

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, October 28, 2013

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 7:00 P.M. with Furlong, Howard, Sorensen, Sauer and Kelly present. Chairperson Sorensen presiding.

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

On a motion by Howard, second by Sauer, claims dated October 28, 2013 were approved in the amount of \$703,835.44. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Howard, the Board authorized the Chairperson to execute a Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau Impaired Driving Countermeasures Grant Contract in the amount of \$22,070.00. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Furlong, second by Kelly, the Board approved Resolution #10-28-13-01 Suspending the Collection of Taxes. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sauer, minutes of the Monday, October 21, 2013 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

No correspondence was noted.

Committee Reports:

Kelly attended a Bi-State Drug & Alcohol Consortium meeting October 22nd.

Kelly and Sorensen attended a Bi-State Regional meeting October 23rd.

Sauer attended a Muscatine County Fair Board meeting October 22nd.

Sauer and Furlong attended a MUSCOM meeting October 23rd.

Sorensen attended a Regional Workforce Investment Board meeting October 22nd.

Howard attended a Muscatine County Conservation Board meeting October 21st.

Howard attended a Milestones Regional Advisory Board meeting October 22nd.

Furlong attended a Region IX Transportation meeting October 24th.

Furlong spoke to Leadership West Liberty about County government on October 24th.

Discussion was held regarding possible demolition of the Old Jail/Sheriff's Quarters. Budget Coordinator Sherry Seright presented the following bids: Sulzberger Excavating – \$85,000 (December 31, 2013 Completion Date); and Dickey Farms Excavating - \$138,750 (April 30, 2014 Completion Date). Furlong stated the future of the building has been discussed for several years during which it has been relatively empty and would cost a lot of money to renovate. Furlong stated it is time to move forward with demolition of the building. Sorensen stated the County has not found a good productive use for the building. Sauer stated if you have not found a use for it in nineteen years, you do not need it and the cost would be substantial to renovate it. On a motion by Furlong,

second by Howard, the Board accepted a bid from Sulzberger Excavating for the Old Jail/Sheriff's Quarters Demolition Project in the amount of \$85,000. Ayes: Furlong, Howard, Sorensen and Sauer. Nay: Kelly.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, Tom Harper was appointed to the Muscatine County Zoning Commission to fill a 5-year term ending November 7, 2018. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Kelly, the Board adopted the following 2013 Holiday Schedule for Muscatine County. Ayes: All.

<u>HOLIDAY</u>	<u>DAY OF OBSERVANCE</u>
New Year's Day	Wednesday, January 1, 2014
Memorial Day	Monday, May 26, 2014
Independence Day	Friday, July 4, 2014
Labor Day	Monday, September 1, 2014
Veterans' Day	Tuesday, November 11, 2014
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 27, 2014
Day after Thanksgiving	Friday, November 28, 2014
Christmas Eve	Wednesday, December 24, 2014
Christmas Day	Thursday, December 25, 2014
Day after Christmas	Friday, December 26, 2014

In addition to the holidays enumerated above, staff is granted one unscheduled holiday (personal day) to be used in 2014.

On a motion by Howard, second by Furlong, the Board accepted a tentative agreement for July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016 regarding the Muscatine County Secondary Roads Department between Muscatine County and Chauffeurs, Teamsters & Helpers, Local Union #238. Ayes: All.

Sauer stated that a commercial business property tax credit is available for businesses, but they need to file a form through the Assessor's Office in order to take advantage of the property tax credit.

Kelly stated that the Muscatine Network Consortium is having a Communitywide Information Fair at MCC tomorrow from 1:30 P.M. – 2:00 P.M. with 37 agencies represented.

Furlong thanked Muscatine Journal Reporter Mike Ferguson for doing an excellent job covering the Board of Supervisor meetings for the last 3 1/2 years and wished him good luck in his future endeavors.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 P.M.

ATTEST:

Betty L. Wambach
First Deputy Auditor

Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors