

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, March 24, 2014

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

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

A public hearing was called to order by Chairperson Howard at 7:03 P.M. on proposed amendments to the Muscatine County Floodplain Ordinance. Zoning Administrator Jodee Stepleton stated the revision is created by an in depth study that was done along with the accreditation of the Muscatine - Louisa Island Levee which removed several areas from the floodplain. In response to a question from Sauer, Stepleton estimated under 100 homes would be removed from the floodplain. No one spoke against the proposed amendments. On a motion by Furlong, second by Kelly, the public hearing was closed at 7:12 P.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Furlong, second by Sorensen, the Board approved an ordinance amending the Muscatine County Floodplain Ordinance on the first of three readings. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

A public hearing was called to order by Chairperson Howard at 7:13 P.M. on proposed amendments to the Muscatine County Construction Codes and Enforcement Ordinance. Stepleton stated these amendments are to update the ordinance for the new floodplain maps. No one spoke for or against the proposed amendments. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Furlong, the public hearing was closed at 7:15 P.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, the Board approved an ordinance amending the Muscatine County Construction Codes and Enforcement Ordinance on the first of three readings. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

A public hearing was called to order by Chairperson Howard at 7:16 P.M. on a request to repeal the current Muscatine County Onsite Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Systems Ordinance and replace it with a proposed Private Sewage Disposal Systems Ordinance. Stepleton stated due to the major changes being made, it was cleaner to write a new ordinance. No one spoke for or against the proposed changes. On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, the public hearing was closed at 7:18 P.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Furlong, second by Sauer, the Board approved an ordinance repealing the current Muscatine County Onsite Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Systems Ordinance and replacing it with a Private Sewage Disposal System Ordinance on the first of three readings. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

Chairperson Howard reconvened a public hearing from June 3, 2013 at 7:27 P.M. on a request from West Liberty Gun Club to rebuild the indoor shooting range and clubhouse

facilities. Zoning Administrator Jodee Stepleton stated the City of West Liberty has approved the gun club's lease. Greg Kendall, 1550 Cook Circle, North Liberty, spoke in support of the gun club and stated there have been no additional complaints since last June's public hearing. In response to questions from Sauer and Kelly, Kendall stated that safety is their top priority and if they need to, they will raise the berms. No one spoke against the gun club. On a motion by Furlong, second by Sorensen, the public hearing was closed at 7:35 P.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #03-24-14-01 Approving a Request to Rebuild the Indoor Shooting Range and Clubhouse Facilities for West Liberty Gun Club. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Zoning Administrator Jodee Stepleton regarding a proposed revision to the Zoning/Environmental Office Fee Schedule. Stepleton stated she based the fees on a combination of results of her time study and the fees charged by surrounding counties. Howard asked if Zoning has adequate staffing to perform these services. Stepleton stated assistance will be needed and she is considering using a college student intern who is majoring in environmental studies. Stepleton stated she will do the best she can with the staff she has. A motion by Kelly, seconded by Sorensen, to approve a revised Zoning/Environmental Office Fee Schedule was withdrawn. On a motion by Furlong, second by Sauer, further discussion and action on the revised fee schedule was tabled until the April 7th Board meeting. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Zoning Administrator Jodee Stepleton regarding approval of a preliminary replat of Lots 7 and 8, Walnut Creek Estates, containing approximately 3.36 acres in Fruitland Township. On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, the Board approved a preliminary replat of Lots 7 and 8, Walnut Creek Estates, containing approximately 3.36 acres in Fruitland Township. Ayes: All

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #03-24-14-02 Approval of Final Replat of Lots 7 and 8, Walnut Creek Estates. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

Information Services Director Bill Riley reviewed the selection process utilized by the Website Redesign Committee to select a company to redesign the County's website. The Website Redesign Committee recommended hiring CivicPlus to redesign the County's website. On a motion by Furlong, second by Kelly, the Chair was authorized to execute a contract with CivicPlus for website redesign services in the amount of \$34,661. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved a renewal application for a Class C Beer, Liquor, Sunday Sales Privilege and Outdoor Service Permit for West Liberty Golf and Country Club, 1248 Country Heights Lane, West Liberty, Iowa. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, minutes of the Monday, March 24, 2014 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

No correspondence was noted.

Committee Reports:

Kelly attended a Decategorization Board meeting March 21st.

Kelly attended a Mental Health Regionalization meeting March 24th.

Sauer attended a Muscatine County Conservation Board meeting and tour of Saulsbury and Deep Lakes Park March 17th.

Sauer attended a Riverbend Transit meeting March 19th.

Sauer attended a Muscatine County Board of Health meeting March 19th.

Sauer attended a Muscatine County Fair Board meeting March 20th.

Howard attended a Milestones Area Agency on Aging meeting March 13th.

Furlong attended a West Liberty Economic Area Development meeting March 20th.

Howard attended a Fruitland City Council meeting March 11th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 P.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Robert E. Howard, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors