

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, April 8, 2013

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

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

A Public Hearing was called to order at 9:02 A.M. by Chairperson Sorensen to take public comment on a construction permit application for a new 1,000 head deep pit swine finisher building from Maxwell Farms #1 in Moscow Township. In response to a question from Howard, Zoning Administrator Jodee Stepleton reviewed hog confinement lots with the Board. Stepleton stated that at the Maxwell facility the separation distance is determined by their 1992 building. No one spoke against the application. On a motion by Furlong, second by Howard, the public hearing was closed at 9:06 A.M. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: All.

Mark Henning, 2779 150th Street, Muscatine, Iowa addressed the Board regarding a request from S.A.F.E. for the Board members to sign a letter opposing Mid-American Energy's proposed nuclear or gas plant in Muscatine County. Henning reviewed alternatives to nuclear energy such as natural gas and burning clean coal; the benefit of retrofitting existing facilities; and tax incentives as other options to building a nuclear power plant. No Board action was taken. Furlong requested that the proposed letter be revised by changing the wording from "this resolution" to "this letter". Kelly, Sauer, Sorensen, Howard and Furlong individually signed the revised letter. Board consensus was for S.A.F.E. to return with a Resolution detailing the options discussed at this meeting.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Furlong, the Board approved the Muscatine County Recorder's Report of Fees Collected for the quarter ending March 31, 2013 in the amount of \$62,373.94. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Furlong, second by Sauer, the Board approved the Muscatine County Sheriff's Office - Civil Department's Report of Fees Collected for the quarter ending March 31, 2013 in the amount of \$29,374.87. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Furlong, the Board approved the Muscatine County Treasurer's Report of Fees Collected for the quarter ending March 31, 2013 in the amount of \$108,055.57. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Furlong, the Board approved the Muscatine County Auditor's Report of Fees Collected for the quarter ending March 31, 2013 in the amount of \$6,957.21. Ayes: All.

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met as a Board of Canvassers for the Wilton School Public Measure B Special Election held Tuesday, April 2, 2013. The Board certified the following results to be a true and correct abstract of the votes cast in the election: Yes Votes: 139; No Votes: 37; Total Votes: 176. The measure was adopted.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sauer, minutes of the Monday, April 1, 2013 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber reported the Board received a notice from the City of Muscatine that Muscatine Power and Water has submitted an application to rezone a 42 acre parcel at 3205 Cedar Street from R-3 single family residential to C-3 planned commercial.

Schreiber reported the Board received a letter from the Muscatine County Board of Health recommending that the Board of Supervisors support the City of Muscatine providing pool, tanning and tattoo parlor inspections as of July 1, 2013.

Kelly, Sorensen, Howard and Furlong received several contacts regarding the possible building of a nuclear power plant in Muscatine County.

Sauer received two calls concerning a possible hog confinement lot on Mulberry Avenue and 180th Street.

Howard received calls regarding County road conditions on Highway 61 and on County Road G-28.

Committee Reports:

Furlong and Sauer attended a Muscatine County Joint Communications Commission meeting April 4th.

Sorensen attended a Muscatine County Safety and Health Committee meeting April 3rd.

Kelly attended a Muscatine Community Health Association meeting April 3rd.

Kelly attended a Mental Health Committee meeting April 5th.

Howard and Furlong attended the City of Muscatine and Zhengding County Sister City reception and signing ceremony on April 1st. Howard and Kelly met with representatives from local steel mills regarding slag issues on April 1st. Sauer attended a Legislative Forum at the Muscatine Community College on April 6th. Sauer attended the Muscatine County Conservation Clean-Up Day on April 6th.

Discussion was held with County Engineer Keith White regarding access entrances on to County roads. White stated that current County policy does not sufficiently address the concern that continued development within the County without regulating access entrances will cause increased damage to the roads. The Board directed White to work with the Zoning Office to develop an access entrance policy.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Furlong, the Board authorized the Chair to execute a contract with Hometown Plumbing and Heating for the Muscatine County DHS Building HVAC Design Phase 2 in the amount of \$743,390.00. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #04-08-13-01 Resolution of Intent to Dispose of County-Owned Real Property Located at 609 6th Street W, Muscatine, Iowa. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: All.

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

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, Auditor

Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors