

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, December 8, 2014

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. with Furlong, Howard and Kelly present. Sorensen and Sauer were absent. Chairperson Howard presiding.

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

On a motion by Furlong, second by Kelly, claims dated December 8, 2014 were approved in the amount of \$207,901.13. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Furlong, second by Kelly, Community Services Director Michael Johannsen was authorized to execute (1) an intergovernmental contract (DCAT3-15-147) with Iowa Department of Human Services for use of Decategorization funds to provide financial assistance to families with a child or children who have a serious emotional disturbance or are seeking a mental health evaluation for a child(ren) and (2) a service agreement with Cedar County Community Services as a subcontractor of the Wraparound Funds DCAT3-15-147 contract. Ayes: All.

A Public Hearing was called to order at 9:07 A.M. by Chairperson Howard on a request from Monsanto for a 5-year partial property tax exemption for certain industrial real estate in Fruitland Township on which Monsanto proposes to create approximately 51 new jobs with a production expansion project. Greater Muscatine Chamber of Commerce and Industry President and CEO Greg Jenkins spoke in favor of the project. No one spoke against the proposed property tax exemption. On a motion by Kelly, second by Furlong, the public hearing was closed at 9:10 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Furlong, second by Kelly, an ordinance granting prior approval of the tax exemption requested by Monsanto in accordance with Title III, Chapter V of the Muscatine County Code of Ordinances was approved on the first of three readings. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met as a Board of Canvassers for the Louisa-Muscatine Community School District Physical Plant and Equipment Levy Special Election held on Tuesday, December 2, 2014. The Board certified the following results to be a true and correct abstract of the votes cast in the election: Yes Votes: 321; No Votes: 247; Total Votes: 568. The measure was adopted.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Furlong, minutes of the Monday, December 1, 2014 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

The Board received a letter regarding the October 29, 2014 jail inspection conducted by the Iowa Department of Corrections noting one item for corrective action.

Committee Reports:

Kelly attended a Muscatine Health Association meeting December 3rd.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Furlong, the Chair was authorized to execute Contract #5885EM122 Iowa EMS System Evaluation Grant from the Iowa Department of Public Health in the amount of \$3,800.00. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Furlong, the Board accepted the November 2014 payroll claims. Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 A.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Robert E. Howard, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, December 15, 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.

Discussion was held with Muscatine City Community Development Coordinator Adam Thompson regarding the City's request to abate past taxes on city owned property located at 704 Clay Street. Thompson stated the amount of the abated taxes will be applied to the Upper Floor Housing Initiative to rehabilitate upper floors in properties located in downtown Muscatine. Thompson stated the City and School have already abated past taxes on the parcel. Thompson stated abating the taxes will help facilitate the sale of the property which will place it back on the tax rolls. On a motion by Furlong, second by Sorensen, the Board approved Resolution #12-15-14-01 Abating Taxes. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, an ordinance granting prior approval of the tax exemption requested by Monsanto in accordance with Title III, Chapter V of the Muscatine County Code of Ordinances was approved on the second of three readings. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, minutes of the Monday, December 8, 2014 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Howard reported a contact regarding Muscatine County's building fees being higher than those of adjoining southeast counties.

Sauer reported a call regarding a road issue.

Committee Reports:

Sorensen attended a Muscatine County Safety Committee meeting December 3rd.

Kelly attended a Seventh Judicial District meeting December 12th.

Howard attended a Fruitland City Council meeting December 9th.

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

Information Services Director Bill Riley reported the new website should go live tomorrow morning. Riley also stated MP&W installed the hardware at the Sheriff's Office, so the County can start testing the fiber connection that will be replacing their wireless connection.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, the Board approved Resolution #12-15-14-02 Amending Resolution #12-16-13-01 to Increase Membership of the Historic Preservation Commission for Muscatine County, Iowa from seven to eight. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, the Chairperson was authorized to execute Contract No. 2015-09 State Historical Society of Iowa Grant-In-Aid Agreement for Certified Local Government (CLG) Muscatine County, Iowa Certified Local Government Grant Project. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, the Board set a public hearing for Monday, January 5, 2015, at 9:00 A.M. on a proposed amendment to the Muscatine County Zoning Ordinance. Ayes: All.

Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber stated she met with Wellmark regarding timing options for the possible addition of a qualified high deductible health plan.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 A.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Robert E. Howard, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, December 22, 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.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, claims dated December 22, 2014 were approved in the amount of \$337,292.99. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Zoning Administrator Jodee Stepleton regarding approval of a preliminary plat of the proposed one lot agricultural subdivision, Finley's Subdivision, containing approximately 5.5 acres in Seventy-Six Township. On a motion by Furlong, second by Sorensen, the Board approved a preliminary plat of the proposed one lot agricultural subdivision, Finley's Subdivision, containing approximately 5.5 acres in Seventy-Six Township. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Furlong, the Board approved Resolution #12-22-14-01 Approval of Final Plat of Finley's Subdivision. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed the following Special Use Permit approved by the Muscatine County Board of Adjustment on December 5, 2014: Case #14-12-01 is an application filed by Thomas R. or Connie S. Peterson, Record Owners, and Proposed Lessee Night Owl Wireless by Andrew Willey. This property is located in Montpelier Township, 1761 Ziegler Avenue, Blue Grass, in the SE¼ of Section 12-T77N-R1E, East of Ziegler Avenue, containing approximately 9.75 acres, and is zoned A-1 Agricultural District. This request would allow the Zoning Administrator to issue a Special Use Permit for the Night Owl Wireless to erect a 45' tower on the Peterson's property in order to provide wireless internet access to upwards of 10 homes that will be serviced by this tower. The Board of Adjustment approved this request.

Discussion was held with Stepleton regarding compliance with Iowa Code Chapter 103, Electrical Certification Requirements. Stepleton provided the following options for conducting electrical inspections in Muscatine County after January 1, 2015: The State of Iowa could conduct the inspections; the County could hire a third party certified inspector to conduct the inspections; the County could enter into an agreement with the City of Muscatine to conduct the inspections; or a County employee could become certified to conduct the inspections. Stepleton stated electrical inspections are currently being conducted by Muscatine County Building Inspector Jim Schaapveld who is scheduled to take the exam next Monday to become certified. Stepleton stated a State inspection allows for minimal added administrative duties as the State would take on all the permitting and inspections. Stepleton stated that the issue with the State is that they charge a much higher rate for new residential dwelling electrical permits. Howard would like to take time to be sure what the County is doing is best for the residents, by trying the

third party inspector or a certified County employee. Howard stated the County could make adjustments as needed going forward. Furlong stated the easiest solution would be for the State to take over the electrical inspections. Stepleton stated the third party inspector is in the area and could conduct the inspections within 48 hours, while the State requires a 3 day notice on inspections. Stepleton stated the State asked for a one year contract, the third party inspector did not ask for a contract and could be scheduled as needed, but the City asked for a long term commitment. Stepleton stated for ease within her office, she would recommend going with the State. Sorensen stated contractors prefer the State for payment options as the State takes credit cards, but contractors have concerns about the State's three day turn around. Sorensen stated he has not heard anything from the contractors about cost, but he guesses it is because it is passed on to the homeowner. Sorensen stated if electrical inspections are outsourced, Zoning would still take the calls and schedule the inspections in every scenario, except where the State is conducting the inspections. Board consensus was to table decision until next week.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kelly, the Board approved a contract, bond and certificate of insurance for LFM-(62)—7X-70 Culvert Repairs and Subdrains on G-28 (231st Street) from Manatt's Inc. in the amount of \$343,266.50. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Keith White updated the Board on secondary road conditions stating the spring like weather is causing deterioration of the roads.

On a motion by Furlong, second by Kelly, the Board approved Ordinance #12-22-14-01 Granting An Industrial Tax Exemption on the third and final reading. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, minutes of the December 15, 2014 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

No correspondence was noted.

Committee Reports:

Kelly attended an Eastern Iowa Mental Health Regionalization meeting December 15th.

Howard attended Milestones Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board and Executive Board meetings December 16th.

Howard and Furlong attended a Bi-State Regional meeting December 17th.

Sorensen attended a Wilton Development Corporation meeting December 17th.

Furlong attended a West Liberty Economic Area Development (WELEAD) budget meeting December 17th and a WELEAD regular meeting December 18th.

Furlong attended a Muscatine County Veterans Affairs Commission meeting December 22nd.

Sauer attended a Muscatine County Conservation Board meeting December 15th.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 P.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Robert E. Howard, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors