

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, January 29, 2018

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

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

On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Sorensen, claims dated January 29, 2018 were approved as amended in the amount of \$421,343.44. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commissioner Mary Beveridge regarding historic preservation consultant services in the preparation of a National Register Nomination of the Muscatine County Farm Barn. Budget Administrator Sherry Seright stated the Community Foundation has approved a \$1,000 grant, Muscatine County Historic Preservation is donating \$1,000 and Friends of the Old Barn are contributing \$725 to cover the cost of the services. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Chairperson was authorized to execute a Letter of Agreement with Price Preservation Research at a cost of \$2,725 for historic preservation consultant services in the preparation of a National Register Nomination of the Muscatine County Farm Barn. Ayes: All.

The Board canvassed the Drainage District #1 Election held on January 20, 2018. Results were as follows: For the office of Trustee for a three-year term beginning January 27, 2018 – 5 votes were cast. Mike Meyers received 5 votes. Mike Meyers was elected.

The Board canvassed the Drainage District #2 Election held on January 22, 2018. Results were as follows: For the office of Trustee for a three-year term beginning January 27, 2018 – 2 votes were cast. Mark Elder received 2 votes. Mark Elder was elected.

The Board canvassed the Drainage District #4 Election held on January 20, 2018. Results were as follows: For the office of Trustee for a three-year term beginning January 27, 2018 – 4 votes were cast. Mitch Templeman received 4 votes. Mitch Templeman was elected.

The Board canvassed the Drainage District #5 Election held on January 20, 2018. Results were as follows: For the office of Trustee for a three-year term beginning January 27, 2018 – 3 votes were cast. David Johnson received 3 votes. David Johnson was elected.

The Board canvassed the Drainage District #9 Election held on January 20, 2018. Results were as follows: For the office of Trustee for a three-year term beginning January 27, 2018 – 3 votes were cast. George Meyers received 3 votes. George Meyers was elected.

The Board canvassed the Drainage District #10 Election held on January 20, 2018. Results were as follows: For the office of Trustee for a three-year term beginning January 27, 2018 – 3 votes were cast. Don Feldman received 3 votes. Don Feldman was elected.

The Board canvassed the Levee District #17 Election held on January 20, 2018. Results were as follows: For the office of Trustee for a three-year term beginning January 27, 2018 – 3 votes were cast. Jesse Shield received 3 votes. Jesse Shield was elected.

The Board canvassed the Muscatine-Louisa Island Levee Third District Election held on January 20, 2018. Results were as follows: For the office of Trustee for a three-year term beginning January 27, 2018 – 9 votes were cast. Tom Langan received 9 votes. Tom Langan was elected.

The Board canvassed the Muscatine-Louisa Drainage District #13 Third District Election held on January 20, 2018. Results were as follows: For the office of Trustee for a three-year term beginning January 27, 2018 – 1,557 votes were cast. Robert W. Cook received 1,557 votes. Robert W. Cook was elected.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, minutes of the January 22, 2018 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

All Supervisors received a letter from Robert McCleary regarding a need for affordable single floor housing for the elderly.

Committee Reports:

Sorensen attended an Emergency Food and Shelter Board meeting January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Sorensen, Sauer and Howard attended a Conference Board meeting January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Sorensen attended a West Liberty Economic Area Development meeting January 25<sup>th</sup>.

Sorensen attended a Lower Cedar Watershed Management Authority presentation to the Farm Bureau January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Sauer and Mather attended a Bi-State Regional meeting January 24<sup>th</sup>.

Howard attended a Milestones Area Agency on Aging Executive Board meeting January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved the hiring of Gavin Whittaker as Corrections Sergeant at \$44,518.00 (Grade 10, Step 14), Claude Daum as Corrections Sergeant at \$43,790.00 (Grade 10, Step 13) and Nicholas Doy as Corrections Sergeant at \$45,247.00 (Grade 10, Step 15) for the Jail. Ayes: All.

Mather asked the Board to clarify for the audience the Board's decision to lower the MH/DD levy to zero to recoup funds contributed to the Eastern Iowa Mental Health Region. Sorensen stated Muscatine County paid approximately \$3,500,000 to the Region that resulted in a large fund balance. Scott County contributed no taxpayer dollars to the Region, but withdrew funds to supplement mental health services for their residents. Sorensen stated the State has decided that the Region must lower its fund balance to 20% in three years, so the Board decided the way to do that was by lowering the MH/DD levy to zero which will require the Region to pay for Muscatine County mental health services out of the Region's fund balance. Mather stated this is fairer for Muscatine County taxpayers. Mather stated funds contributed by Clinton and Muscatine Counties account for most of the Region's excess fund balance.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board went into closed session at 9:36 A.M. pursuant to Chapter 21.5(c), Code of Iowa, to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent. Roll call vote: Ayes: All. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Howard, the Board returned to open session at 10:14 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 A.M.

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Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

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Scott Sauer, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, February 5, 2018

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

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

A Public Hearing was called to order at 9:02 A.M. by Chairperson Sauer on proposed changes to Muscatine County Code of Ordinances, Title III-Property/land Use and Development, Chapter II Zoning Ordinance, to amend the definition of "Family" as currently defined in Article I, Section 3 and to add Satellite Liquid Propane Storage and Distribution Sites as a Special Permitted Use in A-1 Agricultural Districts. Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas explained the special permitted use amendment would allow for placement of an LP gas storage tank in order for the driver to service customers in the area without having to return to his business to refill his truck. Mather stated he would like language to address insurance for special use permits. Furnas will look into the issue of insurance and return with recommendations. Furnas stated the amendment for the definition of "Family" removes the limitation of a single kitchen facility. No one spoke for or against the proposed amendments. On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the public hearing was closed at 9:23 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board approved an ordinance amending Article III, Section 3 by adding Satellite Liquid Propane Storage and Distribution Sites as a Special Permitted Use on the first of three reading. Roll call vote: Ayes: All. Furnas will return at a future date with recommendations to address the insurance issue for special use permits.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Howard, the Board approved an ordinance amending the definition of "Family" in Article 1, Section 3 of the Zoning Ordinance on the first of three readings. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed a variance granted by the Muscatine County Board of Adjustment on Friday, February 2, 2018. Case #18-01-01 is an application filed by Richard Holmes, Record Owner. This property is located in Moscow Township, in the NE ¼ of Sec. 28-T78N-R2W, 2454 140<sup>th</sup> Street, Moscow, containing approximately 4.22 acres and is zoned A-1 Agricultural District. This request, if approved, would allow the Zoning Administrator to issue a Variance in order for Mr. Holmes to continue to operate semi-trailer trucks from his home located at 2454 140<sup>th</sup> Street in Moscow. Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas stated this case was remanded back to the Muscatine County Board of Adjustment for further consideration. Furnas stated they again granted the variance, but with the stipulation that it only pertains to Mr. Sexton and Mr. Holmes, they are the only 2 drivers allowed to operate from this property and they can have no more than one spare semi and trailer parked on the site. On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Howard, the Board accepted the Variance. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, minutes of the January 29, 2018 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Sauer reported a call regarding unknown owner parcels.  
Sauer and Sorensen attended a Muscatine Port Project Update at Kent Corporation.

Committee Reports:

Mather attended an Eastern Iowa MH/DD Region meeting January 29<sup>th</sup>.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, the Board re-appointed Sherry Seright as the County's representative to the Assessor's Examining Board for a six-year term. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Mather, the Board appointed Scott Sauer to the Ad-Hoc Conference Board Committee. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the proposed FY18/19 budget for publication. Ayes: All.

The Board recessed at 9:56 A.M. and reconvened at 10:00 A.M.

On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Sorensen, the Board went into non-public session at 10:00 A.M. pursuant to Chapter 20.17(3), Code of Iowa to discuss strategy in union negotiations. Roll call vote: Ayes: All. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Howard, the Board returned to open session at 11:16 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:16 A.M.

ATTEST:

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Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

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Scott Sauer, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors