

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, May 22, 2017

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

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

On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, claims dated May 22, 2017 were approved in the amount of \$1,169,225.02. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #05-22-17-01 Resolution Assigning Tax Sale Certificate. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved Resolution #05-22-17-02 Resolution Assigning Tax Sale Certificate. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved Resolution #05-22-17-03 Resolution Assigning Tax Sale Certificate. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Mather, the Board approved Resolution #05-22-17-04 Approval of Combined Preliminary and Final Plat of Ferris Subdivision. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #05-22-17-05 Approval of Combined Preliminary and Final Plat of Sterner-Weih 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed Special Use Permits granted by the Muscatine County Board of Adjustment on Friday, May 12, 2017. Case #17-05-01 is an application filed by Hilbert E. Hinkhouse, Record Owner. This property is located in Moscow Township, in the SW ¼ of Section 5-T78N-R2W, North of Hinkeyville, containing approximately 12.77 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 Owner to place a Seasonal Recreational Cottage (camper) at 1290 W. Hinkeyville, Lot 46W, Buildings on Leased Land. The Board of Adjustment approved this request. Case #17-05-02 is an application filed by Kay Y. Maurer, Record Owner. This property is located in Moscow Township, in the SW ¼ of Section 11-T78N-R2W, East of N. Isett Avenue, containing approximately 19.27 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 Dean Maurer to build a dwelling for himself on this property. Due to the fact that the Board of Adjustment did not have a full board, the request was tabled at the request of Mr. Maurer until next month. Case #17-05-03 is an application filed by Robert L. Tyler Jr., Record Owner. This property is located in Montpelier Township, in Section 16-T77N-R1E, Lobdell 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition, Lot 1, South of 186<sup>th</sup> Street, containing approximately 21 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 to build a one family dwelling on this property. The Board of

Adjustment approved this request with the stipulation that the dwelling would be at least 750 feet away from the next nearest residence and that the property has an easement off of 186<sup>th</sup> Street. Case #17-05-04 is an application filed by Todd J. Hunter, Record Owner. This property is located in Goshen Township, in the SE ¼ of Section 25-T76N-R3W, containing approximately 27.36 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 to build a rural residence on this property. The Board of Adjustment approved this request.

Supervisor Mather provided an update on funding for the Eastern Iowa MH/DS Region stating new legislation passed removing the freeze on the mental health levy allowing counties to all levy \$30.78 per capita. Muscatine County reduced its mental health tax levy from \$1.05 per thousand to 68 cents per thousand (\$30.78 per capita). However, Scott County did not raise their taxes as they had promised and remain at \$19.30 per capita (42 cents per thousand). Mather stated he is severely disappointed with Scott County which leaves the region with a shortfall that will result in a two year life on the fund balance. Mather stated State law does not allow the region to cut Scott County loose. Mather asked everyone to put pressure on Scott County as well as asking the Legislature to put pressure on Scott County to increase their rates. Mather stated Scott County needs to pull their weight in the region. Bonebrake stated the legislature forced Muscatine County to reduce their levy and should have forced the other counties to increase their levy. Sorensen stated rural Iowa is paying for metro Iowa mental health care and that is not the way it should be.

On a motion by Mather, second by Bonebrake, minutes of the May 15, 2017 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

The Board received notice that all court offices will be closed and all judicial branch employees, other than judicial officers, shall take an unpaid leave day on Friday May 26, 2017.

Committee Reports:

Sauer attended a Muscatine Conservation Board meeting May 15<sup>th</sup>.  
Sauer attended a Riverbend Transit Board meeting May 17<sup>th</sup>.  
Sauer attended a Muscatine Board of Health meeting May 17<sup>th</sup>.  
Sauer attended a Muscatine County Fair Board meeting May 18<sup>th</sup>.  
Sorensen attended a Wilton Development Corporation meeting May 17<sup>th</sup>.  
Mather attended an Eastern Iowa Mental Health Region meeting May 15<sup>th</sup>.

County Engineer Keith White updated the Board on Secondary Road Projects.

Conservation Director Curt Weiss informed the Board there is a 10' X 10' gravel area that needs to be blacktopped where a water line was repaired before the old DHS property is turned over to the Conservation Board. Weiss stated he received preliminary quotes for fencing around the tower stating it would cost less than \$1,000, but he feels it would still be better for the tower to be removed.

The Board reviewed the health/dental fund balance as of April 30, 2017.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, the Board approved the proposed health and dental premiums effective July 1, 2017. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Mather, the Board set an annual enrollment period for health benefits and an open enrollment for dental benefits for May 24, 2017 through June 2, 2017. Ayes: All

The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 A.M.

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Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

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Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Thursday, June 1, 2017

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

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

Chairperson Sorensen, Supervisor Mather, Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber and Community Services Director Michael Johannsen presented a report with recommendations of the ad hoc committee on reorganization of the Community Services Department. Sorensen stated there are a lot of questions surrounding the status of future responsibilities of the Community Services Department, but they rewrote the job description to reflect what they believe at this time to be the duties of the Community Services Director. Sorensen stated the committee is recommending promoting Assistant Community Services Director Kathy Anderson-Noel to the Community Services Director position. Mather stated the County needs someone like Anderson-Noel who is familiar with the community and can work in that environment. Sorensen stated one of his concerns is that the provider taking over case management will crash and the County will have to rebuild a case management department in the future which Anderson-Noel would be able to do. Howard asked if there would be cost savings realized by leaving the position open. Johannsen stated a Director is needed to act as guardian for trust services, but there is downsizing in the department so there will be savings. Mather stated the transition may take a couple of years and the County needs to have a Director providing oversight. Howard stated for the last couple of years the Board was sure they would go outside to look for a replacement but now that has changed. Johannsen stated the position has changed. Sorensen stated he would have a problem with doing an exhaustive search and hiring someone to just possibly eliminate the position a few months later. Bonebrake stated he wants to make sure that Anderson-Noel is 100% aware of what could happen with this position. Mather suggested adding something to the job description about managing the organization that is in a state of flux. Bonebrake asked if she is comfortable with the flux part. Johannsen stated Anderson-Noel is comfortable with this as she is at a point in her career where she would probably retire within 5 to 7 years. Johannsen stated she has general assistance experience from Louisa County as well as the case management experience. Bonebrake asked Johannsen what things he does that Anderson-Noel does not have experience in and how much experience does she have with the County budget. Johannsen stated over the years they have looked to Administration for budget expertise. Johannsen stated he is working on helping Anderson-Noel make connections in the community by having her go with him to meetings. Bonebrake stated the biggest challenge appears to be in the area of public relations. Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber stated from her office's perspective, the least experience is in the financial piece, but a lot of the reports to the region should be coming from her office anyway. Sorensen stated he has no worries about the financial experience and his biggest fear is Johannsen's connections in the community and replacing that with Anderson-Noel. Mather stated for the people in the organization the sense of continuity in a time of flux will be comforting and help them perform their jobs better. Schreiber stated the job description has removed the case management piece and the recommended grade would reduce from 17 to 16. Sauer stated the person in this position has to have a tremendous ability to go different directions and thinks Anderson-Noel would be

an obvious first choice because she is aware of what is coming and is still willing to step up to the plate and take that on. Sauer stated hiring from the outside, you might be able to convey that to an individual that you are interviewing, but he is not sure they would fully understand it until they got into it.

Board consensus was to proceed with the plan as recommended by the ad hoc committee. Schreiber will place the item on the next agenda for action.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 A.M.

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Betty L. Wambach  
First Deputy Auditor

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Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors