

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, March 7, 2011

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

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

On a motion by Furlong, second by Kelly, claims dated March 7, 2011 were approved in the amount of \$275,955.68. Ayes: All.

Lacie Litton, Wellmark Senior Account Manager, presented health and dental renewal agreements. Litton stated that they are estimating a 2.3% increase to claims, but that any changes to benefit plans would cause the County to lose its grandfathered status under the new healthcare reform law which would require the County to provide preventive services coverage at 100% coverage causing an estimated 1% increase in claims. Litton stated changing the co-insurance from 10-20% would realize a savings on claims of approximately 3%. Litton stated that the County currently has a \$250 deductible with a \$500 out-of-pocket maximum, whereas the County could realize a .5% savings with a \$300 deductible/\$600 out-of-pocket maximum, up to a 4% savings with a \$500 deductible/\$1,000 out-of-pocket maximum. Litton stated that if the County kept generic pharmacy the same at \$5, but increased tier 2 to \$25 and tier 3 to \$40, a savings of 1.25% could be realized. Litton stated that if the County raised the co-insurance, raised the deductible and out-of-pocket and raised tier 2 and 3 pharmaceuticals, it would realize a savings of 8-9%. Litton also discussed the possibility of developing a qualified high deductible health plan, but they are usually not successful unless the County places realized savings into a Health Savings Account for the employee to be able to use to reduce their out-of-pocket maximum. Litton stated the County could realize a 15% savings or approximately \$1,000 per employee which if placed in an HSA would effectively put the out-of-pocket maximum back down to \$500. Litton stated that usually groups work through a local bank to manage Health Savings Accounts.

The Board reviewed a variance granted by the Muscatine County Board of Adjustment on March 2, 2011. Case #11-03-01 is an application filed by Michael & Vinton Cromer, Record Owners, and Ron D. & Jodi L. McConnaha, Proposed Buyers. This property is located in Moscow Township, in parts of the SW ¼ of Sec. 22-T78N-R2W, containing approximately 49 acres, and is zoned A-1 Agricultural District. This request, if approved, would allow the Zoning Administrator to issue a Variance to allow a Waiver of the Subdivision Ordinance in order to split two parcels that are separated by 132<sup>nd</sup> Street and for the Proposed Buyers to purchase approximately four acres North of 132<sup>nd</sup> Street, in order to incorporate them into their adjoining farm. The Board of Adjustment approved this request since there was no new development proposed and that these split parcels would be incorporated into the McConnaha's existing farm ground. On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, the Board approved a Variance for Case #11-03-01 as approved by the Board of Adjustment. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Deputy Assessor Deb Suman regarding an additional application for 2010 Family Farm Credit. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Furlong, the Board approved a

2010 Family Farm credit application for Vince Grisham as recommended by the County Assessor's Office subject to completion of the application by the Grishams. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with County Recorder Cindy Gray and Scott Gardner, Fidlar, regarding Recorder's indexing software. Gray stated that Fidlar is offering to postpone payment by Muscatine County of all costs of the new system until August 2012 which is approximately \$90,000. Gray stated that it is hard to explain the benefits of the new system, but that it will help tremendously with daily balancing which is currently being done manually. Gray stated that the new system will allow her office to operate more professionally and will bring the County up to date with technology. Scott Gardner, Fidlar, stated that the system will transition the County from paper documents to an electronic format and take Muscatine County into the future. Gardner stated they have an Integration department that supports any data that needs to transfer to any other county office. Gardner stated he has included offsite backup through Fidlar as part of this contract. Gardner stated that staff is currently manually indexing, whereas the new system can actually read the document and identify the indexed items, so the user becomes a verifier. Gardner stated that this new technology is currently in use in 25 counties. Gardner stated the annual support of \$6,210 would cover all future updates. Gray stated that the current indexing system has been in use since 1989. Information Services Director Bill Riley stated that Tyler Technologies is also going to be putting out a new Recorder's package. Watkins stated he is concerned the savings to taxpayers with purchasing a new system when he has not heard that the Recorder's Office is having any trouble getting their work completed. Watkins stated he also has problems figuring out what is available for spending in the FY12/13 budget after just finishing the FY11/12 budget. Gray stated she would like to see proof that the Eden update saved taxpayer dollars. Budget Coordinator Sherry Seright stated that Tyler was no longer supporting the County's financial software so it had to be updated. Riley stated that it seems like the new system will save steps, he has no issues with the hardware or software and the current system will probably need to be replaced within the next few years anyway. Gardner stated that an important feature of Fidlar's system is the disaster recovery aspect. Gardner stated Fidlar is offering this system now with a huge incentive and that if the County waits a year to purchase the system, it may well cost \$120,000 - \$130,000. Board consensus was to place the item on next week's agenda for decision.

On a motion by Howard, second by Kelly, the Board authorized County Auditor Leslie Soule to execute an Election Services Renewal Agreement with Election Systems & Software, Inc. for a period of three years for programming election equipment, ballot layout and ballot printing for each election in which the machines are used. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Furlong, second by Sorensen, the Board approved a renewal application for a Class B Beer, Sunday Sales and Outdoor Service Permit for City of Muscatine, dba Muscatine Municipal Golf Course, 1820 Hwy 38, Muscatine, IA, 52761. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Kelly, minutes of the Monday, February 28, 2011 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Howard received a phone call regarding the condition of Iron City Avenue.

Howard received a phone call concerned with upcoming wage negotiations.  
Howard received a phone call regarding the hiring of a Zoning Administrator.

Committee Reports:

Furlong and Sorensen attended a Muscatine County Infrastructure Committee meeting March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Kelly attended a Muscatine Health Association meeting March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Howard attended a Lower Cedar/Iowa River Watershed Project meeting March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Howard attended a Muscatine City Council meeting March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Howard, Furlong, Kelly and Sorensen attended the Assessor's Conference Board meeting March 1<sup>st</sup>.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Furlong, the Board accepted the February 2011 payroll claims.  
Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed an application to fill a vacancy on the Community Action of Eastern Iowa Board of Directors from Ana Gretsinger. On a motion by Furlong, second by Howard, the Board approved the appointment of Ana Gretsinger to fill a vacant position on the Community Action of Eastern Iowa Board of Directors through December 31, 2012. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, the Board authorized the Chair to execute a contract with Cost Advisory Services, Inc. for cost allocation services for Muscatine County for FY11, FY12, and FY13 in the amount of \$5,850 annually. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Furlong, second by Sorensen, the Board approved Resolution #03-07-11-01 Transferring \$550,000 from the Rural Services Fund to the Secondary Roads Fund. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

The Board recessed at 10:34 A.M. and reconvened at 10:43 A.M.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Howard, the Board went into closed session at 10:43 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 11:17 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

The Board recessed at 11:17 A.M. and reconvened at 1:00 P.M. with Furlong, Howard, Watkins, Kelly and Sorensen present.

County Engineer Keith White reviewed the Five -Year Secondary Roads Construction Program and 2012 Secondary Roads Budget. White stated the budget removes the Iron City Avenue bridge replacement and places it in the fifth year of the Five -Year Program. White stated they are looking at federal aid bridge replacements on Burlington Road, 180<sup>th</sup> Street and 110<sup>th</sup> Street, a federal aid Taylor Avenue PCC overlay project, an overlay project on 171<sup>st</sup> Street. Furlong expressed concern about Lucas Road between the Hwy 61 bypass and Hwy 22 not being in the Five - Year Program. Watkins stated that 120<sup>th</sup> Street between Hwy 38 and Taylor Avenue is

also in poor condition and not in the Five -Year Program. White also discussed some roads and a bridge near the Edgewater area East of Conesville that are not in the Five – Year Program. Watkins stated that maybe the Iron City Avenue bridge should be removed now to relieve potential flooding this Spring of approximately 400 acres, but wait until 2016 to replace it. Furlong stated that if funds allowed, he would be willing to move the replacement up earlier than 2016. Kelly stated she would be in favor of removing the bridge with the promise of future replacement. Board consensus was to place the Iron City Avenue bridge on a future agenda.

On a motion by Furlong, second by Howard, the Board approved the Five-Year Secondary Roads Construction Program. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Furlong, second by Howard, the Board approved the 2012 Secondary Roads Budget for submission to the Iowa Department of Transportation. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held regarding Muscatine County's financial involvement in the Iowa passenger rail project at a cost of \$38,471 per year. Furlong stated he has a problem paying for rail service in Muscatine County. Watkins stated he has a problem with committing future Boards to this liability. Sorensen stated the rail service should be able to self fund its annual operation. Watkins stated that there may be other entities in the area that wish to fund passenger rail service in Muscatine County. Sorensen does not really see what this does for Muscatine County since it does not stop in Muscatine County. Board consensus is that they are not ready to commit taxpayer dollars for a passenger rail service through Muscatine County.

The Board recessed at 2:16 P.M. and reconvened at 2:27 P.M.

County Engineer Keith White credited Assistant County Engineer Dennis Michael with work he did on the preparation of the Five – Year Road Plan.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Howard, the Board went into non-public session at 2:29 P.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 Furlong, second by Kelly, the Board returned to open session at 2:38 P.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 P.M.

ATTEST:

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Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

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Kas Kelly, Vice-Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, March 14, 2011

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

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

Discussion was held with County Recorder Cindy Gray regarding a possible purchase of Recorder's indexing software from Fidler Technologies. Gray stated the purchase price of \$80,989.00 includes replication software, property fraud alert software and the first year of support. Gray stated that when a new program is purchased, she fully intends to purchase Fidler's program, not the one from Tyler Technologies because she considers the Fidler program superior. Gray stated the property fraud alert software has worked well for Muscatine County which Fidler has been allowing Muscatine County to use free of charge. Howard stated his only concern was how to pay for the program. Gray stated that the contract could be renegotiated next year if the funding was not yet available. Howard stated he is also concerned that Gray could get locked into a contract and if something better comes along in the next few years, she will not be able to break the contract. Gray and Scott Gardner, Fidler, both stated that there are no other products even developed in the Windows 7 environment and any upgrades are included as part of the annual support agreement. Furlong stated he does not want to commit future dollars, but feels it's a good program. Sorensen agreed. Gardner stated the full amount could be spread out over the full contract rather than pay the whole \$80,989 next year. Gardner stated he would also be willing to forfeit the contract next year if no funding was available, which would allow the County to go back with Tyler Technologies. Board consensus was not to purchase the program at this time, but consider the purchase when compiling the FY2012/2013 Budget.

Discussion was held regarding the possible development of passenger rail service from Chicago to Iowa City. Kelly stated she took part in a teleconference with the Chamber of Commerce, other counties and the Iowa Department of Transportation regarding financial support for the proposed passenger rail and relayed the concern to IDOT that this would be a drain for the County when no trains would be stopping in Muscatine County. Kelly stated that whether the County provides financial support or not, every crossing would be changed to add lights and crossing arms. Furlong stated he thinks it is a good idea, but does not think the County should commit dollars to it. Howard stated the City of Muscatine took the same approach. On a motion by Furlong, second by Howard, the Board authorized the Vice Chairperson to sign a letter of support to the Iowa Department of Transportation for passenger rail service with no financial commitment for on-going operating support. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Furlong, minutes of the Monday, March 7, 2011 regular meeting and Tuesday, March 8, 2011 special meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Furlong received a call from a retired individual that wanted to remind the Board and unions that Social Security has not received a raise in a couple of years and the individual wants the Board to keep that in mind during union negotiations.

Kelly received an email from Sally Duncan regarding the County's burn ordinance as her neighbor is burning trash every week and she wants to get it stopped prior to summer. Furlong stated that if she is in a subdivision, she could work with her association, but he knows of nothing in the County's history that has dealt with the burn ordinance and suggested referral to the Zoning department.

Committee Reports:

Furlong attended a West Liberty Economic Area Development meeting March 10<sup>th</sup>.

Furlong and Sorensen attended a Muscatine County Infrastructure Committee meeting March 10<sup>th</sup>.

Sorensen attended a Muscatine County Health/Safety Committee meeting March 9<sup>th</sup>.

Howard attended the Muscatine City Council meeting on March 10<sup>th</sup> because of discussions of involuntary annexation, rail passenger service and a new fire station in the south end of the City of Muscatine. Kelly participated in the March 9<sup>th</sup> IDOT rail passenger service meeting via telephone.

Furlong left the meeting at 9:32 A.M.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, the Board authorized the Vice Chairperson to execute a FY2009 Methamphetamine Drug Hot Spots Grant Program Award Notice in the amount of \$14,926.00. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Howard, the Board approved a request for a credit card with a credit limit of \$5,000.00 for Muscatine County Department of Human Services. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, the Board set a public hearing for Monday, April 11, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. on proposed amendments to the FY 10/11 Muscatine County Budget. Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed the health/dental fund balance as of February 28, 2011. Sorensen requested future reports reflect a three month rolling average and a standard deviation over the previous year in order to better evaluate the health/dental fund balance.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 A.M.

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Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

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David H. Watkins, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, March 21, 2011

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

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

On a motion by Furlong, second by Sorensen, claims dated March 21, 2011 were approved in the amount of \$1,695,801.95. Ayes: All.

Interim Zoning Administrator Jodee Stepleton presented a proposed two lot subdivision plat, Salvatore's Subdivision, approved by the Zoning Commission, and containing approximately 11.92 acres in Bloomington Township. Stepleton stated that the proposed subdivision was approved by the Zoning Board, but not by the Board of Health. County Attorney Alan Ostergren stated that there is no legal impediment from moving forward today as the County's ordinance requests input, not approval, from the Board of Health. Furlong stated he has concerns about the septic system. Bob Simmering, golf course and clubhouse developer, stated that he was marketing the golf course and decided to split the clubhouse from the golf course in order to allow Salvatore Vitale to operate the clubhouse. Simmering stated that during that process it was discovered that the septic system straddles the property line. Simmering stated he needs to be able to move ahead with the subdivision process as quickly as possible because he has someone interested in leasing the golf course with an option to purchase. Simmering stated he has contacted the other property owner about agreeing to an easement for the septic system, but has not heard back from them yet. Stepleton stated that it is a non-conforming lot because it does not have 150 feet of frontage and the septic system crosses the property line. Howard stated he is concerned about the septic system issue and wants a solution in writing. Stepleton stated that the septic system issue needs to be addressed and that the clubhouse was approved only in conjunction with the golf course. Furlong stated that he has a potential concern because the golf course and clubhouse were operated as one and now will have separate owners so if the golf course is not operating, it would be hard for the clubhouse to operate. Stepleton stated that the County Attorney's office told her that would be an issue to deal with down the road, but not today. Salvatore Vitale, 1955 Sweetland Rd, stated that he has his entire business tied up in this and that he worked with the County Zoning and Attorney Offices throughout this process and the County should have told him before now if there was an issue. Vitale stated that he is booked out two years and needs to know where he stands. Gary Allison, legal counsel for Salvatore Vitale and Bob Simmering stated that usage is staying the same and they are willing to correct the septic issue within a time frame established by the Board of Supervisors, but that they need to proceed in order to keep the golf course open. Watkins asked how to make sure the septic issue is resolved. Allison stated it can be handled through an easement, purchase of the property in question, or modifying the system to put everything back on Vitale's lot within a certain timeframe. Ostergren stated the Board can put a condition on the plat. Ostergren stated that no one is more motivated than Vitale to get



the septic system issue resolved. Furlong would like something legal to allow the Board to revoke approval if the issue is not resolved within a reasonable time frame. Ostergren stated the Board should consider the negative aspects if they do not approve the subdivision and homeowners are living on a golf course that cannot be maintained because there is no revenue source. On a motion by Furlong, second by Sorensen, the Board approved a preliminary plat of the proposed two lot subdivision, Salvatore's Subdivision, containing approximately 11.92 acres in Bloomington Township subject to the property having a conforming septic system within 90 days. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Kelly, the Board approved Resolution #03-21-11-01 Approval of Final Plat of Salvatore's Subdivision subject to the property having a conforming septic system within 90 days. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Civil War Memorial Committee Chairperson Lee Miller regarding plans for removal of the existing foundation and installation of a new foundation and Civil War Monument. Miller stated that Governor Branstad has received the Board of Supervisors invitation to the dedication, but is not scheduling anything that far out in advance at this time. Miller stated that the old pedestal will be moved to the American Legion rather than to Greenwood Cemetery as the City already has a civil war monument at Greenwood Cemetery. Miller stated that the plates were removed last week and the American Legion will try to reinstall them once the pedestal has been moved to their property, but that if they cannot be reinstalled they will display them indoors. Furlong asked if the VFW was in agreement to placement of the old pedestal at the American Legion and Miller responded that they were in agreement. On a motion by Furlong, second by Howard, the Board approved plans for removal of the existing foundation and Civil War Monument as presented by Lee Miller with the old monument and plates being donated to the Muscatine American Legion, with the condition that if they do not wish to maintain the monument, they offer it to other veteran groups in the County. Ayes: All.

Miller continued with plans for installation of the new Civil War Monument. Miller stated that they will need to remove the rails on the 4<sup>th</sup> Street driveway in order to get equipment to the work site, but that they will replace them upon completion and also fix any damage to the Courthouse lawn. Miller stated they may need some lower limbs removed from trees in order to have better access to the area and asked the County to remove the branches. Watkins stated that the County does not have staff to trim trees, but must outsource which would cost the County money. The Board advised Miller to try to get a tree service to volunteer to remove the branches. Miller stated a farmer is interested in taking the shaft from the old monument and has agreed to pay for all expenses associated with removing it and transporting it to his farm. Watkins stated that there are others who might want the old shaft. Miller informed the Board that the current interested party will take the shaft even if it falls apart. The Board stated they will take offers from any interested parties until next Monday. Miller informed the Board that removal of the pedestal and column should be done by April 15<sup>th</sup> and footings and foundations should be cured by the end of May, with the new monument arriving on June 12<sup>th</sup> and installed within two days. The Board stated they will want someone from the

County to oversee the installation of the new foundation and monument. Kelly stated that she was contacted by the Chamber of Commerce last week and from July 1<sup>st</sup> through July 4<sup>th</sup> a trailer with a Civil War exhibit will be on display in front of the Courthouse.

Discussion was held with County Attorney Alan Ostergren regarding staffing for the County Attorney's Office. Ostergren stated that Kerrie Snyder has taken a job with Pottawattamie County and that her departure along with the previous departure of Dana Christiansen leaves the Attorney's Office perilously short staffed and in critical danger of being unable to execute their mission. Ostergren stated that from 2006-2008, Muscatine County served a population of 10,626 per attorney versus the average of 7,082.5 for counties our size and handled 1,042 convictions per attorney versus the average of 516. Ostergren stated that to get to the average would require 6-8 attorneys. Ostergren stated he has lost a high level of experience and new attorneys are not as efficient and will be able to prosecute less than half of the crime if he is only allowed to replace Snyder with one attorney. Ostergren stated that they will have to reduce charges to get plea bargains, which will increase the local jail population with misdemeanors which will hurt crime victims and taxpayers. Ostergren requested he be allowed to hire two new full-time entry-level assistant county attorneys, a witness coordinator, and a secretary resulting in four assistants and five support staff. Ostergren stated he will be responsible for all of the civil work and will do all of the felony cases with Korie Shippee, the witness coordinator will be responsible for helping get cases prepared for trial, and the three new assistants will be responsible for all misdemeanors and all juvenile cases. Ostergren stated that the departure of Christiansen and Snyder freed up approximately \$215,000 in salary and benefits while his current proposal will cost approximately \$311,500 for a net increase to his budget of \$96,500. Ostergren stated that the increase in his budget is the cost of eight paying jail inmates, but that it will cost the County far more if we lose control of the jail population. Howard stated that Muscatine has apparently been blessed with a County Attorney's Office that has done well in the past and the loss of experienced staff has brought Ostergren to this point, but wonders how does the County fund these positions and can they be transitioned in over a period of time. Ostergren stated there are no experienced prosecutors out there looking to come to Muscatine County and there is going to be some phase-in because it takes time to hire the personnel and bring them on board. Ostergren stated it takes 4-7 years for a new attorney to gain enough experience to be unsupervised. Furlong stated that when Ostergren ran for office, he knew what the staffing level was and that in the time Furlong has been on the Board of Supervisors he has seen the number of attorneys increase from two to four with only a 10% increase in population. Furlong stated he is not in favor of increasing the budget at this time and that Ostergren will have to work within his budget as other departments have. Ostergren stated that he knew what the budget was when he ran, but both he and his opponent felt more attorneys were needed. Furlong stated over the last four years, he has not had complaints about crimes not getting prosecuted. Watkins stated that even in law enforcement, you cannot afford to put someone on every block and sometimes things will fall through the cracks. Ostergren stated law school prepares you to take the bar exam and nothing else. Sheriff White stated that Alan's office can have a dramatic impact on his jail population and when Ostergren has to plea bargain, then that is a bed he cannot rent. White stated that the Jail is going to be full, so this is a dollar and cents issue not to

mention a miscarriage of justice by not prosecuting felons as felons. White stated they lost two very experienced prosecutors and the Board needs to support Ostergren on this because the County will lose money if they do not. White stated that he is 100% behind Ostergren on this and this is not a huge request on Ostergren's part considering they are making \$7,000 per day housing outside inmates, so it should be a positive not a negative financially for Muscatine County. Kelly asked if Ostergren was looking to hire these new positions now or on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Ostergren stated he wants to hire them now. Sorensen stated that Muscatine County had 5 seasoned attorneys on staff prior to this year, so the additional positions are really the Witness Coordinator and Secretary. Ostergren stated this was his way of trying to keep from asking for even more attorneys as the support staff can do the work that does not necessarily need an attorney, like keeping track of and organizing all the paper work. Budget Coordinator Sherry Seright stated the possible loss of revenue exceeds the additional cost of these positions. Board consensus was to place the item on the agenda next week for action.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Furlong, the Board approved Resolution #03-21-11-02 Authorizing Weight Embargoes on Secondary Roads in Muscatine County, IA. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, the Board approved contract, bonds and certificates of insurance for Project BROS-C070(52)--8J-70 and BROS-C070(53)--8J-70 with McCulley Culvert, Inc. in the total amount of \$447,899.74 for twin RCB box culvert bridge replacement projects on 110<sup>th</sup> Street. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Keith White updated the Board on projects on Muscatine County roads.

The Board held a monthly meeting with Community Services Director Mike Johannsen. Johannsen reviewed the General Assistance Budget Update and Director's Report stating that expenditures are currently at 60.46% with a target of 66.67%. Johannsen reported that miscellaneous is a little over due to bus tickets for transients.

Johannsen reviewed the Veterans Assistance Budget Update and Report stating that expenditures are at 47.24% with a target of 66.67%. Johannsen stated that a committee is working with Louisa County on developing transportation to the VA Hospital in Iowa City.

Case Manager Kathie Anderson-Noel reported on the activities of the Case Management Department stating expenditures are at 60.53% with a target of 66.67%.

Johannsen reviewed the Trust Budget Update and Director's Report stating that expenditures are at 67.44% with a target of 66.67%.

Johannsen reviewed the CPC Budget Update and Director's Report stating that revenues are at 66.07% and expenditures are at 58.36% with a target of 66.67%. Johannsen stated that DHS is holding bills up to three months because they are trying to determine what the local match is going to be and that expenditures would be closer to the 66.67% target

if those bills came in. Johannsen stated that it looks like the local match is going to be closer to the maximum 40% and he does not really know where they are at with the legislature and funding at this point so they may be looking at service cuts if they do not get more funding.

Johannsen stated that the CoCSN software that was put together through ISAC is a helpful proposition and he invited the Board to see a demonstration of the software next month at Community Services.

Kelly stated that the form for VA benefits states that the applicant must be verified, but the public needs to know that Sara Creamer can do that locally at her office at Community Services.

Mary O'Dell, Director of Trinity Muscatine Public Health, updated the Board on the Board of Health. O'Dell stated that Trinity Muscatine Public Health has an enhanced website. O'Dell stated that they applied for and received \$30,000 through the Unity Healthcare Foundation to offset the Local Public Health Service grant shortfall, so no additional funds will be needed from the County at this time. Odell presented the Board with the Muscatine Community Health Needs Assessment and Health Improvement Five Year Plan.

On a motion by Furlong, second by Kelly, minutes of the Monday, March 14, 2011 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Kelly was contacted by the Chamber of Commerce regarding placement of a trailer containing a Civil War exhibit in front of the Courthouse from July 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>.

Furlong and Howard received an email from a resident of Cedar Township regarding road conditions.

Howard talked to someone concerned about the increase in property taxes.

No committee reports were noted.

Project Manager Stu Willits provided the Board with an update on the Jail Expansion and Courthouse Geothermal Projects.

County Auditor Leslie Soule advised the Board they should begin to think about the structure of the Temporary Redistricting Commission that needs to be established by May 15, 2011. Soule stated that the Board of Supervisors decides whether the Commission will contain 3, 5 or 7 members. Soule asked that Laura Perley and Mark Warren be considered for placement on this Commission due to their knowledge of the process that would be an asset to the Commission. The Board will place the item on next week's agenda for action to set the number of members on the Temporary Redistricting Commission.

The Board reviewed an application from Carol Schleuter for a 5-year term on the Muscatine County Board of Adjustment.

On a motion by Furlong, second by Sorensen, the Board rescheduled a public hearing on proposed FY10/11 Muscatine County budget amendments to May 2, 2011 at 9:00 A.M.  
Ayes: All.

Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber asked for direction on a request by Wayne Shoultz to be reimbursed for mileage for Riverbend Transit monthly meetings. Schreiber was directed to place the item on next week's agenda for action.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:23 A.M.

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Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

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David H. Watkins, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors