

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, April 25, 2011

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 7:00 P.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 Kelly, second by Sorensen, minutes of the Monday, April 18, 2011 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

The Board received a notice that Governor Branstad has accepted the invitation to perform the dedication ceremony for the new Civil War Memorial on July 2, 2011.

Howard received phone calls regarding the Zoning Administrator position.

Howard received an email regarding a proposed geothermal study at DHS.

Committee Reports:

Sorensen attended a Wilton Development Corporation meeting April 20th.

Howard attended a Muscatine County Conservation Board meeting on April 18th and April 21st.

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

Howard attended a City of Muscatine Public Hearing on amending their Urban Renewal Area on April 19th.

County Auditor Leslie Soule informed the Board that the crane which removed the old Civil War Memorial caused damage to the sidewalks. Board consensus was to perform a temporary repair until the Courthouse roof is completed as that will probably cause more damage and then ask the Civil War Committee to fund their portion to permanently repair the sidewalks.

County Auditor Leslie Soule reminded the Board that the deadline is approaching for appointment of the Temporary Redistricting Commission. Board consensus was to place action on the May 9th agenda.

Discussion was held regarding a proposed geothermal study at the county owned building housing DHS. Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber stated that the proposal has been reviewed and that the County would have ownership of the report upon completion of the study and only the work papers would belong to A& J Associates. Furlong stated that although the cost was higher than he would like, he feels the County needs to move forward with the study as utilities are running around \$30,000 per year at this facility. On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, a proposal from A & J

Associates for consulting engineering services for an energy conservation study for the DHS building was approved in the amount of \$9,850.00. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, the Board set an open enrollment period for dental insurance for May 9 through May 20, 2011 for coverage effective July 1, 2011. Ayes: All.

The Board recessed at 7:11 P.M. and reconvened at 7:16 P.M.

On a motion by Furlong, second by Howard, the Board went into closed session pursuant to Chapter 21.5.1(i), Code of Iowa, to discuss candidates for the Zoning Administrator position at 7:16 P.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All. On a motion by Kelly, second by Furlong, the Board returned to open session at 7:48 P.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 P.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

David H. Watkins, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, May 2, 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 Kelly, second by Sorensen, claims dated May 2, 2011 were approved in the amount of \$576,045.05. Ayes: All.

A Public Hearing was called to order by Chairperson Watkins at 9:03 A.M. on proposed FY10/11 Muscatine County Budget Amendments. No one spoke for or against the proposed budget amendments. Budget Coordinator Sherry Seright reviewed the proposed amendments with the Board. On a motion by Furlong, second by Kelly, the public hearing was closed at 9:10 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Furlong, the Board approved Resolution #05-02-11-01 Amending the Fiscal Year 2010-11 County Budget. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Furlong, the Board approved Resolution #05-02-11-02 FY2010-11 County Budget Appropriations. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Sheriff Dave White regarding the possible provision of detention services for the Sac & Fox Tribe. White stated that he will charge the tribe \$50 per day per inmate, but the tribe will pay for transportation and medical. White stated that he will not be housing very many for the tribe. Howard asked if White is concerned about overbooking the Jail. White responded he has 254 beds available and is currently housing around 220 inmates. White stated he can always move some inmates to Louisa County if the Muscatine County Jail is full. On a motion by Furlong, second by Howard, the Board authorized the Chairperson to execute a Memorandum of Understanding for Detention Services between the Sac & Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa and Muscatine County. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Furlong, second by Sorensen, the following utility permit was approved: Robert Beatty - trenching a power line across 152nd to service another pivot point for an irrigation system. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with County Engineer Keith White regarding the possible purchase of two replacement motor graders. White explained that the County has not purchased a motor grader since 2008 and it is time to catch up. White stated that the current price for a CAT140M2 is \$245,890. White proposed purchasing one motor grader in this fiscal year and another one in FY11/12. White stated he would trade-in a 1993 CAT140G that would yield a \$52,000, a 1998 140H that would yield \$73,000 and a 2004 140H model that would yield \$106,000 trade-in towards the motor grader purchased in FY11/12.

White stated that due to good pricing, he might be interested in a third motor grader late in FY11/12 or early in FY12/13. On motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, the Board authorized the purchase of a replacement motor grader in this fiscal year at a cost of \$245,890. Ayes: All. On a motion by Furlong, second by Howard, the Board authorized the purchase of another motor grader in FY11-12 at a post trade-in cost of \$14,890 in September 2012 and authorized White to negotiate for a third motor grader to be purchased later in FY11/12 or early in FY12/13 with no trade-in. Ayes: All

White updated the Board on various road construction projects

On a motion by Howard, second by Furlong, the Board approved nine special event permits for events to be held on May 15th, June 3rd, June 19th, July 8th, July 17th, August 5th, August 21st, September 9th, and November 18th at Ardon Creek Vineyard and Winery, LLC as requested by Mike Furlong. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Kelly, minutes of the Monday, April 25, 2011 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Howard received an email regarding a proposed geothermal study for DHS.

Committee Reports:

Furlong attended a Muscatine County Fair Board meeting April 28th.

Kelly and Watkins attended a Bi-State Regional meeting April 27th.

Watkins attended a Region IX Transportation meeting April 29th.

Howard and Kelly attended a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Muscatine City Fire Station (District 1) on April 28th.

Discussion was held with Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber regarding the definition for part-time County positions. Schreiber stated that the current definition of 29 hours or less is causing some scheduling issues for the Jail. On a motion by Howard, second by Kelly, the Board approved a change in the definition of all part-time County positions to read “less than 32 hours”. Ayes: All.

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

The Board recessed at 9:58 A.M. and reconvened at 10:04 A.M.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, the Board went into closed session at 10:04 A.M. pursuant to Chapter 21.5.1(i), Code of Iowa, to discuss candidates for the Zoning Administrator position. Roll call vote: Ayes: All. On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, the Board returned to open session at 10:42 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Furlong, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the hiring of Jodee Stepleton as Zoning Administrator at \$48,574 (Grade 15, Minimum). Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kelly, the Board went into a non-public session at 10:44 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 Furlong, second by Kelly, the Board returned to open session at 11:45 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 A.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

David H. Watkins, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors