

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, February 23, 2015

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 7:00 P.M. with Bonebrake, Sorensen, Kelly, Sauer and Howard present. Chairperson Kelly presiding.

Chairperson Kelly welcomed the MCC Government Class attending this meeting.

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

Discussion was held with Interim Zoning Director Steve Boka regarding approval of a preliminary plat of the proposed two lot agricultural subdivision, Buster's Subdivision, containing approximately 65 acres in Sweetland Township. In response to a question from Sauer about how the lots would be accessed, Boka stated the access from New Era Road or Trolley Avenue would be resolved during site plan development if they ever decide to develop the lots. Boka stated there is currently no plan being presented by the owners to build on the lots. On a motion by Howard, second by Sauer, the Board approved a preliminary plat of the proposed two lot agricultural subdivision, Buster's Subdivision, containing approximately 65 acres in Sweetland Township. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved Resolution #02-23-15-01 Approval of Final Plat of Buster's Subdivision. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Interim Zoning Director Steve Boka regarding approval of a preliminary plat of the proposed one lot residential subdivision, Van Zandt Rolling Acres, containing approximately 14.53 acres in Lake Township. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Howard, the Board approved a preliminary plat of the proposed one lot residential subdivision, Van Zandt Rolling Acres, containing approximately 14.53 acres in Lake Township. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, the Board approved Resolution #02-23-15-02 Approval of Final Plat of Van Zandt Rolling Acres. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed a Special Use Permit denied by the Muscatine County Board of Adjustment on Friday, February 6, 2015. Case #15-02-01 is an application filed by Scott D. or Kathleen A. Eichelberger, Record owners. This property is located in Seventy-Six Township in the SW1/4 of Sec. 10-T76N-R3W, East of Jasper Avenue, containing approximately 81 acres, and is zoned A-1 Agricultural District. This request if approved, would allow the Zoning Administrator to issue a Special Use Permit in order for the Record Owners to build a rural residence on this property after a Restrictive Covenant had been signed to sell off an existing dwelling. The Board of Adjustment denied this request due to the high corn suitability rating of the parcel. Scott Eichelberger, record owner, stated they picked out the area of the parcel that was least productive when determining where to place the dwelling. The Board directed Boka to work with the owners to develop an acceptable alternative.

Discussion was held with Conservation Director Curt Weiss regarding a grant application to the Monsanto Fund for the Deep Lakes Park Accessible Fishing Dock Project. Weiss stated the total project will cost approximately \$34,462. Weiss also requested permission to file a grant application with the Community Foundation for just over \$1,500 for education supplies connected with this project. On a motion Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the Board acknowledged Muscatine County Conservation Board grant applications to the Monsanto Fund and the Community Foundation for the Deep Lakes Park Accessible Fishing Dock Project as well as the Community Foundation grant. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Howard, the Board approved a contract with the US Army Corps of Engineers for patrol services at Clark's Ferry and Shady Creek Recreation Areas. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved an Iowa Retail Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor Permit for BT Grocery, dba BT Convenience, 1961 Tombstone Trail, Montpelier, IA for April – June 2015. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved an application for a Class C Beer, Class B Native Wine and Sunday Sales Permit for BT Grocery, dba BT Convenience, 1961 Tombstone Trail, Montpelier, IA. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Bonebrake, minutes of the February 16, 2015 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Kelly reported a call from Scott and Kathleen Eichelberger regarding their request for a special use permit.

Sorensen reported calls regarding the County budget and E911 communications upgrade.

Sauer reported a call regarding a brush cutting issue along Kinkaid Avenue.

Committee Reports:

Sorensen attended a Wilton Development Corporation meeting February 18th.

Sorensen attended a DECAT meeting February 20th.

Sorensen attended a Regional Workforce Development Board meeting February 23rd.

Sauer attended a Riverbend Transit meeting February 18th.

Sauer attended a Muscatine County Fair Board meeting February 19th.

County Auditor Leslie Soule informed the Board that Drainage District #13 was pursuing expansion of the drainage district for which the cost and work to notify over 1,000 property owners within the next few weeks falls on the Auditor's Office. Soule stated the cost would strain an already tight budget due to the large amount of absentees in last

November's election so she will probably need a budget amendment at some point prior to the end of this fiscal year.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Howard, Mark Cisneros was appointed to the Muscatine County Magistrate Appointing Commission for a 6-year term ending December 31, 2020. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Howard, Holly Oppelt was appointed to the Muscatine County Magistrate Appointing Commission for a 6-year term ending December 31, 2020. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, Martha Peterson was appointed to the Muscatine County Magistrate Appointing Commission for a 6-year term ending December 31, 2020. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved an education reimbursement request. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved Resolution #02-23-15-03 to Fix a Date for a Public Hearing on a General Obligation Loan Agreement. Roll call vote: Ayes: All. The Public Hearing was set for Monday, March 9, 2015 at 9:00 A.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 P.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Kas Kelly, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, March 2, 2015

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

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

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, claims dated March 2, 2015 were approved in the amount of \$1,343,440.56. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Mike Fridley, Fridley Investments LLC, regarding the possible purchase of two County held tax sale certificates. Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber stated that once Fridley Investments acquires these two tax sale certificates, they will begin the process to acquire the surrounding unknown owner parcels. On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #03-02-15-01 Assigning Tax Sale Certificate. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Howard, the Board approved Resolution #03-02-15-02 Assigning Tax Sale Certificate. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #03-02-15-03 Concerning Disposition of Unknown Owner Parcels in Lake and Pike Townships, to set a public hearing for Monday, March 16, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All

On a motion by Howard, second by Sauer, the following utility permits were approved: Eastern Iowa Light and Power – rebuilding overhead power lines and installing underground power lines on 155th Street east of Sweetland Road. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved plans and specifications for BROS-C070(56)—5F-70, a 110' X 24" PPCB bridge over Pine Creek on 180th Street. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Keith White updated the Board on progress with the City of Muscatine sewer line extension to Secondary Roads. In response to a concern from Howard regarding lack of lighting at the intersection of Hwy 61 Bypass and Fruitland Road, White addressed the subject of lighting at intersections in Muscatine County stating that there are many intersections needing lighting, but the County has historically not wanted to incur the ongoing expense of maintaining the lighting. White stated the gas tax bill passed last week, so he will work on a proposal for how to spend the additional revenue.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Howard, the Board approved an amendment to the Iowa Department of Public Health Emergency Medical Services (EMS) System Development grant contract for an additional \$1,598.00. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, minutes of the Monday, February 23, 2015 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

All Supervisors received an email from Ken and Sue Morrison requesting a special meeting of the Zoning Commission.

Sauer and Sorensen reported contacts regarding the MUSCOM Communication Systems upgrade.

Howard reported a contact regarding possible lighting of an intersection near Fruitland.

Committee Reports:

Kelly, Sauer, Sorensen and Howard attended a Muscatine County Conference Board meeting February 24th.

Sauer attended a Muscatine County Conservation meeting February 25th.

Kelly attended a Bi-State Regional meeting February 25th.

Sorensen attended a Region IX Transportation Board meeting February 26th.

Kelly attended the MCSA Open House February 24th.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, the Board approved Resolution #03-02-15-04 Amending Resolution #12-15-14-02 to Increase Membership of the Historic Preservation Commission for Muscatine County, Iowa from eight to nine members. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board appointed William Koellner to the Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission for a three-year term ending January 1, 2018. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board accepted the February 2015 payroll claims. Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 A.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Kas Kelly, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, March 2, 2015 – Special Session

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met in special session at 7:00 P.M. with Bonebrake, Sorensen, Kelly, Sauer and Howard present. Chairperson Kelly presiding.

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

A Public Hearing was called to order by Chairperson Kelly at 7:00 P.M. on the proposed Fiscal Year 2015/16 Muscatine County Budget. Charles Lorenson, 1808 Briarwood Lane, expressed concern about the budget because the County spent money on things probably not necessary such as lighting the Courthouse and he would like the Board to hold the budget to last year's level. Budget Coordinator Sherry Seright clarified that the Courthouse lighting project is not in this budget. Kelly stated the budget would have had a reduction if not for the MUSCOM communications upgrade. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the public hearing was closed at 7:06 P.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #03-02-14-05 Adopting the Fiscal Year 2015/16 County Budget. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

A Public Hearing was called to order by Chairperson Howard at 7:08 P.M. on proposed amendments to the Fiscal Year 2014/15 Muscatine County Budget. Budget Coordinator Sherry Seright reviewed the proposed amendments with the Board. No one spoke for or against the proposed amendments. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the public hearing was closed at 7:12 P.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved Resolution #03-02-14-06 Amending the Fiscal Year 2014/15 County Budget. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #03-02-14-07 Fiscal Year 2014/15 Budget Appropriations. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 P.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Kas Kelly, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors