

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, May 19, 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 Sauer, claims dated May 19, 2014 were approved in the amount of \$1,933,938.99. Ayes: All.

Cyle Geertz and Ed Zemen provided information to the Board regarding an event to be held May 30th – June 1st, 2014 at 2097 Highway 61 S in Muscatine. Geertz stated the event is a lot smaller than most area motorcycle events. Geertz stated they will be using a parking lot next door and using shuttle vans to take people back and forth to hotels. Geertz stated they expect approximately 150 – 200 people to attend the event. Geertz stated they plan to control noise by facing the bands towards the slough and away from houses. Geertz stated they will also park campers and trailers along the fence line to the north and vendors along the south fence line to buffer neighbors. Geertz stated the bands will cease playing at midnight. Kelly stated she has spoken to 9 of the residents who were fine with the parking ordinance because they have had issues in the past. Kelly stated those neighbors were also concerned with noise, alcohol, motorcycle drag racing and shooting they have heard. Geertz stated to his knowledge there has never been any drag racing although he stated he cannot dispute the fact that Harley Davidsons makes a lot of noise. Geertz stated they hold target practice in the back, but they always shoot towards the bank on the other side of the slough. Kelly stated they may have a larger turnout than expected and the neighbors do not feel three acres is sufficient to handle the crowd they may get. Geertz stated if they get a larger crowd than expected, they may have to consider holding it somewhere else in the future. Sauer feels the parking ban sets a bad precedent and every single person he talked to was pleased he voted no because of setting a precedent for other organizations that might hold large events. Sauer stated he was glad to hear they are only running bands until midnight. County Attorney Alan Ostergren asked about alcohol on the property since they do not have a liquor license. Geertz stated the event would be BYOB or coolers with free will donations. In response to a question from Ostergren, Geertz confirmed they had no dram shop insurance. Ostergren stated that if they are asking people to donate money for liquor that is illegal. Geertz stated he does not agree because they are asking for donations to hear the bands, attend, etc. Geertz stated the motorcycle club will be providing security on the property. County Sheriff Dave White stated his concern is that they do not know how many people will show up and what happens if 2,000 people show up. Ostergren stated there are also problems with zoning since they have not filed for a special use permit and he has filed for an injunction in District Court. Sheriff White stated his staff has talked to the neighbors and no one has had a problem with the club as they feel the club does a good job, but he is worried about the numbers they could have attending and it could get totally out of hand. Geertz stated since it is not being held on Memorial Day weekend, numbers

should be lower. Howard stated he does not see any conflict with the parking ban and the club is making every effort to make sure the event goes smoothly.

Discussion was held with County Recorder Cindy Gray regarding the possible purchase of a new Recorder's indexing program. Gray stated that after viewing demonstrations of both the Fidlar and Eagle indexing and imaging solutions, she feels the Eagle Indexing/Imaging program from Tyler Technologies is the best program for use in the Recorder's Office at an approximate cost of \$62,418 which includes one year of maintenance. Gray stated annual maintenance for years 2 -5 will cost \$9,918 per year. Howard asked if a new Recorder coming on board would have any concern about this purchase. Gray stated it would be easier for a new Recorder to only have to learn this new program. Sauer asked if this was a need or a want. Gray stated the old program was purchased in 1989 and is obsolete. On a motion by Kelly, second by Furlong, the Board authorized the Recorder to proceed with the purchase of the Eagle Indexing/Imaging Software. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kelly, the Board approved Resolution #05-19-14-01 Assigning Tax Sale Certificate. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, the Board approved Ordinance #05-19-14-01 Amending the Muscatine County Subdivision Ordinance on the third and final reading. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, minutes of the Monday, May 12, 2014 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

All Supervisors received correspondence regarding parking at an event to be held May 30th – June 1st at 2097 Highway 61 S in Muscatine.
Sauer received positive correspondence regarding a gun range on County property.
Furlong received correspondence in opposition of the gun range on County property.

Committee Reports:

Kelly attended a Bi-State Drug and Alcohol Consortium meeting May 13th.
Kelly attended a Muscatine County Decategorization meeting May 16th.

Sorensen, Kelly, Furlong and Howard attended the Wilton Chamber of Commerce Annual Luncheon May 12th. Sorensen, Kelly and Howard attended the Muscatine High School Candidate Forum May 16th. Furlong, Howard and Kelly attended the Good Neighbor meeting concerning DNR and hog confinement May 12th.

Discussion was held with County Attorney Alan Ostergren regarding a proposed class specification and grade placement for a Lead Legal Secretary position. Ostergren stated the purpose of the reclassification is to reflect additional responsibilities with regard to

training other employees and implementing a system for electronic filing of court documents. On a motion by Furlong, second by Kelly, the Board approved a class specification and grade placement for a Lead Legal Secretary position. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, the Board authorized the transfer of Kristy Healey to Step 4 in the Lead Legal Secretary position effective immediately. Ayes: all.

Discussion was held with Budget Coordinator Sherry Seright regarding a proposed class specification and grade placement for a Lead Custodian position. Seright stated this is not an additional position, but will take some pressure off of the Maintenance Supervisor in the area of scheduling building rotation to cover vacation and sick leave. On a motion by Furlong, second by Kelly, the Board approved a class specification and grade placement for a Lead Custodian position. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber regarding the temporary provision of veterans' assistance benefits through Johnson, Louisa and Cedar Counties. Community Services Director Mike Johannsen stated the agreements will probably need to be extended for 3-6 months to enable a new Muscatine County Veteran Affairs Director to become certified. On a motion by Furlong, second by Sorensen, the Chair was authorized to execute Agreements for Services to provide temporary veterans' assistance in applying for state and federal benefits. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, the Board authorized the Chair to execute paperwork necessary to renew health and dental benefits with Wellmark, Inc. effective July 1, 2014. Ayes: All. Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber stated the contract includes addition of one eye exam per year to the County's health insurance and cancellation of the current vision plan through Avesis.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the proposed health and dental premiums effective July 1, 2014. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, the Board set an annual enrollment period for health insurance and an open enrollment for dental and vision insurance for May 25, 2014 through June 5, 2014. Ayes: All.

Kelly recognized Nancy and all the work she does with the coordination of the health insurance and benefits. Howard stated the County is blessed with wonderful staff and elected officials.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 A.M.

ATTEST:

Betty L. Wamback,
First Deputy Auditor

Robert E. Howard, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, June 9, 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 Kelly, second by Sorensen, the Board approved Proclamation #06-09-14-01 Recognizing Arlene Murray for her Election as the Department President for the State of Iowa Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Furlong, second by Sauer, claims dated June 9, 2014 were approved in the amount of \$889,740.07. Ayes: All.

A Public Hearing was called to order by Chairperson Howard at 9:06 A.M. on proposed Fiscal Year 2013/14 Muscatine County Budget Amendments. No one spoke for or against the proposed budget amendments. Budget Coordinator Sherry Seright reviewed the proposed amendments with the Board. On a motion by Furlong, second by Kelly, the public hearing was closed at 9:13 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kelly, the Board approved Resolution #06-09-14-01 Amending the Fiscal Year 2013/14 Muscatine County Budget. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #06-09-14-02 Fiscal Year 2013/14 Muscatine County Budget Appropriations. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

Community Services Director Mike Johannsen updated the Board on the mental health/disability services regionalization process stating as of July 1, 2014 Muscatine County will be governed by a regional provider. Johannsen stated the Scott County Community Services Director will be the CEO of the Region for the rest of 2014 and the Jackson County Community Services Director will be the CEO for 2015. Johannsen stated the Region has budgeted expenditures of \$15,382,755 and revenues of \$16,091,598. Case Manager Kathy Anderson-Noel stated that during FY2013/2014 Muscatine County had two Case Management position openings that they did not fill in anticipation of losing chronic mental illness cases July 1, 2014 due to the incorporation of Care Coordinators through Integrated Health Homes. Muscatine County has 63 cases with chronic mental illness of which 23 cases have already been transitioned to either Robert Young or Vera French. Johannsen stated the Mental Health expenditures budgeted for FY2014 had a target of 91.6%, but is currently at 70.82% due to the Affordable Care Act. Johannsen stated Muscatine County has seen a dramatic decline in expenditures in the area of outpatient therapy because those individuals are now eligible for expanded Title XIX. Johannsen stated the State wants to take 80% of the savings and County is allowed to keep 20%. Johannsen stated the portion that goes back to the State over the next two years will be kept in a fund that will be used to expand services throughout the State, but in FY2017, the savings instead will go to property tax relief.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Furlong, the Board authorized the Chair to execute a Preferred Provider Agreement between Center for Alcohol and Drug Services, Inc. and Muscatine County. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, minutes of the Monday, June 2, 2014 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Howard received a letter from Unity Point designating their Board of Trustees Officers for the year.

Committee Reports:

Kelly attended a Muscatine Health Association meeting June 4th.

Sorensen attended a Muscatine County Safety Committee meeting June 4th.

Furlong and Sauer attended a Muscatine County Fair fundraiser “Weekend of the Fair” June 6th. Howard, Kelly and Sauer attended a Nature Conservancy presentation about the Lower Cedar Valley June 3rd.

County Engineer Keith White reported that he received an Iowa Department of Transportation Detour Agreement for the temporary closure of US 6 between X30 and X40 for a week at the end of June or beginning of July. White updated the Board on road projects and a recent accident involving a motor grader.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, the Board authorized the Chair to execute the FY14/15 Contract for Specialized Transportation Services with River Bend Transit in the amount of \$7,000. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Furlong, second by Kelly, the Board approved the hiring of Victor Mendoza as Accountant/Human Resources Assistant at \$40,277 annually (Grade 12, Step 3) for the Administration Office. Ayes: All.

Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber informed the Board that they have at least four openings coming up on the Compensation Commission at the end of June. Schreiber also stated that they have been having issues with the copier in the Administration office and she has been told by the technician that it has passed its useful life and needs to be replaced at an approximate cost of \$5,000 - \$9,000.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:23 A.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Robert E. Howard, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Tuesday, June 10, 2014

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met in special 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.

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met as a Board of Canvassers for the Primary Election held on Tuesday, June 3, 2014. Results of the canvass were presented by County Auditor Leslie A. Soule with the following candidates being nominated for various County Offices for the November 2014 General Election:

COUNTY POSITIONS	REPUBLICAN	DEMOCRAT
Board of Supervisors District 1	Robert E. Howard	No candidate nominated
Board of Supervisors District 2	Matthew Bonebrake	Robert Krysh
Board of Supervisors District 5	Jeff Sorensen	Philip E. Fitzgerald
County Treasurer	Amy L. Zybarth	Kas Kelly
County Recorder	Sarah Bodman	Nancy Y. Long
County Attorney	Alan R. Ostergren	No candidate nominated

On a motion by Furlong, second by Sorensen, the Board went into closed session at 9:15 A.M. pursuant to Chapter 21.5.1(i), Code of Iowa, for a performance evaluation. Roll call vote: Ayes: All. On a motion by Furlong, second by Sorensen, the Board returned to open session at 11:58 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

Chairperson Howard appointed Supervisors Sauer and Furlong to negotiate the County Engineer's contract.

Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber stated that Wellmark has provided a quote from Avesis for a materials only 100% employee paid vision program. Board consensus is that they were not interested in the program as the program would cost the employee almost as much as the benefit the employee would receive. Schreiber stated she is currently negotiating with local providers for a discount to employees.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:08 P.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Robert E. Howard, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors