

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, April 27, 2015

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

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

On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, claims dated April 27, 2015 were approved in the amount of \$1,384,987.43. Ayes: All.

A Public Hearing was called to order at 7:02 P.M. by Chairperson Kelly on a proposed Fringe Area Policy Agreement between Muscatine County and the City of Nichols. Attorney Amber Freyermuth, Stanley, Lande & Hunter, stated the agreement has already been approved by the Zoning Commission. Freyermuth stated the City of Nichols is looking for a way to be involved in the process. Freyermuth stated with this agreement, if there is a request for a zoning change or to create a subdivision, Nichols would be notified and given the opportunity to have their procedures followed in tandem with the County's procedures. Kelly stated the Board has received several comments from people who are concerned about the fringe area. Kelly stated most of their concern is that no one understands the agreement and there was not sufficient notice before the public hearing to allow people to educate themselves about the fringe area. Kelly requested that the Board wait until next week before approving the agreement to give the community more time to understand the fringe area agreement.

Muscatine County Interim Zoning Administrator Steve Boka stated this has been in discussions for over a year. Boka stated this is a policy meant to set the framework for cooperation between the City of Nichols and Muscatine County in the two mile radius around the corporate limits of Nichols. Boka stated the agreement provides for three separate mutual reviews of land use - subdivisions, rezoning requests and voluntary annexations. Boka stated there is a clause in the agreement that deals with the right to farm and there will be no farming changes as a result of this agreement. Howard stated this is a beneficial agreement to the City and the residents within the fringe area because the County and the City will be in agreement on setting up roads and utilities. In response to a question from Kelly, Boka stated there was public notice published in the newspaper inviting citizens to the Zoning Commission meeting and to tonight's Board of Supervisors meeting in order to ask questions or express concerns about the agreement. Sorensen stated this agreement makes sense and he did not feel the process should be held up since the public could talk with a Supervisor or call the Zoning Office if there are questions. No one spoke against the agreement. On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, the public hearing was closed at 7:17 P.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, the Board approved Resolution #04-27-15-01 Authorizing Execution of a Fringe Area Policy Agreement Between Muscatine County and City of Nichols. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

Muscatine County Conservation Director Curt Weiss updated the Board on various Conservation projects and grants.

Discussion was held with Weiss regarding a proposed Musser Park to Wiggins Road trail. Weiss stated the proposal is for a hard surface separated trail and not a shared road trail which will go through Deep Lakes Park. In response to a question from Bonebrake, James Edgmond, City of Muscatine Engineer, stated he has walked the route and believes there will be no conflict with utilities. Randy Hill, City of Muscatine Public Works Department, stated there will be signage and gates where the trail crosses roads. Weiss stated the Conservation Board needs Board of Supervisor approval to proceed with the proposed trail plan. Board consensus was to add an item for discussion and possible action on the proposal to next week's agenda.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #04-27-15-02 Suspending the Collection of Taxes. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, minutes of the April 20, 2015 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Kelly, Sauer, Howard and Sorensen reported several contacts regarding the Nichols Fringe Area agreement.

Sorensen and Howard reported contacts regarding the recent Sheriff appointment. Howard reported a contact stating the Board was doing a good job.

The Board received a notice from the City of Walcott that they are in the process of amending the urban renewal plan for the Consolidated Walcott Urban Renewal Area.

The Board received notice that the City of Fruitland has received a petition for Voluntary Annexation by Patricia and Leroy Bartenhagen.

Committee Reports:

Sauer attended a Muscatine County Conservation Board meeting April 20th.

Sorensen attended a Muscatine County Solid Waste Management Agency meeting April 23rd.

Kelly attended an Eastern Iowa MH/DS Region meeting April 20th.

Kelly attended a Greater Muscatine Chamber of Commerce and Industry meeting April 24th.

Kelly and Howard attended a Bi-State Regional meeting April 22nd.

Howard attended a Bi-State Regional Finance meeting April 27th.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, the Board set a public hearing on proposed FY 14/15 budget amendments for Monday, June 8, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Sorensen, the Board set a public hearing on a confinement feeding operation construction permit application from Dodd Brus, 135 West Site, Section 21, Fulton Township for Monday, May 11, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Howard, William Tharp was re-appointed to the Muscatine County Board of Adjustment for a five-year term ending March 31, 2020. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, Greg Keller was re-appointed to the Muscatine County Building Board of Appeals for a three-year term ending December 31, 2017. Ayes: All.

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

Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber updated the Board on various Boards and Commissions.

Discussion was held with Schreiber regarding the position of Muscatine County Zoning Administrator. Schreiber stated Boka's interim position was originally for 90 days and up to \$15,000. Schreiber stated the \$15,000 has been exceeded and Boka is at the 90 days. Schreiber stated they are still working on updating the Zoning Administrator job description and filling the position on a regular basis. Board consensus was to continue to utilize Boka's services until the situation has been resolved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

ATTEST:

Betty L. Wamback
First Deputy Auditor

Kas Kelly, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, May 4, 2015

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

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

On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, the Board authorized the City of Muscatine to build the Musser Park to Wiggins Road Trail in County right-of-way along Stewart Road. Ayes: All.

Information Services Director Bill Riley updated the Board on several projects.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the following utility permits were approved: Eastern Iowa Light & Power – bore a cable across the road to 1548 Iron City Avenue; and Unite Private Networks, LLC – install conduit and cable between 1325 Elder Avenue and Highway 70. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with County Engineer Keith White regarding a bid for L-(Sanitary Sewer)--73-70 for a sanitary sewer extension on Park Avenue West. White stated there were 4 bids: Sulzco, LLC – project total \$113,985.20; Miller Trucking & Excavating – project total \$118,554.20; Eller Construction – project total \$118,763.75; and Brauns Excavating, LLC – project total \$192,502.10. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the Board accepted the low bid from Sulzco, LLC in the amount of \$113,985.20. Ayes: All.

White updated the Board on various construction projects.

White stated the Zachary/Y-36 High Risk Rural Roads project was let April 21st by the Iowa DOT. White presented the Board with the tabulation, which showed 3 apparent bids: Streb Construction Co., Inc. – bid amount \$653,841.54; Heuer Construction, Inc. – bid amount \$687,445.18; and Oel Construction Services, Inc. – bid amount \$751,408.26. White stated the County has had Streb several times and in the past they have presented challenges and there were issues with the City of Wilton and Streb during the Taylor Avenue project. Bonebrake asked if the County has to accept the Streb bid. White stated the County does not have to accept the bid, but he is not sure the Iowa DOT would accept the County's reason to reject the low bid. Sorensen stated the approximately \$34,000 difference between the two lowest bids is not a significant amount if you consider the contractor related issues on the Taylor Avenue project. Howard stated if the issues were resolved it is difficult to discount the lowest bid. Board consensus was for White to investigate accepting the next lowest bid instead of the Streb bid.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board disallowed 1 additional 2014 business property tax credit application parcel, as recommended by the Auditor's Office. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, the Board postponed the public hearing set for Monday, May 11, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. on a confinement feeding operation construction permit application from Dodd Brus, 135 West Side, Section 21, Fulton Township to May 18, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. to allow adequate time to prepare for the hearing. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, minutes of the April 27, 2015 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Bonebrake reported a contact regarding concerns about possible road damage due to truck traffic when a confinement lot is built near Saulsbury Road.

Sauer reported an e-mail regarding a concern about the increase in truck traffic on 170th Street, East of Sweetland Road, leading to Muscatine Ag.

Committee Reports:

Sorensen attended a Region 9 Regional Workforce Investment Board meeting April 28th.

Howard attended a Milestones Area Agency on Aging Executive Board meeting April 28th.

Kelly attended an Iowa State Association of Counties Smart Connections Conference on April 30th.

Discussion was held with Budget Coordinator Sherry Seright regarding bids for painting at the Muscatine County Courthouse. Seright stated there were four bids: Jerry Roush Painting – total \$5,434.00; Custom Painters – total \$7,155.00; North Construction – total \$14,695.00; and Boche Painting - \$16,750.00. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board accepted the low bid from Jerry Roush Painting in the amount of \$5,434.00. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved a proposal from Oak Tree Homes to repair plaster at the Muscatine County Courthouse in the estimated amount of \$15,881.62 to \$17,195.25. Ayes: All.

The Board instructed Seright to coordinate the Courthouse painting and plaster repair so there will be no overlap of services.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board authorized the Chair to sign a letter to the State Historical Society of Iowa regarding termination of the Grant-In-Aid Agreement. Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 A.M.

ATTEST:

Betty L. Wamback
First Deputy Auditor

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

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, claims dated May 11, 2015 were approved in the amount of \$466,812.88. Ayes: All

On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, minutes of the May 4, 2015 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Howard reported a call from Lutheran Homes requesting a meeting on May 11th. Kelly and Howard reported a contact from Dan Petersen, Mississippi River Parkway Commission, inviting a Board member to attend a meeting in Riverdale, Iowa on June 10th. Sorensen stated he would attend. Kelly reported a call from the Mayor of Muscatine stating that the City Council will not attend the meeting scheduled with all of the elected officials within Muscatine County on May 16th.

Committee Reports:

Howard attended a Milestones Area Agency on Aging meeting May 5th. Kelly attended a Muscatine Community Health Association meeting May 6th. Kelly attended a Seventh Judicial District meeting May 8th.

All Board members attended a Racom and Harris Corporation presentation for MUSCOM communication equipment on May 7th.

Muscatine County Engineer Keith White updated the Board on various construction projects.

The Board reviewed applications received from Roger Allan Strong, Sr. and George E. Leggins for a vacancy on the Muscatine County Veterans Affairs Commission. Veterans Affairs Director Jen Watkins-Schoenig and Commissioners Brandy Wedekind and Allen Kilberger recommended Roger Strong, Sr. for the position.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, the Board affirmed an Iowa Department of Public Health Emergency Medical Services (EMS) System Development FY16 Grant renewal application in the amount of \$7,026.00. Ayes: All.

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

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Kas Kelly, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors