request, if approved, would allow the Zoning Administrator to issue a Variance in order for Mr. & Mrs. Dick to build a detached garage in front of the existing dwelling. On a motion by Furlong, second by Sorensen, the Board accepted the variance. Ayes: All. Case #12-05-05 is an application filed by Montpelier Township Fire Department, Record Owner, filed by Jeff Pilgrim, Fire Chief. This property is located in Montpelier Township, in the NE ¼ of Section 23-T77N-R1E, South of Hwy 22, Lots 7 & 8, Block 1, Montpelier, 1961 Zachary Avenue, containing approximately 0.39 acres, and is zoned C-1 Commercial District. This request, if approved, would allow the Zoning Administrator to issue a Variance to allow a 4' X 8' sign to remain closer than the 25 foot setback requirement. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Watkins, the Board accepted the variance. Ayes: All. Case #12-05-06 is an application filed by Michael L. Furlong, Record Owner. This property is located in Seventy-Six Township, in the SW ¼ of Section 9-T77N-R3W, East of Independence Avenue, 2391 Independence Avenue, Letts, Iowa, containing approximately 115 acres, and is zoned A-1 Agricultural District. This request, if approved, would allow the Zoning Administrator to issue a Variance that would allow Mr. & Mrs. Furlong to sell Iowa crafted beer at their Ardon Creek Vineyard & Winery for dates approved by the Board of Supervisors. On a motion by Watkins, second by Sorensen, the Board accepted the variance. Ayes: Howard, Kelly, Watkins and Sorensen. Furlong abstained.

The Board reviewed the following Special Use Permit approved by the Muscatine County Board of Adjustment on May 4, 2012: Case #12-05-01 is an application filed by Larry T. Streets, Record Owner, and Benjamin Goodale, Proposed Buyer. This property is located in Pike Township, in the NW ¼ of Section 4-T77N-R3W, East of Iron City Avenue, containing approximately 38.49 acres and is zoned A-1 Agricultural District. This request would allow the Zoning Administrator to issue a Special Use Permit in order to

allow the split off of approximately five (5) acres and for the Goodale's to build a rural residence on this property. The Board of Adjustment denied this request because the CSR average for the parcel was 56/57 which was over the recommended 55 CSR. The Board of Adjustment felt that the proposed split is surrounded by agricultural use, which could create a potential conflict, including sound, dust and odor. It was also noted that the Streets had already split off and sold a parcel that could have a residential dwelling built on it approximately 1,500 feet north of this proposed split.

On a motion by Watkins, second by Furlong, the Board set a public hearing for Monday, June 4, 2012 at 9:00 A.M. on requested approval of a Planned Unit Development in Bloomington Township. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Furlong, the Board set a public hearing for Monday, June 4, 2012 at 9:00 A.M. on requested amendment to a utility plan of the recorded subdivision plan, Wildlife Estates, in Fulton Township. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Information Services Director Bill Riley regarding backup internet connection for the Muscatine County Administration Building. Riley stated that the Administration Building has incurred an outage with its internet connection three days in the last month. Riley suggested a backup internet connection through Century Link DSL at an approximate cost of \$85 per month. Board consensus was for Riley to proceed with setting up a backup internet connection for the Administration building.

Discussion was held with Maintenance Supervisor Troy Sievert on fire alarm monitoring and inspection services for the Muscatine County Administration Building, Community Services Building and DHS Building. Sievert stated he is not happy with the service the County has received through Simplex Grinnell and recommended switching to Per Mar Security Services. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Howard, the Board accepted a 5-year proposal from Per Mar Security Services for monitoring and inspection of fire alarm systems at the Muscatine County Administration Building, Community Services Building and DHS Building at an annual cost of \$3,324.00 per year. Ayes: All. Sievert will come back before the Board with the actual contract from Per Mar Security Services for approval.

Discussion was held with MMS Consultants, Inc. representatives Lucas Newton, Steven Noack and Glen Meisner regarding services to develop plans and design specifications for the Muscatine County Courthouse lawn. Noack suggested he would begin the process with a concept study, then design and construction. Noack stated that they are prepared to begin immediately with surveying. Noack roughly estimated the project cost approximately \$75,000 for sidewalk replacement, \$18,000 - \$22,000 for replacement of the driveway and \$12,000 - \$30,000 for steps/ramps. Furlong asked for a rough idea of their fees. Noack stated that typically design fees are 10-12%, but meetings could raise the fees. Howard stated the County would also like to have some landscaping done, so he would estimate around \$125,000 for the whole project. Newton stated they are a design company, but will also do construction oversight. Meisner stated it would be nice to have a dedication in 2014 on the 175th anniversary of the City of Muscatine.

Discussion was held with Aaron Roberson of Kellor and Kellor Landscape, Inc. regarding services to develop plans and design specifications for the Muscatine County Courthouse lawn. Roberson stated that he plans to address ADA Accessibility and sidewalk replacement while highlighting existing features and historical design elements. Roberson stated that his design would also contain courthouse grounds plant and tree suggestions. Roberson stated that he wants to keep the historical integrity of the site so he is concerned about whether the Third Street side of the Courthouse can be made accessible. Roberson stated that they can start right away and also offer services through the whole process including construction oversight. Roberson stated Kellor and Kellor Landscape, Inc. will develop proposed plans and specifications for \$3,500.00.

On a motion by Furlong, second by Howard, minutes of the Monday, May 14, 2012 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

The Board received a letter from the City of Wilton regarding Liberty Street. Kelly received correspondence regarding the committee formed to look at Air Quality Notifications.

Watkins received a phone call regarding an issue in Moscow.

Sorensen received a call and visit regarding zoning issues.

Furlong received a call regarding a road maintenance issue.

Committee Reports:

Furlong attended a Muscatine County Fair Board meeting May 17th.

Sorensen attended a Wilton Development Corporation meeting May 16th.

Watkins, Kelly and Howard attended the Wilton Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting May 14th. Watkins, Kelly and Howard attended the Trinity Hospital Emergency Room Groundbreaking May 14th.

On a motion by Watkins, second by Sorensen, the Chair was authorized to execute a Mental Health Services Waiver. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Furlong, second by Sorensen, the Board set a public hearing for Monday, June 11, 2012 at 9:00 A.M. on proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and cost opinion for the Muscatine County Administration Building project. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Furlong, second by Howard, the Board authorized the Chair to execute paperwork necessary to renew health and dental benefits with Wellmark, Inc. and begin vision insurance coverage with Avesis effective July 1, 2012. Ayes: All

On a motion by Watkins, second by Howard, the Board approved maintaining the current rates for health, and dental premiums effective July 1, 2012 and scheduled an open enrollment for dental insurance coverage of May 28 – June 6, 2012 Ayes: All.

On a motion by Furlong, second by Sorensen, the Board accepted the May, 2012 payroll claims. Ayes: All.

Kelly congratulated all of the graduates of 2012 stating they should be commended on their hard work.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 A.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Kas Kelly, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Tuesday, May 29, 2012

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met in special session at 1:00 P.M. with Furlong, Howard, Kelly, Sorensen and Watkins present. Chairperson Kelly presiding.

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

Discussion was held with Maintenance Supervisor Troy Sievert regarding proposed agreements with Per Mar Security Services for fire alarm monitoring, inspection and sensitivity testing services. Sievert stated that these are the contracts previously discussed. Sievert stated that authorizing the contracts today would enable the County to start at the first of the month. Howard stated that according to Sievert follow up calls by Simplex Grinnell are very costly and due to the frequency of the calls, it would appear the Per Mar bid is lower. Kelly confirmed the jail still has Simplex Grinnell and asked if any of the service calls were for the jail. Sievert stated that the jail is a separate contract through Simplex Grinnell, but the service calls were not from the jail. On a motion by Watkins, second by Sorensen, the Chairperson was authorized to execute proposed agreements with Per Mar Security for fire alarm monitoring, inspection and sensitivity testing for services for a 60-month period for the following buildings: Muscatine County Community Services - \$840.00/annually; Muscatine County DHS Building - \$1,368.00/annually and Muscatine County Administration Building - \$1,116.00/annually. Ayes: All.

Maintenance Supervisor Troy Sievert stated that the company working with the City of Muscatine on the sewer splits is interested in renting the County's green space on the corner of 5th Street and Mulberry Avenue and will be submitting a proposal to the Board.

Kelly stated she witnessed a need for better signage for staff when cleaning bathrooms and directed Sievert to have the cleaning staff put up a sign that clearly states that the restroom is closed for cleaning.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:06 P.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Kas Kelly, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors