

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, August 11, 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.

Sheriff Dave White opened and reviewed the following bids for a 42-foot wide X 104-foot long X 14-foot high storage building: Hy-Brand Construction - \$58,836; RC Construction - \$35,583; and Greiner Buildings Inc. – \$42,701. Sauer stated he would install at least 12-foot wide garage doors. Sheriff White stated that one 16-foot wide door and two 10-foot wide doors are being placed on one end of the 42-foot wide building, so there is a space consideration fitting them all on that side of the building. Sauer stated he would install two 16-foot wide doors, instead of one 16-foot wide door and two 10-foot wide doors. Furlong agreed that generally the wider the door the better for getting equipment in and out. Sheriff White stated he will look into options with the doors. On a motion by Furlong, second by Sorensen, the Board accepted a bid in the amount of \$35,583 from RC Construction for a storage building for the Sheriff's Office subject to review by Sheriff White. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Greg Lindle, 1705 N Lindle Avenue, regarding water flow and drainage issues on North Lindle Avenue. Lindle stated he would like to see drainage issues on Saulsbury Road addressed by adding culverts and cleaning trees and brush out of the ditches. Lindle stated it was well maintained until the park was deeded the property and now there are four blockages holding the water up. Lindle stated there is a beaver dam on the other side that backs up into several fields. Lindle stated he is working to get his part cleaned up, but needs the County to do its part to allow for better drainage. Don Brown, 1720 Lindle Avenue, stated the big problem is the trees and beavers. Brown stated the dams cannot be dug out by hand, dynamite or a backhoe is needed to get rid of the beavers. Brown stated it would help a lot if the channel could be straightened out. White stated Saulsbury Road cannot be built high enough to prevent water over the road, but the new bridge is longer and has a larger opening to allow for more water to pass under the bridge. White stated he is in between a rock and a hard place with beaver dams, but if they are interfering with a culvert, the County will remove them. Lindle asked what happened to cleaning the brush and trees out of the ditches and if White needs more resources, the Board should give it to him. Howard stated their budget will not cover more resources at this time. White stated the County usually does at least two mowings and have discussed probably a third mowing this year. Brown stated he would allow the County to put the trees on his property and he will burn them. Howard asked White to review the situation and return to the Board with a report on what the County is responsible for and what can be done to help the situation. Lindle stated they are doing their part by removing the beaver dams on his father's property. Sorensen stated that the Board also needs to talk to Curt Weiss. Lindle invited the Board out to take a look at the situation. Kelly suggested they consider establishing a drainage district to allow them to

tax the residents in that area to cover the costs of cleaning the ditches to allow for better drainage.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, the Board approved a contract, bond and certificate of insurance for BROS-C070(57)—5F-70 for a bridge replacement on Burlington Road with Muscatine Bridge Co. in the amount of \$514,525.05. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Furlong, second by Sauer, the Board approved agreement number 2015-16-001 with the Iowa Department of Transportation for operation of a Real Time Kinematic network GPS on a county owned GPS monument. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorenson, the following utility permit was approved: Doug Eichelberger – installation of 200-amp service through conduit crossing 235<sup>th</sup> Street. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Furlong, second by Sorensen, multiple utility permits were approved for West Liberty Telephone Company – buried fiber communications cable and equipment in Wapsie Township on Dean Avenue, Evans Avenue, Eliason Avenue, 123<sup>rd</sup> Street, Elder Avenue, 140<sup>th</sup> Street and Forest Avenue; on X34 (Davis Avenue); in Goshen Township on 115<sup>th</sup> Street, Green Avenue and 130<sup>th</sup> Street; F62 (120<sup>th</sup> Street); on X40 (Garfield Avenue); on F56 (100<sup>th</sup> Street); and on F70(155<sup>th</sup> Street). Ayes: All.

County Engineer Keith White stated he is having issues with some utility companies causing severe damage to County roads and tiling. White would like the Board to start thinking about instituting a charge to the utility companies that are not fixing the roads they destroy.

County Engineer Keith White updated the Board on Secondary Road projects.

White addressed an issue Sorensen had brought to him regarding visibility at Taylor and Hwy 6. The weeds referenced are in railroad right-of-way not County right-of way.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board approved a renewal application for a Class C Beer License and Sunday Sales Permit for Casey's Marketing Co., dba Casey's General Store #2472, 1334 Hwy 22, Nichols, IA 52766. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board approved a new application for a 5-day Class BB Beer (Includes Wine Coolers) License and Outdoor Service Area Permit for English River Outfitters Resort for an event at 2097 Hwy 61 South, Muscatine, IA 52761 effective August 23, 2014. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, minutes of the Monday, August 4, 2014 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

The Board received a letter from Lee Miller that he is resigning from the

Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission effective immediately.

Howard reported a call asking for assistance from Muscatine County Conservation regarding a unique wild rabbit in Louisa County.

Sorensen received a call regarding visibility issues at the intersection of Taylor and Hwy 6.

Furlong received a call regarding dirt removal in the City of Muscatine.

Committee Reports:

Kelly attended a Seventh Judicial District meeting August 8<sup>th</sup>.

Sauer attended a Muscatine County Fair Board meeting August 6<sup>th</sup>.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, the Board approved Resolution #08-11-14-01 Granting Extension for Filing the Final Plat of Wills/Shea Subdivision. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, the Chairperson was authorized to execute an Iowa Department of Public Health Emergency Medical Services (EMS) System Development grant contract in the amount of \$6,557.00. Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed health/dental fund balance as of July 31, 2014.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 A.M.

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Betty L. Wamback  
First Deputy Auditor

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Robert E. Howard, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, August 18, 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 Sauer, second by Sorensen, claims dated August 18, 2014 were approved in the amount of \$728,254.02. Ayes: All

Discussion was held with County Sheriff Dave White regarding a request for Board authorization for a part time Jail Receptionist position and approval of a revised class specification for the position. White stated a law change went into effect July 1<sup>st</sup> requiring the Sheriff's Office begin serving garnishment documents which had previously been served by attorneys. White stated this legislation will generate about 1,800 extra documents in his office which must be served within seven days or the Sheriff's Office will be subject to legal liabilities. White stated the Sheriff's Office can charge for this service and with the additional paperwork involved he estimates this will generate an extra \$44,000 per year in fees to the Civil Department. White stated he would like to adjust duties in the Civil Department and hire a part-time receptionist. White stated he did not want the Board to take action today because White and Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber need to meet with union representatives about the position and wage. White stated in December, 2015 he will probably request the part-time receptionist position be changed to full-time when the five year renewal cycle for gun permits starts on December 1, 2015. Board consensus was for White to develop a job description, determine a wage for a part-time Jail Receptionist and then present a request to the Board.

White updated the Board on the storage building for Sheriff's Office vehicles and equipment. Sauer requested White create a draft of vehicle and equipment placement in the storage building for Board review.

Discussion was held with White regarding amending the Jail Commissary Expenditure Policy and authorizing the Sheriff to utilize Jail Commissary proceeds for construction of a storage building for Sheriff's Office vehicles and equipment. Furlong asked White to supply the Board, within the next month, a report showing the Commissary expenditures for the last fiscal year. Howard stated he was not sure a building expense belongs on the Expenditure Policy. Furlong stated he was for adding the building to the Expenditure Policy because the Board had already approved the storage building. On a motion by Furlong, second by Kelly the Board approved use of Jail Commissary funds for the storage building as an exception to the Jail Commissary Expenditure Policy. Ayes: All.

Sheriff White updated the Board on an upcoming Jail Remodel in Johnson County. White stated Johnson County will evacuate their prisoners to the Muscatine County Jail during their remodeling and the Muscatine County Jail will integrate Johnson County Staff to assist with the additional inmates.

Discussion was held with Muscatine County Assessor's Office Manager Ann Bahn regarding 2014 homestead tax credits and/or military tax exemptions the Assessor recommended be disallowed. Bahn stated as part of the credit review process the Assessor's Office checked rental lists from the Cities of Muscatine and Wilton and looked at parcels where there was an address change for the owner. In response to a question from Kelly, Bahn stated that in order to qualify for a homestead credit the dwelling must be owner occupied. On a motion by Furlong, second by Kelly, the Board disallowed 2014 homestead tax credits and/or military tax exemptions as recommended by the Assessor. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, minutes of the Monday, August 11, 2014 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber informed the Board that they received correspondence from the City of Muscatine regarding the City amending the Urban Renewal Plan for the Consolidated Muscatine Urban Renewal Area which includes a Notice of a meeting scheduled for August 20, 2014 at 9:00 A.M. to discuss the amendment and a Public Hearing scheduled for September 4, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.

No other correspondence was reported.

**Committee Reports:**

Sauer attended a Muscatine County Hazard Mitigation Committee meeting August 14<sup>th</sup>.

Furlong attended a Fruitland City Council meeting August 12<sup>th</sup>.

Muscatine County Engineer Keith White updated the Board on various projects. White stated he attended a public assistance meeting on August 14<sup>th</sup> in Johnson County to submit an application on Muscatine County's behalf for public assistance due to the flooding in late June and early July.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Furlong, the Board approved Proclamation #08-18-14-01 Labor Day. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, the Board authorized the Chair to execute a Contract for Consulting Services for a Historic Survey and National Register of Historic Places Nomination Project for West Liberty Fairgrounds in Muscatine County, Iowa. Ayes: All.

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The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 A.M.

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Leslie A. Soule, Auditor

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Robert E. Howard, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors