

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, July 11, 2011

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

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

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, claims dated July 21, 2011 were approved in the amount of \$367,189.38. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with County Attorney Alan Ostergren regarding a copier lease. Ostergren presented documentation showing that the current copier is leased for \$345 per month plus a maintenance agreement of approximately \$84.00 per month for a total monthly cost of \$429.00. Ostergren presented two options as follows: Option 1 – lease a Lanier LD635c with a monthly lease rate of \$225.00 plus approximately \$73.00 per month for maintenance for a total cost of \$298.00 per month; and Option 2 – lease a Lanier LD630c with a monthly lease rate of \$195.00 plus approximately \$73.00 per month for maintenance for a total cost of \$268.00 per month. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kelly, the Board authorized the County Attorney to execute a lease agreement with R.K. Dixon for a Lanier LD635c for a period of 60 months at a cost of \$298.00 per month. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Kelly, the Board approved a Matching Certification for Prosecutor Internship Program-Summer 2011. Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed a variance granted by the Muscatine County Board of Adjustment on July 1, 2011. Case #11-07-01 is an application filed by Ryan R. Stoll, Record Owner. This property is located in Sweetland Township, in the SW¼ of Sec. 14-T77N-R1W, Parcel B, 3238 New Era Road, Muscatine, Iowa, containing approximately 4.28 acres, and is zoned A-1 Agricultural District. This request, if approved, would allow the Zoning Administrator to issue a Variance in order for Mr. Stoll to build a deck on the back of his dwelling that would be closer than the 40' setback. The Board of Adjustment approved the Variance since there were no visibility issues and the adjacent property owner had no objection. On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, the Board accepted a Variance for Case #11-07-01 as approved by the Board of Adjustment. Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed the following Special Use Permit approved by the Muscatine County Board of Adjustment on July 1, 2011: Case #11-07-03 is an application filed by Ryan C. or Emily A. Goddard, Record Owners. This property is located in Seventy-Six Township, located in the NE¼ of Section 7-T76N-R3W, North of 235<sup>th</sup> Street, 1669 235<sup>th</sup> Street, Letts, Iowa, containing approximately 37 acres and is zoned A-1 Agricultural District. This request would allow the Zoning Administrator to issue a Special Use Permit in order for the Record Owners to build a rural residence on this property. The

Board of Adjustment approved this request as long as it was placed 750 feet away from the next nearest residence.

County Engineer Keith White reported on the bid results for the State letting of Project FM-C070(54)—55-70, RCB twin box culvert extension on Taylor Avenue (Y14) from US61 north to the Cedar County line: Muscatine Bridge Co, Inc. - \$1,196,115.27; Iowa Bridge and Culvert, L.C. - \$1,293,789.50; Winfield Contractors Inc. - \$1,395,902.63; Gus Construction Co., Inc. - \$1,486,322.51; and Tschiggfrie Excavating Co. - \$1,727,387.13. On a motion by Howard, second by Kelly, the Board approved the contract, bond and certificate of insurance for Project FM-C070(54)—55-70, RCB twin box culvert extension on Taylor Avenue (Y14) from US61 north to the Cedar County line with Muscatine Bridge Co., Inc. in the amount of \$1,196,115.27. Ayes: All.

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

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the hiring of Tanya Bishop as Food Service Manager at \$29,678 (Grade 8, Step 6). Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kelly, the Board approved the hiring of Mandy Heither as Commissary Manager at \$28,144 (Grade 7, Step 7). Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Jail Administrator Dean Naylor regarding a vacant Food Service Worker position. Naylor stated that the hiring of the Food Service Manager created a vacant full-time Food Service Worker position for which he plans to hire current part-time Food Service Worker Michelle Leopard which will then create a vacant part-time Food Service Worker position. On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, the Board authorized the Sheriff to backfill a vacant full-time Food Service Worker with currently employed part-time Food Service Worker Michelle Leopard and then hire a part-time Food Service Worker. Ayes: All.

Naylor updated the Board on other positions currently vacant stating they are getting busier and reminded the Board that if population increases over 230 inmates they will need more help.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the Muscatine County Auditor's Report of Fees Collected for the quarter ending June 30, 2011 in the amount of \$1,906.26. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Kelly, the Board approved the Muscatine County Treasurer's Report of Fees Collected for the quarter ending June 30, 2011 in the amount of \$142,039.15. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Kelly, the Board approved the Muscatine County Civil Department's Report of Fees Collected for the quarter ending June 30, 2011 in the amount of \$30,292.84. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, minutes of the Monday, June 27, 2011 regular meeting and the Thursday, June 30, 2011 special meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Kelly received email from Nevin Roberts regarding excessive noise from traffic on G28 near Lutheran Homes.

Howard received two phone calls regarding the Zoning department.

Howard visited with County Engineer Keith White and a resident regarding Kinkaid Avenue.

Committee Reports:

Sorensen attended a Muscatine County Safety Committee meeting July 6<sup>th</sup>.

Kelly attended a Health Association meeting July 6<sup>th</sup>.

Kelly attended a Seventh Judicial District meeting July 8<sup>th</sup>.

Furlong and Watkins attended a MUSCOM meeting July 7<sup>th</sup>.

Watkins attended a Region IX Transportation meeting July 7<sup>th</sup>.

All Supervisors conducted year end cash counts June 30<sup>th</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Kelly, Howard, Sorensen and Furlong attended the rededication of the Civil War Monument July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

County Recorder Cindy Gray reported that new federal regulation requires that vitals be segregated in a locked area in order to continue issuing passports and requested a door be placed on her vital records room. Board consensus was for Maintenance Supervisor Troy Sievert to proceed with the installation of a door on the Recorder's vital statistics room.

County Auditor Leslie Soule reported that the Temporary Redistricting Commission has adopted a Supervisor plan based on the 2010 census that will be presented to the Board of Supervisors at a future meeting.

On a motion by Howard, second by Kelly, the Board appointed Dennis Hepker and Carol Wade to the Muscatine County Compensation Commission for one year terms ending June 30, 2012. Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 A.M.

ATTEST:

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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, July 18, 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.

Dave Casstevens, Muscatine County Search and Rescue Board member, introduced fellow Muscatine County Search and Rescue members Ann Brumbach and Tim Sullivan and stated they are grateful for the funding provided by Muscatine County in the amount of \$5,500 as they celebrate their 70<sup>th</sup> year of organized search and rescue efforts in Muscatine County. Casstevens offered the Board of Supervisors a voting position on the Board of Muscatine Search and Rescue for a Supervisor or their designee. Watkins stated on behalf of the citizens they appreciate the work of Muscatine County Search and Rescue and will take into consideration Board membership at a future meeting.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Furlong, a claim dated July 18, 2011 was approved in the amount of \$5,000.00 to Clifford J. Krueger in exchange for a quit claim deed to a parcel originally owned by Muscatine County which is located along the Cedar River and was accidentally given to Mr. Krueger several years ago through tax sale. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Furlong, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the Muscatine County Recorder's Report of Fees Collected in the amount of \$65,288.67. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the Muscatine County Treasurer's Semi Annual Report for January 1, 2011 through June 30, 2011. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Kelly, minutes of the Monday, July 11, 2011 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Sorensen received a number of comments on the Civil War Memorial.

Howard received several contacts regarding the possible annexation being considered by the Muscatine City Council.

Furlong stated that several employees have asked him for the installation of a bike rack by the Administration Building so he has asked Maintenance Supervisor Troy Sievert to see how much a bike rack would cost.

Watkins received a letter from FEMA regarding the Levee District #17.

Committee Reports:

Kelly attended a Decategorization Board meeting on July 12, 2011.

Howard attended a Fruitland City Council meeting on June 12<sup>th</sup> and a Muscatine City Council meeting on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

Watkins informed the public that the Board of Supervisors has no jurisdiction regarding annexation by the City of Muscatine.

The Board reviewed the health/dental fund balance as of June 30, 2011.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Furlong, the Board approved Resolution #07-18-11-01 Suspending the Collection of Taxes on a property located at 613 Sub Van Buren Street, Muscatine, Iowa. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Furlong, the Board approved Resolution #07-18-11-02 Suspending the Collection of Taxes on a property located at 710 W. Fulliam Avenue, Muscatine, Iowa. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

Furlong reminded the citizens that the Muscatine County Fair runs Wednesday through Sunday this week. Kelly reminded the citizens that there is a heat advisory this week so please be careful and drink a lot of water. Watkins stated that the Muscatine County Fair has air conditioned buildings to help citizens escape the heat.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 A.M.

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Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

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David H. Watkins, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors