

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, May 5, 2014

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 A.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 at 9:03 A.M. by Chairperson Howard on proposed amendments to the Muscatine County Subdivision Ordinance. Zoning Administrator Jodee Stepleton reviewed the recommended amendments. No one spoke for or against the amendments. On a motion by Furlong, second by Sorensen, the public hearing was closed at 9:09 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

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

Seventh Judicial District Chief Judge Marlita Greve updated the Board on judicial matters. Judge Greve thanked the Board for the space it provides to the State offices and Courts and for the recent remodeling at the Courthouse. Judge Greve stated Courthouse Security has become increasingly important and they appreciate the presence of an armed deputy and the availability of metal detection devices for high profile cases. Howard asked about record retention and storage. Judge Greve stated that within a year the courts will be paperless which means from that point forward they will be generating very little paper. Furlong stated the outside is remodeled and the HVAC has been replaced, so the next step would be to start renovating the inside of the Courthouse.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Furlong, the Chair was authorized to execute a Memorandum of Understanding FFY14 Justice Assistance Grant Direct Award in the amount of \$21,373.00. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Furlong, second by Sorensen, the following utility permits were approved: Eastern Iowa Light and Power – one permit for setting a new pole and another for removing poles. Both permits are for work performed in the immediate vicinity of the bridge replacement project on Burlington Road. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, the Board approved a contract, bond and certificate of insurance for L-(M14-1)—73-70 HMA Resurfacing on portions of Elder Avenue, 121st Street and 180th Street from Illowa Investment, Inc. in the amount of \$598,021.06. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Keith White updated the Board on a project he is working on for General Services to repair culverts on the road by DHS going to Optimae. White updated

the Board on Secondary Road projects. White stated there has been a rash of trash dumping this Spring in the County's ditches.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, minutes of the Monday, April 28, 2014 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Howard and Kelly reported contacts regarding a situation with goats on Vail Avenue.

Committee Reports:

Sorensen attended a Region IX Transportation meeting May 2nd.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Furlong, the Board approved Resolution #05-05-14-01 Transferring \$720,000 from the Rural Services Fund to the Secondary Roads Fund. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

Lacie Litton, Wellmark, Inc. gave a presentation on July 1, 2014 health and dental insurance renewals. Litton stated that the overall suggested increase to rates for health insurance is .54%. Litton stated enrollment has decreased 5.05% resulting in overall utilization decreased by 4.20%. Litton stated that dental enrollment decreased 5.42% resulting in utilization decreased by 4.91%. Litton stated they are suggesting a rate decrease of 3.3% for dental. Litton stated the suggested increase for the Avesis Vision Insurance is 4.9%, but guaranteed for two years. Litton stated that the County has received Provider Savings of \$1,427,720 or 44.1% of covered charges. Litton updated the Board on the potential effects of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) for 2014 stating references to the pre-existing condition exclusion period had to be removed and there were slight changes to the infertility benefit. Litton stated for a self-funded group there are fees associated with the Affordable Care Act that are not included in the Wellmark contract that Muscatine County will have to remit directly to the government. Litton stated the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) fee of \$1 per year/per employee will be approximately \$400 and the Transitional Reinsurance fee of \$5.25 per month/per employee will total approximately \$25,000. Litton stated that for the first year, Wellmark did not participate in the exchange market for 2014, but they will be for 2015. Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber discussed the possibility of covering a vision exam through the health insurance rather than Avesis. In response to a question from Sorensen, Litton stated a lot of employers are using qualified, high deductible plans in association with HSA Savings since the implementation of the Affordable Care Act.

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

ATTEST:

Betty L. Wamback, First Deputy Auditor

Robert E. Howard, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, May 12, 2014

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 A.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.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Furlong, claims dated May 12, 2014 were approved in the amount of \$262,168.45. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Vic Amoroso, A&J Associates, regarding Change Authorization Request #1 for the Muscatine County Administration Building HVAC Upgrade Project. Amoroso stated the Change Request will cover adding two convenience outlets inside the equipment cage and upgrading the electrical to match what was actually submitted for the air conditioning system. Amoroso stated there are some changes on the system from what was designed and now there are more electrical components. Amoroso stated there is no charge for the HVAC but there is an upcharge for the electrical. Amoroso stated it is not unusual for there to be changes in the design because they have to pick something to do a bid and this is an upgrade from Mitsubishi. Sorensen stated the overhead and profit line on the request from Boche is significantly lower than seen on past change orders from other contractors. On a motion by Furlong, second by Sorensen, the Board approved Change Authorization Request #1 for the Muscatine County Administration Building HVAC Upgrade Project in the amount of \$2,455.00. Ayes: All.

Amoroso updated the Board on various projects.

Discussion was held with County Attorney Alan Ostergren regarding a resolution to temporarily designate Old Highway 61 and Access Road as No Parking and Tow-Away Zones. Ostergren provided the Board a flyer regarding an event to be held at 2097 Highway 61 South, Muscatine. Ostergren stated a concern was brought to him by the Sheriff regarding a flyer posted around town advertising what they believe will be essentially a motorcycle rally. Ostergren stated this location is a residential area southwest of the airport on Old Highway 61. Ostergren stated they want to declare a no parking area as shown on the aerial map prepared by the County Engineer because having several hundred people showing up in a little stretch of houses to have a weekend long bike rally is not consistent with land use in that area. Ostergren stated they want the Board to declare a no parking area for that weekend because they do not want access blocked to emergency vehicles.

In response to a question from Sauer, Ostergren stated the no parking designation would be just for that weekend and there would be signs posted to notify people. Furlong asked if they confined the event to their property would there still be issues with the use of the property for this event. Ostergren stated yes there would be issues because the zoning classifications of the property would not work for this event. Kelly stated there is no date

on the proposed resolution. Ostergren stated he would recommend that it would just be for that weekend. Sauer stated he is not aware of any problems that have occurred on this property. In response to a question from Kelly, Ostergren stated the property owners have no legal right to park on the roadway so the County is not taking any property rights away from them. Ostergren stated that for the health, safety and welfare of the community they cannot park on the road. Furlong moved to approve the resolution with the amendment that number three of the resolution states that the designations made herein shall take effect upon the installation of identifying signs and until the signs are removed at the authorization of the County Engineer. Kelly seconded the motion. The Board approved Resolution #05-12-14-01 Designating Old Highway 61 and Access Road as No Parking and Tow-Away Zones as amended. Roll call vote: Ayes: Furlong, Sorensen, Howard and Kelly. Nay: Sauer.

Discussion was held with Conservation Director Curt Weiss regarding a letter to Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management regarding construction of a shooting range on property located at 1886 170th Street, West Liberty, IA (this property was acquired by the County as a result of the 2008 Flood – DR-IA-1763). Weiss stated that over the years the Conservation Board has received a lot of requests from citizens for a public shooting range. Weiss stated there is currently no place for the public to shoot on public land in Muscatine County unless they are engaged in hunting. Weiss stated one of the properties acquired in the FEMA Buyout areas would be suitable for this use. Weiss stated he has contacted Dan Jones of Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management to determine if a gun range can be constructed on this property. Weiss stated he is also working with an NRA range designer so the County can meet NRA requirements which will affect the County's insurance rate. Weiss stated the cost estimate for just the range construction is between \$50,000 and \$65,000 and that would include building a shelter. Weiss stated the Wilton Rifle Club has offered financial support for the project. Weiss stated the Muscatine County Conservation Board is requesting the Board of Supervisors approve a letter to be sent to Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management, along with the range information, so Mr. Jones can make an official request to the FEMA Office to find out if this is a possible use for the property.

Furlong stated he is a gun owner and is not against guns but he does not think the Conservation Board should be involved in a shooting range because of liability issues and that the Conservation Board is more wildlife oriented. Clyde Evans, 2015 West Bay Drive, Muscatine, Wilton Rifle Club Secretary stated the Club has an endowment that will cover the expenses of the proposed shooting range. Kelly, Howard, Sorensen and Sauer spoke in favor of considering development of a public shooting range. Howard stated shooting sports are growing in popularity and there is no place in Muscatine County to teach young people how to shoot. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board authorized the Chair to sign a letter to Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management regarding construction of a shooting range on property located at 1886 170th Street, West Liberty, IA. Ayes: Sorensen, Howard, Sauer and Kelly. Nay: Furlong.

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

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, minutes of the Monday, May 5, 2014 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Furlong reported a contact regarding a road issue.

Committee Reports:

Sorensen attended a Muscatine County Safety and Health Committee meeting May 7th.

Kelly attended a Muscatine Community Health Association meeting May 7th.

Kelly attended a Seventh Judicial District meeting May 9th.

Kelly attended the Community Improvement Action Team (CIAT) presentation to the City of Muscatine May 8th.

Information Services Director Bill Riley updated the Board on the Website Redesign project.

On a motion by Furlong, second by Sorensen, the Board authorized the Chair to execute a one-year maintenance agreement with Northwest Mechanical for building environmental services at Community Services in the amount of \$14,852.00. Ayes: All.

Budget Coordinator Sherry Seright presented the following bids for Muscatine County Auditing Services:

2014 Audit Cost:	State Auditor - \$49,600	Eide Bailly - \$52,700
2015 Audit Cost:	State Auditor - \$51,075	Eide Bailly - \$54,800
2016 Audit Cost:	State Auditor - \$52,550	Eide Bailly - \$57,000

On a motion by Kelly, second by Furlong the Board accepted the State Auditor bid for Muscatine County Auditing Services. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, the Board set a public hearing on proposed FY 13/14 budget amendments for Monday, June 9, 2014 at 9:00 A.M. Ayes: All

Discussion was held with Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber regarding renewal of current vision plan or inclusion of eye exam under the County's health insurance coverage. Board consensus was for Schreiber to include eye exams under the County's health insurance coverage.

Schreiber updated the Board on current job opening applications.

Howard invited the public to attend a hog confinement meeting being held Monday, May 12, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at the Muscatine County Saulsbury Park Recreational Center.

The Board reviewed the health/dental fund balance as of April 30, 2014.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 A.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, Auditor

Robert E. Howard, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors