

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, September 24, 2012

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

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

On a motion by Watkins, second by Howard, the Board authorized the Chairperson to execute a Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau Alcohol Incentive Grant Contract in the amount of \$37,810.00. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Sheriff Dave White regarding a proposal to enclose the Muscatine County Jail Recreation Yard. White presented the following bids to enclose the yard with a roof and option 1 to add $\frac{1}{2}$ " OSB to prevent condensation or option 2 to add housewrap under the roof to prevent condensation: Ken Morrison Construction – Base Bid \$29,700, Option 1 \$4,050 or Option 2 \$800; Hy-Brand Industrial Contractors – Base Bid \$34,285, Option 1 \$4,500, Option 2 \$1,580 or Voluntary Estimate to add $2\frac{1}{2}$ " building insulation \$2,460; Todd Hackett Construction – Base Bid \$39,445, Option 1 \$4,235 or Option 2 \$910; and Noble Construction – Base Bid \$42,700, Option 1 \$3,600 or Option 2 \$1,000. Watkins recommended using insulation rather than the wrap to prevent condensation. White explained that the roof would be steel with truss construction and a ridge vent with soffit vents. White stated that one section of the roof will be clear polycarbonate to allow natural light. Sorensen stated the best way would be to insulate the roof with spray foam which will provide a thermal block to prevent condensation. White stated he could just put the roof in for now and see how it goes or talk to the contractor to see what he suggests. On a motion by Furlong, second by Watkins, the Board accepted a proposal from Ken Morrison in the amount of \$29,700 for the Muscatine County Jail Recreation Yard Enclosure Project. Ayes: All. If the Sheriff feels condensation will be an issue he will return to the Board for further discussion. Board consensus was for the \$25,000 received from the sale of the generator to be used for payment of the roof installation with the balance to be paid out of commissary funds.

Discussion was held regarding the proposed purchase of Inmate Work Detail Equipment through commissary funds. White informed the Board he has incurred several expensive repairs on the old mowers stating he feels they need to be replaced. White stated he purchased a new John Deere tractor last year and could purchase another one with commissary funds if the Board amends the Jail Commissary Expenditure Policy. On a motion Sorensen, second by Howard, the Board amended the Jail Commissary Expenditure Policy authorizing the Sheriff to utilize commissary proceeds for Inmate Work Detail Equipment. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Watkins, second by Furlong, the Chairperson was authorized to execute a contract with Woodman Controls Co. for Control Systems Upgrade at the Community Services Building in the amount of \$49,400.00. Ayes: All.

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

On a motion by Watkins, second by Sorensen, the Board approved a renewal application for a Class C Beer and Sunday Sales Permit for Casey's Marketing Company, dba Casey's General Store #2472, 1334 Hwy 22, Nichols, IA 52766. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, minutes of the Monday, September 17, 2012 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Furlong, minutes of the Monday, September 17, 2012 Eastern Iowa Mental Health and Disability Services Region Meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Kelly, Howard, Watkins and Sorensen received several calls regarding the Mid-American meeting.

Kelly, Howard and Sorensen received contacts regarding removal of trees at the Courthouse.

Howard received several calls regarding the City of Muscatine's discussion about possibly swapping Iowa Field with Pierce Furniture.

Kelly received a call regarding Mental Health Awareness Week.

Committee Reports:

Furlong attended a West Liberty Economic Area Development meeting September 20th.

Furlong attended a Muscatine County Fair Board meeting September 20th.

Watkins attended a Riverbend Transit meeting September 19th.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 P.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Kas Kelly, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, October 8, 2012

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

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

County Engineer Keith White opened the following bids for Project L-(BL-2)—73-70 Seal Coat Improvements on Bayfield Road, from .35 miles East of N. Mulberry to N. Isett Avenue: Manatts Inc. - \$491,629.86; Brandt Construction Co. - \$473,544.84; Rock Solid Stabilization - \$532,371.84. White will review the bids and return for action prior to the end of the meeting.

White presented the following bids for salt dome repairs/re-roofing: Dome Corporation - \$81,675; G&S Roofing and Contracting - \$42,300; and Roofing Technology Inc. - \$70,000. On a motion by Watkins, second by Sorensen, the Board awarded a contract to G&S Roofing and Contracting to perform salt dome repairs/re-roofing in the amount of \$42,300. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Watkins, the Board approved the purchase of a quad-axle dump/plow truck demonstrator unit equipped with a 10' plow from Monroe Truck Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$67,034.84. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Watkins, second by Furlong, the Board set a public hearing at 9:00 A.M. on October 29, 2012 for review and comment concerning the effects for the Saulsbury Road bridge replacement project. Ayes: All.

White updated the Board on progress with Bayfield Road.

Kelly asked White to update Zoning Administrator Jodee Stepleton on the Thayer Lodge situation in case there are any zoning issues.

Howard asked White if there are any upcoming plans for projects on Burlington Road. White stated that the only plans for Burlington Road are a bridge replacement and seal coat in the next 2-3 years. Howard stated he had received some complaints, but he will look into it further and report back to White.

On a motion by Furlong, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the hiring of Andrew Oien as a part-time building inspector at Grade 8, Step 10 at \$15.69 per hour. Ayes: All.

Public Health Director Mary Odell presented the health rankings for Muscatine County. Odell stated that Muscatine County's health is ranked on health outcomes which consist of mortality (length of life) and morbidity (quality of life) and health factors which are effected by behaviors, clinical care, social and economic factors and physical environment that contribute to the health outcomes. Muscatine County's overall ranking is 54th out of 99 Counties for health outcomes. Muscatine County ranks 86th out of 99 counties for health factors. Odell stated that one of the challenges that she sees is that Muscatine County has a very unique demographic and industrial

makeup making it difficult to compare Muscatine County with other counties in the State of Iowa. Odell stated that it is difficult to lead a healthy lifestyle if you do not live in a healthy community and that we all need to work together to strive to be a healthier community. Odell stated she is trying to raise awareness about the health of the community and that they are working towards striving to be a healthier community through initiatives such as the Blue Zone Project. Kelly thanked the Muscatine County Health Association for publishing the brochure which represents a snapshot of everything.

Discussion was held with County Auditor Leslie Soule regarding a Class C Beer and Sunday Sales renewal application that was approved during the September 24, 2012 regular meeting. Soule stated that the renewal application was for Casey's General Store #1257, but that the renewal application was mistakenly approved for Casey's General Store #2472 which had already been approved in August. Soule stated that the Sheriff has been contacted and has approved the renewal application for Casey's General Store #1257. On a motion by Furlong, second by Watkins, the Board amended the minutes of the September 24, 2012 regular meeting to reflect the approval of a renewal application for a Class C Beer and Sunday Sales for Casey's Marketing Company, dba Casey's General Store #1257, 1127 Ripley Court, Muscatine, IA 52761. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Furlong, the Board accepted the Muscatine County Sheriff's Office – Civil Department Report of Fees Collected for the quarter ending September 30, 2012 in the amount of \$31,815.52. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Furlong, second by Sorensen, the Board accepted the Muscatine County Recorder's Office Report of Fees Collected for the quarter ending September 30, 2012 in the amount of \$69,714.60. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Watkins, the Board accepted the Muscatine County Auditor's Office Report of Fees Collected for the quarter ending September 30, 2012 in the amount of \$1,475.66. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Furlong, the Board accepted the Muscatine County Treasurer's Office Report of Fees Collected for the quarter ending September 30, 2012 in the amount of \$105,979.42. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, minutes of the Monday, October 1, 2012 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Kelly received a call regarding activity at old Thayer Lodge on old Hwy 61.

Committee Reports:

Kelly attended a Muscatine County Health Association meeting October 3rd.

Sorensen attended a Muscatine County Safety Committee meeting October 3rd.

Sorensen attended a Regional Workforce Development meeting October 5th.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Furlong, the Board accepted a bid in the amount of \$473,544.84 from Brandt Construction Co. for Project L-(BL-2)—73-70. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held regarding the Muscatine County Historical Jail Window Repair/Replacement Project. Budget Coordinator Sherry Seright stated that four options were bid: Option 1 - Repair the current windows and frames; Option 2 - Replace the windows with primed wood frames; Option 3 - Replace the windows and frames with Aluminum Clad Wood; and Option 4 – Replace the windows and frames with vinyl. Seright stated that North Construction's bid on Option 1 was for framing only and not replacing the windows. Seright stated that the closest option historically would be to replace the windows with primed wood frames, but there is an ongoing maintenance issue with that option. Sorensen stated the County would realize a much longer life with aluminum clad wood, but it depends on how committed the Board is to staying historical. Watkins stated he questions whether the current windows are even the original windows. Furlong stated he thinks the decision is between repair and aluminum clad wood. The Board reviewed the following bids for replacement windows at the Historic Jail:

	Schmidt Design & Build	Hy-Brand Industrial Contractors	North Construction	Renaissance Restoration
Option 1:	\$16,200	\$24,947	\$7,350	\$52,195
Option 2:		\$20,150	\$20,659	\$48,784
Option 3:		\$22,170	\$22,096	\$41,624
Option 4:		\$18,288	\$18,999	\$27,512
Voluntary Estimate: Replace with fiberglass				\$38,364

On a motion by Watkins, second by Howard, the Board accepted a bid from North Construction Co. for replacement windows at the Historic Jail in the amount of \$22,096. Ayes: All.

The Board recessed at 10:10 A.M. and reconvened at 10:16 A.M.

On a motion by Furlong, second by Howard, the Board went into closed session at 10:16 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 Furlong, second by Howard, the Board returned to open session at 10:22 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 A.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Kas Kelly, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, October 15, 2012

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

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

Wayne Schaapveld, 2107 Seven Springs Road, asked about status of recent experiments of placing slag on County roads. None of the Supervisors have received any complaints on the last test. Schaapveld stated he feels the dust from the slag contaminated his property. Schaapveld presented research he conducted of the effects on animals of slag. Schaapveld stated that one of his horses born the year slag was placed on Seven Springs Road has had health issues which he believes are attributable to the slag placement on Seven Springs Road. Schaapveld stated he contacted the EPA to perform testing and recommended the Board get a copy of that analytical report and a sample of what the DNR will allow on the road, then compare to see if it is the same stuff that they are currently placing on the roads. Howard stated that slag in itself is not dusty. Schaapveld agreed, but stated that the County got dross which is what caused the dust. Watkins stated that the County combined rock and slag on Seven Springs which is different than what we are testing now. Schaapveld stated that the effects on animals is something to look into because his dog and his neighbor's dog both died 8 months after the slag was placed on Seven Springs Road. Howard stated as he recalled they grabbed from the wrong pile and he wonders how we would know that will not happen again. Watkins stated that occasionally they get from the wrong pile for rock and have to remove it and redo it. Watkins feels the County should probably better train our drivers to watch as their trucks are being loaded. Howard stated he appreciated Schaapveld bringing this before the Board.

On a motion by Watkins, second by Sorensen, claims dated October 15, 2012 were approved in the amount of \$637,659.88. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held regarding revisions to terms of the lease with Friends of the Old Barn. Paul Carroll, Friends of the Old Barn Board, provided pictures of the new staircase and a list of events held at the Barn. Carroll stated that most of the events were in compliance with the original intent of the lease. Kelly stated she would like to stay committed to the events that are historical and educational. Furlong is not opposed as long as they follow all of the City of Muscatine's rules and regulations. Furlong stated he is concerned about the lack of parking. Howard stated that the old lease leaves the use pretty wide open, but once you start looking outside those parameters and how to fund and fix the Old Barn to have the community enjoy it more, then you have to upgrade it to make it work and it is no longer a historical piece. Howard stated he would like to see it retained but doesn't want the historical article destroyed. Carroll stated they have two more small weddings scheduled for next year, so they need to decide if those weddings are beyond the scope of the lease. Carroll stated the Cottage kitchen restoration is

completed with plumbing updates and new appliances and the second stairwell has been installed in the interior of the Old Barn for access to the haymow. Dave Metz, Friends of the Old Barn Board, stated the new stairwell has not been inspected yet, but it was built specifically to the City's specifications. Metz stated you always weigh safety versus changing the historic fabric of the structure. Kelly stated that if they are going to have these events the City will require a restroom in the Barn which changes the historic fabric of the Barn. Furlong stated he feels if they are going to have these events they need to address open flames. Metz stated they already have in their contracts that no open flames are allowed. Carroll stated that new wiring was trenched in for Conservation's new maintenance building, so they had their wiring trenched at the same time to save money. Carroll stated they were directed to get \$10,000,000 of insurance and have found that to be cost prohibitive. Carroll stated that they may have to stay with the \$2,000,000 insurance and eliminate some of the bigger events or possibly be added as an additional insured on the County's insurance policy. Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber stated that Jeff Miller told her ICAAP would not allow Friends of the Old Barn to be added to the County's insurance policy. Metz stated that they are actively working on the insurance issue, but that it is currently not worked out to satisfy the County. Carroll summarized that they are not ready for any further discussion until they get some more answers about the insurance. Howard stated that the County needs to check into whether or not we need the \$10,000,000 if they go back to small historic events. Kelly stated she does not feel a County venue should be in competition with a tax paying venue for events. Becky Gray, Friends of the Old Barn Board, stated there are not that many people that want to have a wedding in a barn, so she does not feel they are in direct competition with other venues. Gray stated they are not soliciting the business and there are a very limited number that want to use the Barn. Watkins stated they do not really know that because it has not been advertised that the Barn can be used for a wedding. Watkins stated he leans more to historical uses rather than renting the facility out. Carroll asked if the Board is still open to renting out the facility if they satisfy the insurance requirement. Sorensen stated that if they are going to rent out the facility, then they are going to have to meet the City's requirements regarding restrooms and parking which may be cost prohibitive. Watkins stated he is still leaning more towards historic uses. Furlong stated he is alright with renting out the facility as long as all of the City's rules and regulations are met. Watkins stated another issue is that major remodeling should be brought to the Board for consideration and terminology to that effect should be included in the lease. Metz stated he would like to invite the Board out to see the rehabilitated facilities. Carroll mentioned they are fundraising for the materials for replacement of the roof on the cottage. Watkins stated the Board of Supervisors should review plans for that project. Schreiber asked if there is intent to allow people to use the facility for meetings and is there a cost for that. Carroll stated he has no intention of charging anyone for the use of the cottage. Furlong stated that probably needs to be addressed in the lease. Watkins stated a smoking area needs to be designated outside of the facility. Schreiber stated that she will talk to Jeff Miller about the insurance issue. John Haskins, Friends of the Old Barn Board, stated that they never intended to do anything outside of the lease.

Discussion was held with Zoning Administrator Jodee Stepleton regarding approval of a preliminary plat of the proposed three lot agricultural subdivision, Eichelberger Addition, containing approximately 39.27 acres in Lake Township. On a motion by Watkins, second by Howard, the Board approved a preliminary plat of the proposed three lot agricultural subdivision, Eichelberger Addition, containing approximately 39.27 acres in Lake Township. Ayes: All

On a motion by Howard, second by Furlong, the Board approved Resolution #10-15-12-01 Approval of Final Plat of Eichelberger Addition. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Watkins, second by Sorensen, the Chairperson was authorized to execute a 28E Agreement for Tobacco Enforcement between the Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division and the Muscatine County Sheriff's Office. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Furlong, second by Howard, the Chair was authorized to execute an amended FY2009 Methamphetamine Drug Hot Spots Grant Program Award extending the grant period through December 31, 2012 and increasing the funding by \$3,528 to \$18,454. Ayes: All.

Sheriff White informed the Board that he has a 2007 Impala in very good shape that he is going to swap that out with the General Services 2004 Impala. White stated he will then sell the 2004 Impala on Ebay.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, minutes of the Monday, October 8, 2012 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

All Supervisors received an email regarding visibility issues at the intersection of Colorado Street and University Drive.

Howard reported contacts regarding annexation proceedings at and near Ripley's Trailer Court.

Howard reported a call regarding three dogs in the Letts area.

Howard reported a call regarding Iowa Field.

Committee Reports:

Howard attended a MAGIC meeting October 8th.

Howard attended a Muscatine Search and Rescue meeting October 10th.

Kelly attended a Seventh Judicial District meeting October 12th.

Kelly attended an Eastern Iowa Mental Health Regional meeting October 12th.

Howard attended a Fruitland City Council meeting October 9th.

Budget Coordinator Sherry Seright reported that railing was removed by contractors during the Courthouse roofing project and the railing cannot be located. Seright stated they need some sort of railing there with winter approaching to hold it until next spring.

Watkins stated he thought the monument contractors removed it, not the roofers. Seright will do some more checking, but if it cannot be found, she would recommend something inexpensive.

Seright stated she has not received a price yet to replace the grassy area on the corner of Mulberry and 4th Street with concrete. Watkins asked her to also check on striping the parking lot.

On a motion by Furlong, second by Sorensen, the Board re-appointed Emily Geertz to the Muscatine County Zoning Commission for a 5-year term ending November 7, 2017. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Watkins, the Board renewed the Muscatine County Flexible Benefits Plan for 2013. Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed the health/dental fund balance as of September 30, 2012.

Discussion was held regarding a possible study of the Salary Administration Program. Watkins stated the County needs to put out an RFP for a study of the Salary Administration Program. Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber stated it should be started in the Spring for completion in time for the FY 2014-2015 budget because it will take several months and cannot be completed in time for consideration with the FY 2013-2014 budget. Schreiber will provide the Board with a draft RFP at a future meeting.

Furlong stated the County hasn't had strategic long range planning for 5 years and should be scheduling one for January. Watkins stated he thinks it should probably wait until next Fall because the building projects will be completed by then and a new Supervisor will have a chance to gain some experience to be able to offer input. Board consensus was to wait until later next year for strategic long range planning.

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

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Kas Kelly, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors