

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, March 9, 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.

Bill Schubick, President of Cedarview Association, expressed concern about the lack of rock on 152<sup>nd</sup> Street. Schubick stated there is a lot of hunter and resident traffic on 152<sup>nd</sup> Street warranting his request for a couple of loads of rock.

A Public Hearing was called to order by Chairperson Kelly at 9:04 A.M. for the purpose of instituting proceedings and taking action to enter into a loan agreement in a principal amount not to exceed \$4,200,000 for the purpose of financing improvements and repairs to the County Courthouse and acquiring public safety officer communication equipment. In response to a question from Don Paulson, 76 Township, regarding the brand of radios to be purchased, Sorensen stated they are not that far into the process, but whatever brand purchased will be P25 compatible. No one spoke against the loan agreement. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the public hearing was closed at 9:06 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved Resolution #03-09-15-01 Authorizing a Loan Agreement and Providing for a Debt Service Tax Levy. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Public Health Executive Director Mary O'Dell regarding a grant between the Iowa Department of Public Health and the Muscatine County Board of Health for a Local Public Health Services Grant. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board affirmed a grant application between the Iowa Department of Public Health and the Muscatine County Board of Health for Local Public Health Services in the amount of \$112,394. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Jenna Wagner, Mississippi Valley Child Protection, regarding their request to place pinwheels and a banner on the Courthouse lawn during April for Child Abuse Awareness Month. Sorensen and Howard expressed concern about setting a precedent by allowing placement of displays on the Courthouse lawn. Budget coordinator Sherry Seright stated previous requests from Family Resources have been allowed. Seright stated her only concern is insuring that the placement of the banner will not damage the new irrigation system. Sauer stated he is very supportive of this project. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved a request from Mississippi Valley Child Protection to place 50 pinwheels and a banner on the Courthouse lawn during the month of April for Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Keith White reviewed the Five - Year Secondary Roads Construction Program and 2016 Secondary Roads Budget. White reviewed the projects currently in the Muscatine County Five-Year program. In response to a question from Kelly, White stated the Martz Lane culvert may be repaired this fiscal year, but if it cannot be repaired it will be added to the Five-Year Program next year. White informed the Board of possible projects that he is considering for future addition to the Secondary Roads program at least six years from now.

In response to the concern stated earlier in the meeting about the lack of rock on 152<sup>nd</sup> Street, White stated the County does place rock on 152<sup>nd</sup> Street, but the FEMA rock is yet to be placed there and will probably not be placed until May or June. White stated since he has been here, hundreds of loads of rock have been placed on 152<sup>nd</sup> Street, but that area has historically had issues with flooding that washes out most of the rock.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Howard, the Board approved the Five-Year Secondary Roads Construction Program and the 2016 Secondary Roads Budget for submission to the Iowa Department of Transportation. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, minutes of the March 2, 2015 regular meeting and March 2, 2015 special meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

No correspondence was noted.

**Committee Reports:**

Bonebrake attended a Muscatine County Safety meeting March 4<sup>th</sup>.  
Kelly attended a Muscatine Health Association meeting March 4<sup>th</sup>.

Kelly and Sauer attended the Legislative Forum held on March 7<sup>th</sup>.

Information Services Director Bill Riley updated the Board on help desk activity for the month of February. Riley stated department heads met and requested the web filter be relaxed to allow better access to the internet for research. Riley stated Department heads will regulate their staff's usage of the internet with the relaxed web filters.

County Engineer Keith White stated Burlington Road is closed at the bridge just southwest of G28 for the Burlington Road bridge project.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 A.M.

**ATTEST:**

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Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

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Kas Kelly, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, March 16, 2015

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

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

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, claims dated March 16, 2015 were approved in the amount of \$337,965.74. Ayes: All.

A Public Hearing was called to order at 9:02 A.M. by Chairperson Kelly on disposition of unknown owner parcels in Muscatine County. Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber stated Fridley Investments LLC is requesting the Board issue quit claim deeds for the three unknown owner parcel numbers 0719400005, 0719400006 and 0719400007 subject to Fridley Investments LLC providing appropriate legal descriptions and paying one dollar for each parcel. Schreiber stated Fridley Investments LLC is requesting that all outstanding taxes and penalties be abated in the amount of \$956.00. No one spoke against the disposition of unknown owner parcels. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the public hearing was closed at 9:04 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board approved Resolution #03-16-15-01 Relating to Disposition of Unknown Owner Parcels in Lake and Pike Townships. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

Mike Deahr, 1148 Davis Avenue, updated the Board on livestock operations at his farm stating that current activity at his farm will not add any more pigs, but the pigs will have more room requiring less antibiotic usage.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved a grant application in the amount of \$229,400 for new exhibits at the Environmental Learning Center. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved a class specification and grade recommendation for a Receptionist position for the Jail. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved a letter of agreement adding a Jail Receptionist position to the current AFSCME contract. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the Board authorized the Sheriff to fill a part-time Jail Receptionist position. Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed variances granted by the Muscatine County Board of Adjustment on Friday, March 6, 2015. Case #15-03-01 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, Iowa, in the SE ¼ of Sec. 12-T77N-R1E, East of Ziegler Avenue, containing approximately 9.75 acres, and is zoned A-1 Agricultural District. This request, if approved, would allow the Zoning Administrator to issue a Variance for Night Owl Wireless to erect a 50 foot tall cell tower on the Peterson's property in order to provide wireless internet access. On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board accepted the variance. Ayes: All. Case #15-03-02 is an application filed by Paul A. Neff, Record Owner. This property is located in Sweetland Township, in the NE ¼ of Sec. 36-T77N-R1W, South of Water Street, 3370 Water Street, Muscatine, Iowa, containing approximately 0.61 acres, and is zoned R-2 Residential District. This request, if approved, would allow the Zoning Administrator to issue a Variance to build a dwelling 18 feet from the rear lot line, rather than the required 40 foot rear setback. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the Board accepted the variance. Ayes: All. Case #15-03-04 is an application filed by Joseph E. or Brenda D. Conaway, Record Owners. This property is located in Cedar Township, Parcel A, Plat of Survey, in the SE ¼ of Sec. 14-T76N-R4W, East of Oak Grove Road, 1459 Oak Grove Road, Letts, Iowa, containing approximately 0.86 acres, and is zoned A-1 Agricultural District. This request, if approved, would allow the Zoning Administrator to issue a Variance from the minimum one acre requirement in order to place a rural residence on this property. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board accepted the variance. Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed a Special Use Permit granted by the Muscatine County Board of Adjustment on Friday, March 6, 2015. Case #15-03-03 is an application filed by Joseph E. or Brenda D. Conaway, Record Owners. This property is located in Cedar Township, Parcel A, Plat of Survey, in the SE ¼ of Sec. 14-T76N-R4W, East of Oak Grove Road, 1459 Oak Grove Road, Letts, Iowa, containing approximately 0.86 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 place a rural residence on this property. The Board of Adjustment approved this request.

On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Sorensen, the Board approved Resolution #03-16-15-02 Authorizing Weight Embargoes on Secondary Roads. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, minutes of the Monday, March 9, 2015 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

No correspondence was noted.

Committee Reports:

Kelly attended a Seventh Judicial District meeting March 13<sup>th</sup>.

Kelly attended an Eastern Iowa Mental Health Regionalization meeting March 9<sup>th</sup>.

Sorensen attended a Muscatine Convention & Visitors Bureau meeting March 9<sup>th</sup>.

Kelly attended an MCSA Display at the Muscatine Art Center March 13<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 A.M.

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Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

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Kas Kelly, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, March 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.

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

Discussion was held with Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber regarding a request by Todd M. Morrison, Record Owner, to vacate utility easements on property located in Wapsi Township, in the SE ¼ of Section 14-T78N-R4W between Lot 16 and Outlot A of Elder Ridge Subdivision, Phase III, containing approximately 2.9 acres, and is zoned R-3 Residential District. The request to vacate utility easements was made in order to combine lots and approved a preliminary and final plat of the proposed one lot residential subdivision T & R Addition. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #03-23-15-01 Approving Vacation of Utility Easements between Lot 16 & Outlot A of Elder Ridge Subdivision in Muscatine County, Iowa. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #03-23-15-02 Approval of a Combined Preliminary and Final Plat of T & R Addition, a one-lot residential subdivision containing approximately 2.9 acres in Wapsi Township. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Chairperson was authorized to execute a Certificate of Acceptance of Plat for T & R Addition. Ayes: All.

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

Correspondence:

The Board received a letter from Attorney John Newman regarding a recently issued Quit claim Deed for an unknown parcel. The County Attorney will respond to the letter.

Kelly, Sorensen, Sauer and Howard reported contacts regarding destruction of a County law enforcement vehicle.

Howard reported a contact regarding rude treatment of citizens by State staff at the Courthouse.

Bonebrake reported a complaint from a resident regarding someone dumping trash in their ditch. The resident collected the trash and the Secondary Roads Department picked up the trash.

Howard reported a contact regarding truck traffic on East 5<sup>th</sup> Street in Muscatine which he passed on to the Muscatine City Roads Department.

Committee Reports:

Kelly attended an Eastern Iowa Mental Health Regional meeting March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Sauer attended a Muscatine County Conservation meeting March 16<sup>th</sup>.

Sauer attended a Riverbend Transit meeting March 18<sup>th</sup>.

Sauer attended a Muscatine Board of Health meeting March 18<sup>th</sup>.

Sauer attended a Muscatine County Fair Board meeting March 19<sup>th</sup>.

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

Discussion was held on a possible moratorium on the County's Unknown Owner Parcel Policy. Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber stated that County Attorney Alan Ostergren has raised concerns that the current policy is not achieving the desired goal of cleaning up land titles on these unknown parcels. Schreiber stated Ostergren advised the County to suspend the current practice to allow staff the time needed to thoroughly research the law and options for these parcels. On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Sorensen, the Board issued a moratorium on the County's Unknown Owner Parcel Policy, but grandfathered the two cases already in process. Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 P.M.

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Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

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Kas Kelly, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors