

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, November 10, 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 November 10, 2014 were approved in the amount of \$625,959.21. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Furlong, second by Sorensen, the Board approved 2014 Family Farm Credit Applications, except for two to be disallowed, as recommended by the Assessor's Office. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with County Recorder Cindy Gray regarding her request to temporarily increase the part-time clerk position to full time in order to more extensively train the current clerk on the new Eagle Real Estate Indexing and Imaging Program. Gray stated they will stay within budget even with the increase in hours worked. Sorensen asked about the precedent that is being established. Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber stated there have been other instances where an employee has been hired before the retirement of another employee, but this is the first time an elected official has requested a change before a new elected official takes office. First Deputy Recorder Sarah Bodman assured the Board she will also stay within budget. On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, the Board authorized the part time clerk position to increase to full time through December 31, 2014. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Furlong, the Board accepted the 2014 Iowa Weed Commissioner's Report. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Keith White updated the Board on secondary road projects.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, minutes of the Monday, November 3, 2014 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Howard reported a contact regarding the County Recorder's request for a temporary full time position.

Kelly reported that the Bi-State Drug and Alcohol Consortium has contracted with Genesis Occupational Health for random drug testing.

Committee Reports:

Kelly attended a Muscatine Health Association meeting November 5th.

Kelly, Sauer, Howard and Sorensen attended a demonstration on manure management at the Deahr farm on November 7th.

Discussion was held with Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber and County Engineer Keith White regarding succession planning for the Engineer's Office. Schreiber stated White would like to start searching for a good candidate with an engineering degree to hire into the Engineer's office in order to start gathering experience to replace him at some point in the future when he retires. White stated he has no particular timeline for retirement in the near future. White stated there are not many candidates and it could take several years to find the right one. White stated he would return to the Board before hiring, if he finds a suitable candidate. Board consensus was for the County Engineer to proceed with his succession plan.

On a motion by Furlong, second by Kelly, October 2014 payroll claims were accepted. Ayes: All.

Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber provided an update on the Salary Study stating a survey has been provided to all of the employees covered by the Salary Administration Program which will be followed up with interviews with those employees.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 A.M.

ATTEST:

Susan J. O'Donnell
Second Deputy Auditor

Robert E. Howard, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Wednesday, November 12, 2014

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met in special session 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 Board met as a Board of Canvassers for the General Election held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014. The Board certified the following to be a true and correct abstract of the votes of the election. There were a total of 13,264 ballots cast as follows:

FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR – 13,075 total votes were cast: Joni Ernst received 6,767 votes, Bruce Braley received 5,685 votes, Bob Quast received 136 votes, Rick Stewart received 320 votes, Douglas Butzier received 108 votes, Ruth Smith received 50 votes and there was a scattering of 9 votes.

FOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE-DISTRICT 2 – 13,075 total votes were cast: Mariannette Miller-Meeks received 6,719 votes, Dave Loebsack received 6,317 votes and there was a scattering of 39 votes.

FOR GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR – 13,144 total votes were cast: Terry E. Branstad/Kim Reynolds received 8,051 votes, Jack Hatch/Monica Vernon received 4,563 votes, Jonathan R. Narcisse/Michael L. Richards received 150 votes, Lee Deakins Hieb/Tim Watson received 191 votes, Jim Hennager/Mary Margaret Krieg received 178 votes and there was a scattering of 11 votes.

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE – 12,687 total votes were cast: Paul D. Pate received 6,516 votes, Brad Anderson received 5,452 votes, Jake Porter received 373 votes, Spencer Highland received 338 votes and there was a scattering of 8 votes.

FOR AUDITOR OF STATE – 12,466 total votes were cast: Mary Mosiman received 7,131 votes, Jonathan Neiderbach received 5,321 votes and there was a scattering of 14 votes.

FOR TREASURER OF STATE – 12,685 total votes were cast: Sam Clovis received 5,847 votes, Michael L. Fitzgerald received 6,317 votes, Keith A. Laube received 515 votes and there was a scattering of 6 votes.

FOR SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE – 12,677 total votes were cast: Bill Northey received 7,733 votes, Sherrie Taha received 4,328 votes, Levi Benning received 605 votes and there was a scattering of 11 votes.

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL – 12,709 total votes were cast: Adam Gregg received 6,044 votes, Tom Miller received 6,648 votes and there was a scattering of 17 votes.

FOR STATE SENATOR-DISTRICT 37 – 525 total votes were cast: Robert E. Dvorsky received 513 votes and there was a scattering of 12 votes.

FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE-DISTRICT 73 – 932 total votes were cast: Bobby Kaufmann received 703 votes and David Johnson received 229 votes.

FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE-DISTRICT 88 – 1,982 total votes were cast: Tom Sands received 1,931 votes and there was a scattering of 51 votes.

FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE-DISTRICT 91 – 9,350 total votes were cast: Gary Carlson received 5,286 votes, John Dabeet received 4,042 votes and there was a scattering of 22 votes.

FOR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS-DISTRICT 1 – 12,634 total votes were cast: Robert E. Howard received 7,123 votes, Kim Thompson received 5,493 votes and there was a scattering of 18 votes. Robert E. Howard was elected.

FOR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS-DISTRICT 2 – 12,459 total votes were cast: Matthew Bonebrake received 7,016 votes, Robert Krysh received 5,427 votes and there was a scattering of 16 votes. Matthew Bonebrake was elected.

FOR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS-DISTRICT 5 – 12,686 total votes were cast: Jeff Sorensen received 7,033 votes, Philip E. Fitzgerald received 5,638 votes, and there was a scattering of 15 votes. Jeff Sorensen was elected.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER – 12,889 total votes were cast: Amy L. Zybarth received 7,645 votes, Kas Kelly received 5,234 votes and there was a scattering of 10 votes. Amy L. Zybarth was elected.

FOR COUNTY RECORDER – 12,739 total votes were cast: Sarah Bodman received 7,403 votes, Nancy Y. Long received 5,322 and there was a scattering of 14 votes. Sarah Bodman was elected.

FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY – 9,353 total votes were cast: Alan R. Ostergren received 9,012 votes and there was a scattering of 341 votes. Alan R. Ostergren was elected.

FOR MUSCATINE GENERAL HOSPITAL TRUSTEES-(ELECT TWO)(SIX YEAR TERM) – 12,979 total votes were cast: Diana Gradert received 5,783 votes, Holly Oppelt received 7,116 votes and there was a scattering of 80 votes. Diana Gradert and Holly Oppelt were elected.

FOR SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS-(ELECT TWO)(FOUR YEAR TERM) – 598 total votes were cast; Dan Steele received 10 votes, Robert Beatty received 8 votes, Scott Eichelberger received 7 votes, John Weaver

received 6 votes and there was a scattering of 567 votes. Dan Steele and Robert Beatty were elected.

FOR SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS (UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014) – 298 total votes were cast; Dan Steele received 5 votes, Steve Brown received 3 votes, Luke Meeker received 3 votes and there was a scattering of 287 votes. Dan Steele was elected.

FOR COUNTY AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION COUNCILMEMBERS-(ELECT FIVE)(FOUR YEAR TERM) – 27,786 total votes were cast: Rebecca Hawkins-Valadez received 5,359 votes, Jody Riibe received 5,398 votes, Mary N. Maurer received 5,782 votes, Jo Ann Christofferson received 5,807 votes, Helen Bolton received 5,325 votes and there was a scattering of 115 votes. Rebecca Hawkins-Valadez, Jody Riibe, Mary N. Maurer, Jo Ann Christofferson and Helen Bolton were elected.

FOR BLOOMINGTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE-(ELECT TWO) – 1,099 total votes were cast: Tom Johanns received 605 votes, Gerald Rieke Jr. received 487 votes and there was a scattering of 7 votes. Tom Johanns and Gerald Rieke Jr. was elected.

FOR BLOOMINGTON TOWNSHIP CLERK – 653 total votes were cast: Jerry Timm received 648 votes and there was a scattering of 5 votes. Jerry Timm was elected.

FOR CEDAR TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE-(ELECT TWO) – 149 total votes were cast: Charles Snyder received 75 votes, James Coder received 73 votes and there was a scattering of one vote. Charles Snyder and James Coder were elected.

FOR CEDAR TOWNSHIP CLERK – 81 total votes were cast: Dana Pittman received 81 votes. Dana Pittman was elected.

FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE-(ELECT ONE) – 189 total votes were cast: Thomas D. Wilson received 185 votes and there was a scattering of 4 votes. Thomas D. Wilson was elected.

FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE - (UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015)(ELECT ONE) – 17 total votes were cast: Michael Riggan received 2 votes, William Brockert received one vote, Bob Nowak received one vote, Thomas Haynes received one vote, Matthew McCleary received one vote, Jerry Miller received one vote, Brian Meyer received one vote, Joel Hines received one vote, Gary Pickering received one vote, Brad Reiners received one vote, Steven Fisher received one vote, Thomas Harper received one vote, Jeff Wachtel received one vote and there was a scattering of 3 votes. Michael Riggan was elected.

FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP CLERK – 190 total votes were cast: Lynn Bartenhagen received 189 votes and there was a scattering of one vote. Lynn Bartenhagen was elected.

FULTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE-(ELECT ONE) – 9 total votes were cast: Kenneth Guerink received one vote, Gaillard Krewer received one vote, Fred Hensell, Jr. received one vote, Keith Martz received one vote, Bob Cawiezell received one vote, Rick Sorgenfrey received one vote, Robert Brus received one vote, Don Dohrmund received one vote and Bart Paulson received one vote. Kenneth Guerink was elected by draw.

FULTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE-(UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016)(ELECT ONE) – 107 total votes were cast: Dennis N. Price received 107 votes. Dennis N. Price was elected.

FULTON TOWNSHIP CLERK – 130 total votes were cast: Rick V. Riessen received 130 votes. Rick Riessen was elected.

GOSHEN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE-(ELECT ONE) – 138 total votes were cast: Richard Brand received 72 votes, Mark Madsen received 65 votes and there was a scattering of one vote. Richard Brand and Mark Madsen were elected.

GOSHEN TOWNSHIP CLERK – 84 total votes were cast: Wayne Corriell received 82 votes and there was a scattering of 2 votes. Wayne Corriell was elected.

LAKE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE-(ELECT ONE) – 167 total votes were cast: Ralph Danner Jr. received 167 votes. Ralph Danner Jr. was elected.

LAKE TOWNSHIP CLERK – 163 total votes were cast: Randall Eichelberger received 163 votes. Randall Eichelberger was elected.

MONTPELIER TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE-(ELECT TWO) – 441 total votes were cast: William F. Hopkins received 138 votes, Robert Bancks received 155 votes, Randy Ferkel received 144 votes and there was a scattering of 4 votes. Robert Bancks and Randy Ferkel were elected.

MONTPELIER TOWNSHIP CLERK – 220 total votes were cast: James F. Bina received 216 votes and there was a scattering of 4 votes. James F. Bina was elected.

MOSCOW TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE-(ELECT TWO) – 271 total votes were cast: Dennis Anderson received 136 votes, Robert Bierman received 132 votes and there was a scattering of 3 votes. Dennis Anderson and Robert Bierman were elected.

MOSCOW TOWNSHIP CLERK – 157 total votes were cast: Mardell McConnaha received 156 votes and there was a scattering of one vote. Mardell McConnaha was elected.

ORONO TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE-(ELECT TWO) – 47 total votes were cast: Larry Fitchner received 34 votes, Don McCullough Sr. received 9 votes, Danny Conaway received 2 votes and there was a scattering of 2 votes. Larry Fitchner and Don McCullough Sr. were elected.

ORONO TOWNSHIP CLERK – 6 total votes were cast: Kathy Hoback received 6 votes. Kathy Hoback was elected.

PIKE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE-(ELECT TWO) – 143 total votes were cast: Mark Elder received 140 votes, Gary Schmitt received one vote, Jo Ann Christofferson received one vote and Hank Priest received one vote. Mark Elder was elected. Gary Schmitt was elected by draw.

PIKE TOWNSHIP CLERK – 142 total votes were cast: Jeff Chown received 142 votes. Jeff Chown was elected.

SEVENTY-SIX TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE-(ELECT TWO) – 145 total votes were cast: Janice Noll received 133 votes, Robert Butler received 2 votes, Scott Eichelberger received 2 votes and there was a scattering of 8 votes. Janice A. Noll was elected. Robert Butler was elected by draw.

SEVENTY-SIX TOWNSHIP CLERK – 138 total votes were cast: Sara Guldenpfennig received 138 votes. Sara Guldenpfennig was elected.

SWEETLAND TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE-(ELECT ONE) – 489 total votes were cast: Dean Hetzler received 483 votes and there was a scattering of 6 votes. Dean Hetzler was elected.

SWEETLAND TOWNSHIP CLERK – 482 total votes were cast: Carolyn J. Leach received 478 votes and there was a scattering of 4 votes. Carolyn J. Leach was elected.

WAPSIE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE-(ELECT TWO) – 248 total votes were cast: Austin Maas received 243 votes, George Alt received one vote, Bob Cline received one vote, Brad Daufeldt received one vote and there was a scattering of 2 votes. Austin Maas was elected. Bob Cline was elected by draw.

WAPSIE TOWNSHIP CLERK – 230 total votes were cast: Jerry Anderson received 230 votes. Jerry Anderson was elected.

WILTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE-(ELECT ONE) – 12 total votes were cast: Trent Barrett received 2 votes, Dan Oien received 2 votes, Jim Gavin received one vote, Jack Rife received one vote, Gary Maurer received one vote, Ted Glenney received one vote, Amanda Hayes received one vote, Kay Grimm received one vote, John Marshall received one vote, and Joseph Hewitt received one vote. Trent Barrett was elected by draw.

WILTON TOWNSHIP CLERK – 102 total votes were cast: Holly Barrett received 101 votes and there was a scattering of one vote. Holly Barrett was elected.

FOR THE RETENTION OF JUDGES (COURT OF APPEALS):

Thomas N. Bower received 5,910 affirmative votes and 2,316 negative votes.

Christopher McDonald received 6,038 affirmative votes and 2,244 negative votes.

FOR THE RETENTION OF JUDGES (DISTRICT COURT JUDGES):

Joel William Barrows received 5,833 affirmative votes and 2,372 negative votes.

Marlita A. Greve received 5,876 affirmative votes and 2,390 negative votes.

Mary E. Howes received 5,971 affirmative votes and 2,275 negative votes.

Henry William Latham II received 5,954 affirmative votes and 2,383 negative votes.

Mark R. Lawson received 6,019 affirmative votes and 2,242 negative votes.

FOR THE RETENTION OF JUDGES (DISTRICT ASSOCIATE JUDGES):

Mark R. Fowler received 6,093 affirmative votes and 2,179 negative votes.

Christine Dalton Ploof received 5,878 affirmative votes and 2,387 negative votes.

Cheryl Traum received 6,003 affirmative votes and 2,249 negative votes.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 A.M.

ATTEST:

Susan J. O'Donnell
Second Deputy Auditor

Robert E. Howard, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, November 17, 2014

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. with Furlong, Howard, Kelly, Sauer and Sorensen 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 Chair was authorized to execute an Animal Control Agreement between Muscatine County and the City of Muscatine. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, minutes of the Monday, November 10, 2014 regular meeting and the Wednesday, November 12, 2014 special meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Howard received correspondence regarding a county road situation.

Committee Reports:

Kelly attended a Seventh Judicial District Board meeting on November 14th.

On a motion by Furlong, second by Sauer, the Board accepted the bid for Snow/Ice Removal Services from Top to Bottom Construction of Muscatine. Ayes: All.

Sorensen volunteered to serve on the Muscatine Convention and Visitor's Bureau Board. Board consensus was to appoint Sorensen.

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

The Board reviewed the FY15/16 budget calendar.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 A.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Robert E. Howard, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors