

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, November 8, 2010

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

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

A Public Hearing was called to order at 9:02 A.M. by Chairperson Dean on the possible designation of the SSAB Research and Development Urban Renewal Area, the proposed SSAB Research and Development Urban Renewal Plan and the approval of a development agreement between Muscatine County and SSAB Inc. Joan Axel, Stanley Lande & Hunter attorney representing SSAB, stated that they are in favor of the project and that the preliminary approval was completed by the Board of Supervisors over a year ago. Shoultz asked why the amount changed from 1.6 million to 2.6 million. Bill Zinkowich, Director of Human Resources for SSAB, stated that they added an extra wing in order to hire at least 4 more employees raising the 13 promised in the original plan to at least 17. Shoultz asked what happens in a year if they decide to move the facility to another community. Zinkowich stated SSAB has hired more than 600 employees which is double their original estimate through the original TIF and that they did not spend this much money to uproot it in a year. On a motion by Watkins, second by Kelly, the public hearing was closed at 9:08 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Watkins, second by Shoultz, the Board approved Resolution #11-08-10-01 A Resolution to Declare Necessity and Establish an Urban Renewal Area, Pursuant to Section 403.4 of the Code of Iowa and Approved Urban Renewal Plan and Project for the SSAB Research and Development Urban Renewal Area and Approve Development Agreement. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

Discussion was held regarding an Ordinance providing for the division of taxes levied and development of an urban renewal area for a SSAB Research and Development facility. Furlong stated he opposes the project because the length of the abatement of 15 years is too long and he feels the County is being too generous. Kelly stated that this is still better because the amount of the project increased, but the length of time is still set for 15 years. Watkins stated SSAB has created a lot of jobs for Muscatine County residents and never laid anyone off during the economic downturn. Dean stated SSAB has been an asset and always fulfilled their commitments. Shoultz stated he is in favor of this project and reminded the Board that next year the County will start collecting taxes when the original TIF expires. Watkins stated that SSAB has been a tremendous benefactor to the community. Greg Jenkins, Greater Muscatine Chamber of Commerce, clarified that the abatement is only on the incremental taxes. On a motion by Kelly, second by Shoultz, the Board approved Resolution #11-22-10-02 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 94-5-16-B and Providing for the Division of Taxes levied on Taxable Property in the SSAB Research and Development Urban Renewal Area,

Pursuant to Section 403.19 of the Code of Iowa on the first of three readings. Roll call vote: Ayes: Shoultz, Dean, Kelly and Watkins. Nays: Furlong

On a motion by Furlong, second by Kelly, the Board approved Resolution #11-08-10-02 Granting an Extension for Filing the Final Plat of Hoag Subdivision. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Furlong, the Chair was authorized to execute a FY2009 Methamphetamine Drug Hot Spots Grant Program Award Notice in the amount of \$14,926. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held regarding Muscatine County Search and Rescue funding. Budget Coordinator Sherry Seright stated that Muscatine County Search and Rescue is losing United Way funding and are looking for a home to make it easier to qualify for grants. Seright stated that placing them under the authority of Disaster Services Director Jeff Carter does not make sense because he has no taxing authority so they are looking at alternatives. Seright suggested contracting with Muscatine County Search and Rescue which would allow the County to become their fiscal agent helping them qualify for grants. Further discussion will be held at a future meeting.

Project Manager Stu Willits updated the Board on progress with the new Jail Expansion Project. Willits stated that the building should be completely closed in tomorrow and that the front sidewalk is almost completed. Willits stated that they are working at getting the chillers off the roof at the courthouse. Shoultz stated he would like a tour of the new jail expansion in a couple of weeks.

On a motion by Watkins, second by Shoultz, the Board approved 2010 Family Farm Credit applications. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Watkins, second by Kelly, a claim was approved to IOSH Bureau dated November 8, 2010 in the amount of \$4,500.00 to pay fines associated with citations from a recent IOSH visit to the DHS Building. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Shoultz, second by Furlong, minutes of the Monday, November 1, 2010 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

The Board received a brochure regarding the Muscatine County health rankings from the Muscatine County Health Association.

Shoultz received a comment from a citizen regarding the cost of absentee ballots.

Shoultz received a call concerned about the level of pollution in Muscatine County.

Committee Reports:

Shoultz and Dean attended a Muscatine County Safety and Health Committee meeting November 3rd.

Kelly attended a Muscatine County Decategorization meeting November 1st.
Kelly attended a Muscatine County Health Association meeting November 3rd.

Zoning Administrator Jeremy Underwood discussed the level of sulfur dioxide pollution in Muscatine County stating that they have lowered the threshold dramatically. Underwood stated that Iowa DNR must identify areas that do not attain the acceptable level by 2012 and have a plan to get those areas into compliance by 2014.

On a motion by Shoultz, second by Furlong, the Board approved Resolution #11-08-10-03 Suspending the Collection of Taxes. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Furlong, second by Shoultz, George Alt was appointed to the Zoning Commission for a five-year term ending November 7, 2015. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Watkins, second by Kelly, the Board adopted the following 2011 Holiday Schedule for Muscatine County. Ayes: All.

HOLIDAY

New Years Day
Memorial Day
Independence Day
Labor Day
Veterans' Day
Thanksgiving Day
Day after Thanksgiving
Christmas

DAY OF OBSERVANCE

Friday, December 31, 2010
Monday, May 30, 2011
Monday, July 4, 2011
Monday, September 5, 2011
Friday, November 11, 2011
Thursday, November 24, 2011
Friday, November 25, 2011
Monday, December 26, 2011

In addition to the holidays enumerated above, staff is granted three unscheduled holidays (personal days) to be used in 2011.

Discussion was held regarding the FY11/12 budget process. Budget Coordinator Sherry Seright presented a draft of a letter to outside agencies. Kelly stated that the letter has a deadline on it this year and if an agency does not meet the deadline, they should not be considered for funding from the County. Seright stated that letters can go out this week and every agency will have plenty of time to provide their request for funding by December 22nd. Board consensus was to proceed with the letter to the agencies with the deadline. Seright also provided the Board with a copy of the budget calendar.

The Board recessed at 9:56 A.M. and reconvened at 10:12 A.M.

The Board met as a Board of Canvassers for the General Election held on Tuesday, November 2, 2010. The Board certified the following to be a true and correct abstract of the votes of the election. There were a total of 13,249 ballots cast as follows:

FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR – 13,229 total votes were cast: Chuck Grassley received 7,974 votes, Roxanne Conlin received 4,872 votes, John Heiderscheid received 377 votes and there was a scattering of 6 votes.

FOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE-DISTRICT 2 – 13,093 total votes were cast: Marionnette Miller-Meeks received 6,974 votes, Dave Loeb sack received 5,699 votes, Gary Sicard received 257 votes, Jon Tack received 150 votes and there was a scattering of 13 votes.

FOR GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR – 13,326 total votes were cast: Branstad/Reynolds received 7,057 votes, Culver/Judge received 5,817 votes, Cooper/Weltha received 207 votes, Narcisse/Marlar received 161 votes, Rosenfeld/Meyers received 25 votes, Hughes/Prior-Calef received 43 votes and there was a scattering of 16 votes.

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE – 12,830 total votes were cast: Matt Schultz received 6,847 votes, Michael A. Mauro received 5,528 votes, Jake Porter received 448 votes and there was a scattering of 7 votes.

FOR AUDITOR OF STATE – 12,599 total votes were cast: David A. Vaudt received 6,992 votes, Jon Murphy received 5,596 votes and there was a scattering of 11 votes.

FOR TREASURER OF STATE – 12,748 total votes were cast: David D. Jamison received 6,328 votes, Michael L. Fitzgerald received 6,415 votes and there was a scattering of 5 votes.

FOR SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE – 12,698 total votes were cast: Bill Northey received 7,607 votes, Francis Thicke received 5,080 votes and there was a scattering of 11 votes.

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL – 12,831 total votes were cast: Brenna Findley received 6,365 votes, Tom Miller received 6,457 votes and there was a scattering of 9 votes.

FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE-DISTRICT 79 – 2,480 total votes were cast: Jeff Kaufmann received 1,826 votes, John E. Archer received 648 votes and there was a scattering of 6 votes.

FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE-DISTRICT 80 – 9,488 total votes were cast: Mark S. Lofgren received 5,458 votes, Nathan K. Reichert received 4,014 votes, and there was a scattering of 16 votes.

FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE-DISTRICT 87 – 941 total votes were cast: Thomas R. Sands received 923 votes and there was a scattering of 18 votes.

FOR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS-DISTRICT 1 – 12,804 total votes were cast: Robert E. Howard received 7,123 votes, Don Paulson received 5,673 votes and there was a scattering of 8 votes. Robert E. Howard was elected.

FOR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS-DISTRICT 2 – 12,834 total votes were cast: Dwight A. Kaska received 5,980 votes, Tom Furlong received 6,842 votes and there was a scattering of 12 votes. Tom Furlong was elected.

FOR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS-DISTRICT 5 – 12,881 total votes were cast: Jeff Sorensen received 7,208 votes, Esther J. Dean received 5,661 votes, and there was a scattering of 12 votes. Jeff Sorensen was elected.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER – 13,038 total votes were cast: Jerry L. Coffman received 7,510 votes, Tom Savage received 5,522 votes and there was a scattering of 6 votes. Jerry L. Coffman was elected.

FOR COUNTY RECORDER – 9,761 total votes were cast: Cynthia S. Gray received 9,635 votes and there was a scattering of 126 votes. Cynthia S. Gray was elected.

FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY – 12,900 total votes were cast: Alan R. Ostergren received 7,174 votes, John E. Wunder received 5,709 votes and there was a scattering of 17 votes. Alan R. Ostergren was elected.

FOR MUSCATINE GENERAL HOSPITAL TRUSTEES-(SIX YEAR TERM) – 8,652 total votes were cast: Scott Natvig received 8,565 votes and there was a scattering of 87 votes. Scott Natvig were elected.

FOR SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS-(ELECT TWO)(FOUR YEAR TERM) – 9,203 total votes were cast; Scott Eichelberger received 8,976 votes, Thor Christiansen received 23 votes, Doug Nolte received 14 votes, John Weaver received 9 votes and there was a scattering of 181 votes. Scott Eichelberger and Thor Christiansen were elected.

FOR COUNTY AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION COUNCILMEMBERS-(ELECT FIVE)(FOUR YEAR TERM) – 33,776 total votes were cast: Jo Ann Christofferson received 7,039 votes, Mary N. Maurer received 6,740 votes, Deeann Oldfield received 6,588 votes, Emma Mae Pruitt received 6,562 votes, Mary Wildermuth received 6,708 votes and there was a scattering of 139 votes. Jo Ann Christofferson, Mary N. Maurer, Deeann Oldfield, Emma Mae Pruitt and Mary Wildermuth were elected.

FOR BLOOMINGTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE-(ELECT TWO) – 689 total votes were cast: Tom Johanns received 673 votes, Gerald Rieke Jr. received 3 votes and there was a scattering of 13 votes. Tom Johanns and Gerald Rieke Jr. was elected.

FOR BLOOMINGTON TOWNSHIP CLERK – 670 total votes were cast: Jerry Timm received 667 votes and there was a scattering of 3 votes. Jerry Timm was elected.

FOR CEDAR TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE-(ELECT TWO) – 165 total votes were cast: James Coder received 88 votes, Charles Snyder received 73 votes and there was a scattering of 4 votes. James Coder and Charles Snyder were elected.

FOR CEDAR TOWNSHIP CLERK – 96 total votes were cast: Dana Pittman received 96 votes. Dana Pittman was elected.

FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE-(ELECT ONE) – 191 total votes were cast: Thomas Wilson received 186 votes and there was a scattering of 5 votes. Thomas Wilson was elected.

FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP CLERK – 205 total votes were cast: Lynn Bartenhagen received 202 votes and there was a scattering of 3 votes. Lynn Bartenhagen was elected.

FULTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE-(ELECT ONE) – 16 total votes were cast: Keith Martz received 8 votes and there was a scattering of 8 votes. Keith Martz was elected.

FULTON TOWNSHIP CLERK – 141 total votes were cast: Rick V. Riessen received 139 votes and there was a scattering of 2 votes. Rick V. Riessen was elected.

GOSHEN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE-(ELECT ONE) – 171 total votes were cast: Richard Brand received 88 votes, Mark A. Madsen received 81 votes and there was a scattering of 2 votes. Richard Brand and Mark A. Madsen were elected.

GOSHEN TOWNSHIP CLERK – 109 total votes were cast: Wayne Corriell received 108 votes and there was a scattering of 1 vote. Wayne Corriell was elected.

LAKE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE-(ELECT ONE) – 175 total votes were cast: Ralph Danner Jr. received 169 votes and there was a scattering of 6 votes. Ralph Danner Jr. was elected.

LAKE TOWNSHIP CLERK – 176 total votes were cast: Randall Eichelberger received 174 votes and there was a scattering of 2 votes. Randall Eichelberger was elected.

MONTPELIER TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE-(ELECT TWO) – 534 total votes were cast: Randy Ferkel received 187 votes, Robert Bancks received 176 votes, Rikki Harrington received 85 votes, Tom Peck received 31 votes, Dale Bird received 44 votes and there was a scattering of 11 votes. Randy Ferkel and Robert Bancks were elected.

MONTPELIER TOWNSHIP CLERK – 287 total votes were cast: Jim F. Bina received 272 votes and there was a scattering of 15 votes. Jim F. Bina was elected.

MOSCOW TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE-(ELECT TWO) – 259 total votes were cast: Dennis Anderson received 124 votes, Robert Bierman Jr received 133 votes and there was a scattering of 2 votes. Dennis Anderson and Robert Bierman Jr. were elected.

MOSCOW TOWNSHIP CLERK – 168 total votes were cast: Mardell McConnaha received 168 votes. Mardell McConnaha was elected.

ORONO TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE-(ELECT TWO) – 77 total votes were cast: Dennis Abbott received 39 votes and Larry Fitchner received 38 votes. Dennis Abbott and Larry Fitchner were elected.

ORONO TOWNSHIP CLERK – 6 total votes were cast: Joe Roberts received 4 votes, Joyce Payne received 1 vote and Dennis Abbott received 1 vote. Joe Roberts was elected.

PIKE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE-(ELECT TWO) – 127 total votes were cast: Rodney W. Allen received 121 votes, Mark Elder received 4 votes and there was a scattering of 2 votes. Rodney W. Allen and Mark Elder were elected.

PIKE TOWNSHIP CLERK – 124 total votes were cast: Jeff Chown received 123 votes and there was a scattering of 1 vote. Jeff Chown was elected.

SEVENTY-SIX TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE-(ELECT TWO) – 127 total votes were cast: Janice Noll received 113 votes, Jane O'Toole received 6 votes and there was a scattering of 8 votes. Janice A. Noll and Jane O'Toole were elected.

SEVENTY-SIX TOWNSHIP CLERK – 124 total votes were cast: Sara Guldenpfennig received 124 votes. Sara Guldenpfennig was elected.

SWEETLAND TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE-(ELECT ONE) – 620 total votes were cast: Albert E. Bermel received 616 votes and there was a scattering of 4 votes. Albert E. Bermel was elected.

SWEETLAND TOWNSHIP CLERK – 603 total votes were cast: Evie G. Marr received 602 votes and there was a scattering of 1 vote. Evie G. Marr was elected.

WAPSIE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE-(ELECT TWO) – 366 total votes were cast: Steven P. Brown received 200 votes and Robert R. Feldman received 165 votes and there was a scattering of 1 vote. Steven P. Brown and Robert R. Feldman were elected.

WAPSIE TOWNSHIP CLERK – 216 total votes were cast: Jerry Anderson received 216 votes. Jerry Anderson was elected.

WILTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE-(ELECT ONE) – 125 total votes were cast: David L. Bronner received 124 votes and there was a scattering of 1 vote. David L. Bronner was elected.

WILTON TOWNSHIP CLERK – 125 total votes were cast: Carol J Wade received 124 votes and there was a scattering of 1 vote. Carol J. Wade was elected.

FOR THE RETENTION OF JUDGES (SUPREME COURT):

David L. Baker received 5,744 affirmative votes and 4,968 negative votes.
Michael J. Streit received 5,567 affirmative votes and 5,021 negative votes.
Marsha Temus received 5,586 affirmative votes and 5,050 negative votes.

FOR THE RETENTION OF JUDGES (COURT OF APPEALS):

Gayle Vogel received 6,246 affirmative votes and 3,425 negative votes.
David R. Danilson received 6,059 affirmative votes and 3,454 negative votes.
Rick Doyle received 6,010 affirmative votes and 3,482 negative votes.
Ed Mansfield received 5,985 affirmative votes and 3,461 negative votes.
Amanda Potterfield received 6,110 affirmative votes and 3,399 negative votes.

FOR THE RETENTION OF JUDGES (DISTRICT COURT JUDGES):

Mark J. Smith received 6,438 affirmative votes and 3,173 negative votes.
Paul L. Macek received 6,264 affirmative votes and 3,287 negative votes.

FOR THE RETENTION OF JUDGES (DISTRICT ASSOCIATE JUDGES):

Phillip J. Tabor received 6,343 affirmative votes and 3,247 negative votes.
Thomas H. Preacher received 6,265 affirmative votes and 3,263 negative votes.

FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 1:

7,540 affirmative votes and 3,981 negative votes.

FOR CONVENTION QUESTION:

3,935 affirmative votes and 7,281 negative votes.

FRUITLAND CITY PUBLIC MEASURE A:

177 affirmative votes and 104 negative votes. Public Measure A passed.

County Auditor Leslie Soule stated that she would prefer to hold General Election Canvasses on Tuesday, rather than Monday, in the future to allow more time to complete the necessary paperwork after counting ballots that arrive in the mail on Monday morning.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 A.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Esther J. Dean, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors