

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

Monday, November 9, 2015 – Joint meeting with the Muscatine City Council

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met in joint session with the Muscatine City Council at 6:30 P.M. with Howard, Sorensen, Kelly, Sauer and Bonebrake present for the County. Hopkins, Spread, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Bynum and Rehwaldt were present for the City of Muscatine. Phillips and Shihadeh were absent. City Administrator Gregg Mandsager, Muscatine County Budget Coordinator Sherry Seright, and Muscatine County Auditor Leslie Soule were also present.

Bi-State Regional Commission Executive Director Denise Bulat presented information regarding services provided by Bi-State Regional Commission.

American Red Cross Quad Cities and West Central Illinois Executive Director Amber Wood presented information regarding American Red Cross Strategic Community Relationships and Update to the Community.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 P.M.

ATTEST:

Susan J. O'Donnell
Second Deputy Auditor

Kas Kelly, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, November 9, 2015

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

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

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, claims dated November 9, 2015 were approved in the amount of \$546,872.12. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #11-09-15-01 Amending Its \$6,000,000 Health Care Facilities Revenue Note (Lutheran Homes Society Project), Series 2013B and the Related Servicing Agreement Thereto. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved 2015 Family Farm Credit Applications, except for one to be disallowed due to a non-relative farming the ground and one that approval is subject to proper completion of the form, as recommended by the Assessor's Office. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with County Engineer Keith White regarding staffing for the County Engineer's Office. White requested permission to create a job description for a Fleet Manager position to oversee maintenance of vehicles for Secondary Roads. Howard stated the position could possibly oversee maintenance of vehicles for all County departments. White replied it could be a possibility in the long term, but in the short term there is plenty to manage just at Secondary Roads. Board consensus was to move forward with developing a job description for future consideration.

Board consensus was to allow a utility permit for Kinder Morgan Terminals to provide overhead access across Wiggins Road to a tank car unloading facility. Formal approval will be considered at next week's meeting.

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

Correspondence:

Kelly received a letter from Megan Hammond asking for information and showing appreciation for the work of the Board of Supervisors. Kelly stated she presented Hammond with a Muscatine County Good Citizen Award.

Committee Reports:

Kelly attended a Muscatine Health Association meeting November 4th.
Sauer attended a Muscatine Island Levee Improvement Project Stakeholders
meeting November 5th.

Chairperson Kelly thanked Veterans for their service in recognition of Veterans Day.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 A.M.

ATTEST:

Susan J. O'Donnell
Second Deputy Auditor

Kas Kelly, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Tuesday, November 10, 2015

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

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

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met as a Board of Canvassers for the city elections held Tuesday, November 3, 2015. The Board of Canvassers certified the following results to be a true and correct abstract of the votes cast in the election:

CITY OF MUSCATINE

Mayor (two year term) – there were 1,524 votes cast: Diana Broderson received 820 votes, DeWayne M. Hopkins received 700 votes and there was a scattering of 4 votes. Diana Broderson was elected.

Councilmember At-Large (four year term) – there were 1,410 votes cast: Steve Ryder received 604 votes, Santos Saucedo received 793 votes and there was a scattering of 13 votes. Santos Saucedo was elected.

Councilmember-1st Ward (four year term) – there were 354 votes cast: Philip E. Fitzgerald received 337 votes and there was a scattering of 17 votes. Philip E. Fitzgerald was elected.

Councilmember-3rd Ward (four year term) – there were 406 votes cast: Chris Bynum received 145 votes, Tom R. Spread received 260 votes and there was a scattering of 1 vote. Tom R. Spread was elected.

Councilmember-5th Ward (four year term) – there were 207 votes cast: Allen Harvey received 203 votes and there was a scattering of 4 votes. Allen Harvey was elected.

CITY OF ATALISSA

Mayor (two year term) – there were 60 votes cast: Angie Dickey received 25 votes, Jeremy Wehmeyer received 16 votes, Joe Blick received 5 votes, Evan Smock received 4 votes and there was a scattering of 10 votes. Angie Dickey was elected.

Councilmember At-Large (four year term-three positions) – there were 168 votes cast: Evan Smock received 33 votes, Joe VanDusen received 12 votes, Tim Devore received 27 votes, Brian Goldesberry received 13 votes, Danny Meier received 18 votes and there was a scattering of 65 votes. Tim Devore, Danny Meier and Evan Smock were elected.

CITY OF CONESVILLE

Mayor (two year term) – there were 53 votes cast: Skip Kirk received 52 votes and there was a scattering of 1 vote. Skip Kirk was elected.

Councilmember At-Large (four year term-three positions) – there were 134 votes cast: Herb Gartzke received 39 votes, Saul Ponce Jr. received 46 votes, Monica Warhank received 20 votes, Frank Casarez received 24 votes and there was a scattering of 5 votes. Herb Gartzke, Frank Casarez and Saul Ponce Jr. were elected.

CITY OF FRUITLAND

Mayor (two year term) – there were 79 votes cast: Dewayne A. Walter received 74 votes and there was a scattering of 5 votes. Dewayne A. Walter was elected.

Councilmember At-Large (four year term-two positions) – there were 144 votes cast: Marty Hills received 57 votes, Mark Lawrence received 37 votes, Randy Jeffrey Phillips received 43 votes and there was a scattering of 7 votes. Marty Hills and Randy Jeffrey Phillips were elected.

Councilmember At-Large (Unexpired term ending December 31, 2017) – there were 76 votes cast: Becca Shoppa received 73 votes and there was a scattering of 3 votes. Becca Shoppa was elected.

CITY OF NICHOLS

Mayor (two year term) – there were 30 votes cast: Cyle R. Geertz received 28 votes and there was a scattering of 2 votes. Cyle R. Geertz was elected.

Councilmember At-Large (two year term-five positions) – there were 146 votes cast: Russell E. Grim received 32 votes, Jamie E. Kirk received 28 votes, Kelsie Lampe received 27 votes, Kelly Loving received 30 votes, Cynthia Massey received 29 votes and there was a scattering of zero votes. Russell E. Grim, Jamie E. Kirk, Kelsie Lampe, Kelly Loving and Cynthia Massey were elected.

CITY OF STOCKTON

Mayor (two year term) – there were 64 votes cast: Patrick Baker received 41 votes, Erica Horner received 19 votes and there was a scattering of 4 votes. Patrick Baker was elected.

Councilmember At-Large (four year term-three positions) – there were 152 votes cast: Melisa Fowler received 21 votes, Heidi Halferty received 32 votes, Michael Halferty received 35 votes, Donnalee Holmes received 41 votes, Tina Riley received 11 votes and there was a scattering of 12 votes. Heidi Halferty, Michael Halferty and Donnalee Holmes were elected.

CITY OF WEST LIBERTY

Mayor (two year term) – there were 245 votes cast: Robert Hartman received 206 votes and there was a scattering of 39 votes. Robert Hartman was elected.

Councilmember At-Large (four year term-three positions) – there were 821 votes cast: Brett W. Becker received 84 votes, Diane Beranek received 127 votes, Cara Calvin-McFerren received 127 votes, Melanie Clark received 88 votes, Bill Cline received 102 votes, Joanne Iske received 143 votes, Dustin Noble received 41 votes, Jose Zacarias received 98 votes and there was a scattering of 11 votes. Diane Beranek, Cara Calvin-McFerren and Joanne Iske were elected.

CITY OF WILTON

Mayor (two year term) – there were 443 votes cast: Robert L. Barrett received 268 votes, Chad A. Said received 172 votes and there was a scattering of 3 votes. Robert L. Barrett was elected.

Councilmember At-Large (four year term-three positions) – there were 1,220 votes cast: Matt Bowers received 57 votes, Wayne Budding received 338 votes, Matt Fowler received 157 votes, Jane A. Kreimeyer received 124 votes, Sheryl Lenker received 204 votes, Ted Marolf received 259 votes, Kimberly Sloan received 77 votes and there was a scattering of 4 votes. Wayne Budding, Sheryl Lenker and Ted Marolf were elected.

Park Board Commissioner (six year term-one position) – there were 36 votes cast: Mark Maurer received 6 votes, Robert VanDusen received 3 votes, Don Drake received 2 votes, Tom Maurer received 2 votes, Stephanie Anderson received 2 votes and there was a scattering of 21 votes. Mark Maurer was elected.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 A.M.

ATTEST:

Susan J. O'Donnell
Second Deputy Auditor

Kas Kelly, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, November 16, 2015

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

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

Vic Amoroso, A&J Associates, updated the Board on the completion of the Administration Building HVAC Upgrade Project. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the Board accepted final completion of the Administration Building HVAC Upgrade Project and approved the final pay application in the amount of \$51,275.10. Ayes: All.

Director of Emergency Communications and Emergency Management Matt Shook and Motorola Project Manager Nellys Flores updated the Board on the MUSCOM P25 Project. Shook stated the project is on budget and on schedule. Shook asked the Board for direction concerning some non-contract expenses. Shook stated the expenses are within the budget and gave the Board a detailed explanation of each cost estimate. Shook stated activation of the P25 system is planned for mid-January, barring any weather delays concerning the antenna array installation. Board consensus was to allow Shook to proceed with the non-contract expenses per the estimates listed on the report.

Community Services Director Mike Johannsen updated the Board on General Assistance, Veterans Affairs, Case Management and Mental Health Regionalization. Johannsen stated the General Assistance Budget is on schedule in all areas except funeral expenses. Johannsen stated funeral expenses for the first quarter are over budget.

Johannsen recommended the Board adopt a revised burial policy which funds cremation services and aligns closely to a change in state code which removes responsibility for burial from children and parents. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the Board adopted a revised burial policy as presented. Ayes: All.

Veteran Affairs Director Jennifer Watkins-Schoenig updated the Board on the Veterans Affairs Assistance program.

Community Services Assistant Director Kathy Anderson-Noel updated the Board on the Case Management program. Anderson-Noel stated the Muscatine County program will change soon due to lack of state funding after December 31, 2015, but how it will change is still unfolding. Anderson-Noel stated the County is down to four full-time and one part-time Case Manager and herself. Each Case Manager is responsible for 45 cases which is the maximum number allowed by Iowa Code. Johannsen stated he hopes to come back to the Board in late December with a recommendation on how to proceed with case management at the County level.

Johannsen stated he and others from Muscatine County will be attending a meeting with state legislators on November 16th in Davenport to discuss funding for and implementation of Mental Health Regionalization.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the following utility permit: Kinder-Morgan Terminals – with aerial pipeline crossing Wiggins Road near the Monsanto Plant. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Keith White updated the Board on various projects. White stated there is no construction now, only maintenance, including culvert repair on Vail Avenue, work on the rail crossing approaches on Pettibone Avenue, and hauling sand for winter road conditions.

White reviewed the proposed Fleet Manager position and responded to questions from the Board. Both Sorensen and Sauer stated the person who does this job well will pay for his/her position right away, by freeing up management time for others to do the important work of designing roads and finding money for road projects.

Bonebrake stated concern the department is getting management heavy, while continuing to operate low on road-workers due to unfilled positions. Bonebrake stated he is not opposed to the position, he is just not sure the Board is ready to hire someone now.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer the Board approved a class specification and Grade-13 recommendation for a Secondary Roads Fleet Manager position. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, White was authorized to proceed with filling the Fleet Manager position. Ayes: Howard, Kelly, Sorensen, Sauer. Nay: Bonebrake.

Information Services Director Bill Riley was unavailable for the Board meeting.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, minutes of the Monday, November 9, 2015 regular meeting, the November 9, 2015 joint meeting with the Muscatine City Council and the November 10, 2015 special meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

No correspondence was noted.

Committee Reports:

Kelly attended the Seventh Judicial District meeting November 13th.

Kelly and Bonebrake attended the Mississippi Drive Corridor Stakeholders meeting on November 9th.

Kelly attended Veteran's Day presentations at the American Legion and VFW on November 11th.

Howard attended the Fruitland City Council Meeting on November 10th.

The Board recessed at 11:11 A.M. and reconvened at 11:18 A.M. for an in-depth review and discussion of County-owned property and buildings.

Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber stated other than County-owned FEMA property, Conservation Department property and property with buildings, there are only 12 to 18 slivers of land which were originally obtained for right-of way purposes. Schreiber stated according to state law those properties may be sold after first obtaining an appraisal and first offering to sell the property to the original owner, then the adjacent land owner.

Schreiber stated the County is unable to sell FEMA property, but may rent or lease it after each individual, signed lease agreement is approved by FEMA.

Board consensus was to request more specific information on County-owned property for a continuing in-depth discussion at the November 30th meeting. The Board directed Schreiber and Budget Administrator Sherry Seright to gather information including a list of buildings and square footage of each, descriptions of attached properties regarding properties with buildings, descriptions of improvements on each building and a detailed list of FEMA properties. In addition, Howard volunteered to contact local realtors handling commercial properties for feedback on potential real estate sales.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:56 A.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, Auditor

Kathy Kelly, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, November 23, 2015

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

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

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, claims dated November 23, 2015 were approved in the amount of \$2,386,962.40 as amended. Ayes: All.

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

Correspondence:

Kelly received correspondence requesting the Board send a letter to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services asking them to slow down implementation of managed care. Board consensus was to send the letter.

Committee Reports:

Sauer attended a Muscatine County Conservation Board meeting November 16th.

Sauer attended a Riverbend Transit meeting November 18th.

Sauer attended a Muscatine Board of Health meeting November 18th.

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

Sorensen attended both a Wilton Development Corporation Annual meeting and Board meeting November 18th.

Sorensen attended a West Liberty Economic Area Development meeting November 19th.

Sorensen attended a Decategorization Board meeting November 20th.

Kelly attended both a Mental Health Regionalization meeting and a legislation meeting to discuss slowing down the timeline for implementation of managed care November 16th.

Kelly and Howard attended a Bi-State Regional meeting November 18th.

Howard attended a Milestones Area Agency on Aging meeting November 17th.

Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber reported the Sheriff's Office is working with an online auction agency to dispose of Program 10-33 items. Schreiber stated Friends of Historic Preservation Chairperson Mike Maharry has received the tax credit certificate for the Courthouse project.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Bonebrake, a public hearing was set for December 14, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. on a proposed amendment to the Muscatine County Zoning Ordinance. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Sorensen, a public hearing was set for December 14, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. on a request to rezone approximately 45 acres in Fulton Township from A-1 Agricultural District to R-1 Residential District. Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed the health/dental fund balance as of October 31, 2015.

The Board reviewed the FY16/17 budget calendar.

Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber stated the Zoning Administrator is aware there are a number of necessary amendments to the subdivision ordinances which he is compiling and hoping to bring before the Board in January.

The Board wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Howard stated Muscatine County is fortunate to have a lot of businesses with new construction in our community whom all contribute many positive amenities to Muscatine County.

Bonebrake complimented Secondary Roads on their quick response in cleaning up after the early snowfall.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 P.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Kas Kelly, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors