

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, August 26, 2013

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

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

Charles Lorensen, 1808 Briarwood Lane, expressed concern that there were no agendas or detailed information about agenda items, such as a report on Deep Lakes Park, at the Musser Public Library for meetings since March 2013. Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber stated the library does receive all of the agendas, but as far as a report regarding Deep Lakes Park, there was no report included in the packet.

Discussion was held with Vic Amoroso, A&J Associates, on Muscatine County Old Jail HVAC Design Project – Phase 2 Change Authorization Request #5 Rev.1. Amoroso stated this change is to repair structural damage to the roof and install 42" Miro stairs to the Venmar unit service door. On a motion by Furlong, second by Howard, the Board approved Muscatine County Old Jail HVAC Design Project - Phase 2 Change Authorization Request #5 Rev.1 in the amount of \$13,153.00. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Amoroso regarding a proposal for consulting engineering services for the construction of a replacement HVAC system evaporative cooler for the Muscatine County Community Services Building. Amoroso stated this is for A&J Associates to design the replacement of the system associated with the evaporative cooling and to allow the County to be able to go out for competitive bids. On a motion by Howard, second by Kelly, the Board accepted a proposal from A&J Associates for consulting engineering services for the construction of a replacement HVAC system evaporative cooler for the Muscatine County Community Services Building. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Conservation Director Curt Weiss regarding plans for Deep Lakes Park. Weiss invited the Board to a public meeting Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 P.M. at the Discovery Center to discuss the plans for Deep Lakes Park. Weiss stated the long term plan developed by a committee of sixteen members includes rental cabins, campgrounds, shelters, restrooms, parking lots, boat ramps, a swimming area and limited roads. Weiss stated that this 435 acre park was a very valuable gift to the citizens of Muscatine County. Weiss stated that the County received funding for the boat ramp which he hopes will be completed by the end of October. The Board stated they appreciate the work Weiss does for Muscatine County.

Discussion was held regarding the future use or demolition of the Old Jail/Sheriff's Quarters. Michael Maharry, Friends of Muscatine Historic Preservation President, suggested the Old Jail/Sheriff's Quarters might possibly be used to house the Muscatine County Convention and Visitor's Bureau. Maharry stated he would suggest getting an estimate to remove the 1972 addition to the building. Furlong stated he appreciates old

buildings, but also knows that sometimes it is more cost effective to move forward with a new building. Furlong suggested the Board try to get an estimate for both the removal of the newer addition as well as an estimate for the removal of the entire structure. Kelly stated it appears everyone is in favor of removing the newer cinder block addition. Sorensen agreed that at a minimum the cinder block addition should be removed. On a motion by Furlong, second by Howard, the Board authorized the solicitation of bids to remove just the 1972 cinder block addition as well as bids to demolish the entire Old Jail/Sheriff's Quarters. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with David Nowling, Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission Chairperson, regarding an application for Certified Local Government Status. Nowling stated that getting Local Government Status means the State will take the Commission more seriously when awarding funding. On a motion by Furlong, second by Kelly, the Chair was authorized to sign letters to the State Historical Society of Iowa requesting Certified Local Government Status and addressing Professional Qualifications Requirements for Historic Preservation Commissioners. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, minutes of the Monday, August 19, 2013 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Kelly reported contacts regarding Ripley Trailer Court's water quality.

Howard reported contacts regarding hog confinements.

Howard reported a contact regarding a planning and zoning concern.

Committee Reports:

Kelly attended a Decategorization Board meeting August 13<sup>th</sup>.

Kelly and Sauer attended a Town Hall meeting August 21<sup>st</sup> with Governor Branstad.

Sauer attended a Riverbend Transit Board meeting August 21<sup>st</sup>.

Sauer attended a Muscatine County Fair Board meeting August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Sorensen attended a Greater Muscatine Chamber and Commerce meeting August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Howard attended a Muscatine County Conservation Board meeting August 19<sup>th</sup>.

Furlong participated in interviews for a West Liberty Economic Area Development Board Program Director.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, the Board set a public hearing for September 9, 2013 at 9:00 A.M. on a request from James E. or Jeanette A. Billingsley, record owners, to rezone approximately 3.45 acres in Moscow Township from C-2 Commercial District to A-1 Agricultural District. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #08-26-13-01 Abating Taxes on Deep Lakes Park, County-Owned Property. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Furlong, the Board approved Proclamation #08-26-13-01 Labor Day. Ayes: All.

Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber stated that ISAC has requested a meeting with the Board of Supervisors and Staff on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Schreiber stated that Wellmark would also like to come that day. The Board directed Schreiber to schedule both meetings during the day as well as a night meeting for normal Board business on September 23rd.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

ATTEST:

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Betty L. Wamback  
First Deputy Auditor

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Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors