

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Tuesday, September 6, 2016

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met in regular session with Howard, Kelly, Sorensen, Sauer and Bonebrake present. Chairperson Sorensen presiding.

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

On a motion by Howard, second by Bonebrake, the Board waived the requirement for three readings and approved Ordinance #09-06-16-01 Rezoning Certain Real Property in Sweetland Township from A-1 Agricultural District Zoning Classification to R-1 Residential District Zoning Classification on the second and final reading. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

Information Services Director Bill Riley presented quotes for a phone system for Community Services and DHS as follows: Access Systems (9508 Handsets) - \$41,857.00; Access Systems (9508 and 9504 Handsets) - \$38,937.00; Integrated Technology Partners - \$39,357.83; Lucas Communications - \$33,821.79; Marco (Digital) - \$26,300.51; and Marco (IP) - \$38,079.42; CenturyLink Hosted Solution - \$3,375.00 per month. Riley stated once the cost of maintenance over several years is included, the lowest quote is from Lucas Communications. Riley stated Lucas Communications provides a 7-year warranty on the system and handsets whereas Marco (Digital) has a 1-year warranty and a \$1,500 per month maintenance plan. Kelly asked about the conference bridge capabilities. Riley explained a conference bridge sets up a conference call through an email, but the Lucas solution still allows for the setup of a conference call by contacting the participants by phone. Riley stated if the Board does not go with the Lucas Communications solution, he would recommend the Marco (IP) solution. Howard asked if there are ongoing costs on top of the costs of the phone system. Riley stated the only other cost would be the monthly phone bill for service. On a motion by Kelly, second by Howard, the Board accepted a proposal from Lucas Communications in the amount of \$33,821.79 for a phone system for Community Services and DHS. Ayes: All.

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

On a motion by Howard, second by Kelly, the following utility permits were approved: Windstream – repair damaged cable at the intersection of Turner and 110th Avenue; Interstate Power and Light – replace a 2” gas main along Hwy 61, Old Hwy 61 and a portion of Fruitland Road; Eastern Iowa Light and Power – placement of new poles on 230th Street. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Kelly, utility permits were approved for CenturyLink to place fiber optic cable and equipment in the right-of-way as follows: along 180th Street and Tucker Avenue; along 41st Street from Burlington Road to the Muscatine city limits; along Vail Avenue; along Stewart Road from 41st Street to 57th Street; along Solomon Avenue from Hwy 22 to Eagle Ridge Court; along Wild Cat Den Road from Hwy 22 to New Era Road; along High Prairie Road from 231st Street to 215th Street; and along 180th Street from Vail Avenue to Verde Street. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, minutes of the August 29, 2016 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

The Board received a letter from Hudson Law Firm regarding a DD#13 Open Ditch Crossing at 41st Street. County Engineer Keith White stated they cleaned out the beaver dams at least twice this year, but it is a recurring problem that the Board of Supervisors needs to decide how often he needs to remove a beaver dam. White stated the culvert has never been blocked and was cleaned out thoroughly about a month ago. White stated an option would be to remove the culvert and close the road. Sauer stated it is a control issue, not an elimination issue. Sorensen stated the most cost effective solution for the County would be to remove the culvert and close the road.

Howard reported a complaint regarding a property with dumping or trash.

Howard reported a complaint regarding the quality of Burlington Road.

Howard reported a question regarding the completion status of a gun range.

Committee Reports:

Kelly attended an Eastern Iowa Mental Health Region meeting August 31st which dealt with strategic planning for mental health and disability services.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved a revised Accountant/HR Assistant class specification. Ayes: All.

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

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

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, September 12, 2016

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

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

On a motion by Howard, second by Sauer, claims dated September 12, 2016 were approved in the amount of \$1,120,748.95. Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed a variance granted by the Muscatine County Board of Adjustment on Friday, September 2, 2016. Case #16-09-01 is an application filed by Kenneth J. or Providence Shultz, Record Owners and David Roy Rickey Jr., Proposed Buyer. This property is located in Fruitland Township, 2620 Stewart Road, West of Stewart Road in the NW ¼ of Sec. 28-T76N-R2W, containing approximately 10.14 acres, and is zoned R-1 Residential District. This request, if approved, would allow the Zoning Administrator to issue a Variance in order to allow the existing detached structure to remain in the front yard after a one family dwelling is constructed behind it. The Board of Adjustment approved this request. On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, the Board accepted the variance. Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed a Special Use Permit granted by the Board of Adjustment on September 2, 2016: Case #16-09-02 is an application filed by Dennis P. or Susan K. Boorn, Record Owners. This property is located in Moscow Township, in the NW ¼ of Section 9-T78N-R2W at the end of E. Hinkeyville, containing approximately 45 acres, and is zoned A-1 Agricultural District. This request would allow the Zoning Administrator to issue a Special Use Permit in order to build a Seasonal Recreational Cottage on this property. The Board of Adjustment approved this request.

Muscatine County Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas stated he will be going before the Muscatine City Planning and Zoning Commission September 13, 2016 with the subdivision plat for County Park Subdivision.

On a motion by Howard, second by Kelly, the Board set a public hearing for Monday, October 3, 2016 at 9:00 A.M. on a request from Kirk and Kim K. Latta to rezone approximately 75 acres located in Moscow Township from A-1 Agricultural District to R-1 Residential District. Ayes: All.

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

On a motion by Kelly, second by Howard, utility permits were approved as follows: Windstream –bore across Moscow Road between Cedar and Washington Streets to serve a residence; Windstream – replace cable along 122nd street from a pedestal near 2542 122nd Street east to a pedestal at 2566 122nd Street; Eastern Iowa Light & Power - install overhead line across 121st Street to service 1337 121st Street. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with County Engineer Keith White regarding a letter from DD#13 demanding the County remove a beaver dam from 41st Street. Howard stated he did not see any issue that would require the beaver dam be removed. White stated he has already removed the beaver dam three times this year at a cost of \$2,000 per removal. White asked the Board if they want to keep spending \$10,000 per year to remove a beaver dam that is reconstructed within two weeks. Sauer stated he does not know how to address the problem when there is nothing to determine what water level causes damage. White stated he only recalls beaver dams located there for the last four years. Board consensus was to direct White to draft a letter for the Chairperson's signature to DD#13 stating the County's policy is to remove the beaver dam if it causes a threat to the road or the County could remove the culvert and close the road.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved a renewal application for a Class C Native Wine (WCN), Sunday Sales and Outdoor Service Area Permit for Ardon Creek Vineyard & Winery, LLC, 2391 Independence Avenue, Letts, IA 52754. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Kelly, minutes of the September 6, 2016 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

No correspondence was noted.

Committee Reports:

Kelly attended a Muscatine Health Association meeting September 7th.

Kelly attended a Seventh Judicial District meeting September 9th.

Bonebrake attended a Muscatine County Safety Committee meeting September 7th.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Bonebrake, the Board appointed Wes Wulf to the Benefitted Fire District #6 Board of Trustees for a 3-year term ending June 30, 2019. Ayes: All. The Scott County Board of Supervisors approved the appointment September 8, 2016.

The Board reviewed the health/dental fund balance as of August 31, 2016.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sauer, the Board accepted a resignation of Wayne Corriell from the Muscatine County Historical Preservation Commission. Ayes: All. The Board thanked Corriell for his participation on the commission.

Kelly thanked everyone who participated in the Community Block party held Friday, September 9th at the Discovery Center. Kelly especially thanked Monsanto for the sound system and HyVee for its donation of hotdogs and chips.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 A.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, September 19, 2016

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

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

On a motion by Kelly, second by Howard, the Chairperson was authorized to execute a Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau (GTSB) Impaired Driving Countermeasures Grant Contract in the amount of \$34,000. Ayes: All.

Community Services Director Mike Johannsen updated the Board on General Assistance. Johannsen stated expenditures are at 13.59% with a target of 16.67%. Johannsen stated expanded Title IX has helped Muscatine County reduce costs drastically in the areas of prescriptions, medical and hospitalization.

Johannsen updated the Board on Veterans Affairs. Johannsen stated expenditures are at 14.22% with a target of 16.67%. Veterans Affairs Director Jennifer Watkins-Schoenig stated from September 2013 – September 2014 \$14,703,000 was spent on veterans in Muscatine County in comparison to September 2014 – September 2015 in which \$16,381,000 was spent on Muscatine County veterans. Watkins-Schoenig stated she is looking for volunteers to drive the van that takes veterans to appointments at the VA Hospital. Sauer suggested parking the van in a visible location with a banner advertising for drivers. Watkins-Schoenig stated veterans can now get veteran designation placed on their driver license directly through the Department of Transportation.

Johannsen updated the Board on Case Management. Community Services Assistant Director Kathy Anderson-Noel stated they are currently serving 153 people through Case Management. Anderson-Noel stated they have had good experience with Amerihealth as a managed care provider. Anderson-Noel stated they bill a month in arrears, but the current reimbursement rate is covering Muscatine County's cost. Anderson-Noel stated two new service areas that were previously seen annually through DHS will now be seen monthly through case management.

Johannsen updated the Board on Trust Services stating Muscatine County's Trust Services program has expanded throughout the Eastern Iowa Mental Health Region and the State is looking to offer the service throughout the State of Iowa. Johannsen stated there are 213 trust cases of which 65 are guardianships, 38 are conservatorships and the remaining cases are payee.

Johannsen updated the Board on Eastern Iowa Regional Mental Health Services. Johannsen stated the expenditures are 13.44% with a target of 16.67%. Johannsen stated the region has a healthy fund balance, but will be seeing some funding designated for crisis stabilization, permanent supported housing, HIPAA compliance, quality measures and evidence based practices. Johannsen stated a top priority of the Eastern Iowa Mental Health Region is to study whether or not to establish a dedicated CEO and/or administrative assistant positions. Johannsen stated the crisis stabilization effort has been the biggest benefit of regionalization.

County Engineer Keith White updated the Board on secondary roads construction projects and two outstanding FEMA projects from FY2013.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, the Board approved the following utility permits: CenturyLink – installation of equipment and power at the intersection of Sweetland Road and 180th Street; CenturyLink – installation of fiber optic cable and equipment on Vail Avenue between New Era Road to just north of Pine Creek. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Keith White stated he is seeing many campaign signs wrongly placed in the right-of-way on County roads. White stated the signs need to be on the private property, not in the right-of-way.

On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Howard, the Board approved a renewal application for a Class E Liquor License, Class B Wine Permit, Class C Beer Permit and Sunday Sales Permit for Reif Oil Company, dba Stewart Road Fast Break, 2418 Stewart Road, Muscatine, IA 52761. Ayes: All.

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met as a Board of Canvassers for the Muscatine Community School District Physical Plant and Equipment Levy Special Election held on Tuesday, September 13, 2016. The Board certified the following results to be a true and correct abstract of the votes cast in the election: Yes Votes: 388; No Votes: 99; Total Votes: 487. Public Measure B was adopted.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, minutes of the Monday, September 12, 2016 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

All Supervisors reported a call from John Beckey regarding the Muscatine Hospital Board.

Sorensen reported a contact from a citizen requesting a turn lane at Hwy 61 and Vail Avenue.

Kelly reported a call from Jessup, IA regarding the beavers.

Committee Reports:

Sorensen attended a Regional Workforce Investment Board meeting September 12th.

Sauer attended a Muscatine County Fair Board meeting September 15th.

Bonebrake and Sauer attended the Farm Bureau Annual Meeting September 12th.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 A.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors