

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, November 15, 2010

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

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

Larry Koehrsen, 510 W. 2nd Street, addressed the Board regarding the bike trail signage project which the Board approved earlier this year. Koehrsen stated that the Burlington Road and Saulsbury Road routes have been prepared and are ready to have the signs set in the hubs. Koehrsen stated that County Engineer Keith White had concerns regarding liability issues if volunteers were to place the signs. Koehrsen said he would like to move forward and finish the two roads as quickly and economically as possible since the liability for putting the signs in the hubs would be no greater than the liability for all the work he had already done preparing for the signs. Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber stated that she and White share concerns regarding the County's liability exposure if someone other than County staff put up the signs. Shoultz stated that he saw three possible solutions; accept the liability, have the volunteers sign a release or have the Sheriff's inmate crew do the work. Furlong stated that if the project was only going to take a half day to complete he had no concern with the volunteers finishing. Kelly asked if they could use an alert vehicle or cones. Watkins stated that the inmate crew makes the most sense since the County already carries liability insurance on them. Dean and Watkins agreed that the Sheriff could be contacted to see if the inmates could do the project. Furlong said that as the roads are the County Engineer's responsibility, the Engineer should figure out how best to get the signs erected in the next 30 days.

On a motion by Watkins, second by Furlong, claims dated November 15, 2010 were approved in the amount of \$1,344,729.70. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Watkins, Ordinance #11-22-10-01 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 second of three readings. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Shoultz, second by Kelly, minutes of the Monday, November 8, 2010 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

The Board received notice from Mike Furlong that an event approved for November 18th had been moved to November 19th.

Committee Reports:

Furlong attended an RC&D Council meeting November 10th.
Shoultz attended the Muscatine County/Muscatine City Joint Administration

Board and Muscatine County E911 Service Board meeting November 10th.

Dean attended a Seventh Judicial District meeting November 12th.

Watkins attended a Wilton Development Corporation meeting November 11th.

Dean attended a meeting with representatives from Muscatine City and MCC November 10th to discuss expanding the Urban Renewal Area for TIF support of new student housing. Dean attended a meeting with Greg Jenkins of Greater Muscatine Chamber of Commerce and Industry regarding placement of high voltage lines in Muscatine County.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Watkins, the Board set a public hearing for Monday, November 22, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. on a request to rezone approximately 8.05 acres in Fulton Township from A-1 Agricultural District to R-1 Residential District. Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed the health/dental fund balance as of October 31, 2010.

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 A.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Esther J. Dean, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, November 22, 2010

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 7:00 P.M. with Shoultz, Dean, Kelly and Watkins present. Furlong was absent. Chairperson Dean presiding.

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

A public hearing was called to order by Chairperson Dean at 7:02 P.M. on a request from Guy R. or Dena R. Dierikx, Record Owners, to rezone approximately 8.05 acres in Fulton Township from A-1 Agricultural District to R-1 Residential District for a future two lot residential subdivision. Zoning Administrator Jeremy Underwood stated the property is located on the northeast corner of Ward Avenue and Hwy 61 at 1521 Ward Avenue, the area is primarily residential and the Zoning Board approved it unanimously. No one spoke against the rezoning request. On a motion by Kelly, second by Watkins, the public hearing closed at 7:05 P.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Shoultz, the Board approved an ordinance rezoning approximately 8.05 acres in Fulton Township from A-1 Agricultural District to R-1 Residential District on the first of three readings. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Zoning Administrator Jeremy Underwood regarding results from the Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule survey for Muscatine County which was conducted by Insurance Services Office, Inc. Underwood explained that Insurance Services Office, Inc. is the primary clearing house for information for underwriters and insurance companies providing ratings to aid in the determination of insurance premiums and the survey is conducted once every 10 years. Underwood stated the result of the analysis was a reduction from Class 4 to Class 7 for 1 and 2 family residential property and Class 99 for commercial and industrial property. Underwood stated that the classification was lowered for residential property due to the State of Iowa excluding enforcement of the residential sprinkler code, lack of inspector certifications and low level staffing. Underwood stated that he believes inspector certifications would require a substantial investment by the County. Shoultz asked Underwood to look into what is required for certifications. Underwood stated the County would not be able to retain the Class 4 rating without the residential sprinkler enforcement. Underwood stated that the lower class could possibly cause higher insurance rates to homeowners. Watkins stated he believes distance from a fire department or lack of hydrants near a house more likely cause higher insurance rates. Underwood stated that he can write a response letter to work on an improvement program to try to regain Class 4. Board consensus was to proceed.

Discussion was held with Zoning Administrator Jeremy Underwood regarding options with the 1130 Hinkeyville property which was acquired by the County through the CDBG funded acquisition/demolition program. Underwood stated that options include

returning the CDBG grant money and auctioning off the property or retaining the property with the restricted deed stating that nothing can ever be built on the land. Underwood stated the County usually keeps the property with the deed restriction. Board consensus was to retain ownership and look for a renter who will maintain the property.

On a motion by Watkins, second by Shoultz, the Chair was authorized to execute an amended Amendment Number 2 – Contract #08-DRMH-039 – Iowa Department of Economic Development CDBG Program for Property Acquisition. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Watkins, Ordinance #11-22-10-01 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 third and final reading. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Shoultz, minutes of the Monday, November 15, 2010 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Kelly received a call from Darla Storjohann about placing a culvert in her driveway.

Dean received an email from Larry Koehrsen stating that the initial batch of bike trail signage has been installed on 12 ½ miles of Saulsbury Road, G28 and Burlington Road.

Shoultz was contacted by an employee asking about the safety program and how to redeem safety bucks.

Committee Reports:

Furlong attended a Muscatine County Fair Board meeting November 18th.

Shoultz attended a Riverbend Transit meeting November 19th.

Kelly attended a Volunteer Nominating Committee meeting November 19th.

Watkins attended a Muscatine County Humane Society meeting November 15th.

Watkins attended Wilton Development Corporation meeting November 17th.

Dean attended a Bi-State Regional meeting November 17th.

Furlong attended the Iowa State Association of Counties Fall School November 17th and 18th in Coralville.

On a motion by Watkins, second by Kelly, the following utility permits were approved: Mid-American Energy – bore across Moscow Road to service a house; and Eastern Iowa Light and Power – rebuild an overhead line along Burlington Road and another permit to rebuild a three phase line to service the new Army Readiness Center. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Keith White updated the Board on road projects.

On a motion by Shoultz, second by Watkins, the Board approved the hiring of Kyle Soukup as General Foreman in the Secondary Roads department at \$43,253 (mid-point of grade 12). County Engineer Keith White stated that the rate is reflective of his considerable management experience and education and provides a pay rate above the employees he will be supervising in the collective bargaining unit. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber regarding a revised Intangible Assets Policy. Schreiber stated that this revision adds clarification on the method used for determining the useful life of intangible assets. On a motion by Watkins, second by Kelly, the Board approved a revised Intangible Assets Policy. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Shoultz, second by Kelly, the Board appointed Mary Friederichs to the Walcott Benefited Fire District # 6 to fill a vacancy through June 30, 2011, subject to appointment by the Scott County Board of Supervisors. Ayes: All. Schreiber informed the Board that she still needs another appointee to Walcott Benefited Fire District #6 from Muscatine County and due to gender rules, that person will need to be a male living in that district.

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 P.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Esther J. Dean, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, November 29, 2010

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

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

On a motion by Watkins, second by Kelly, claims dated November 29, 2010 were approved as amended in the amount of \$596,654.39. Ayes: All. The Board reduced a County Attorney's Office travel expense reimbursement claim by \$32.10 for extra charges on a hotel bill. County Auditor Leslie Soule will follow up with the County Attorney's Office and inform them they may resubmit the claim with the proper justification in two weeks.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Watkins, the Board approved an ordinance rezoning approximately 8.05 acres in Fulton Township from A-1 Agricultural District to R-1 Residential District on the second of three readings. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Watkins, the Board approved Resolution #11-29-10-01 abating taxes in the amount of \$5,163.00 on County-owned property acquired through the FEMA demolition/buyout program. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Watkins, second by Kelly, minutes of the Monday, November 22, 2010 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Kelly invited the public to a Fifties Christmas on Saturday, December 4th from 2 P.M. – 5 P.M. presented by Friends of the Old Barn.

Dean received a letter regarding a light at Hwy 61 and Mulberry Avenue that is not operating correctly which she will pass on to the appropriate entity.

Committee reports:

Kelly attended a MAGIC meeting November 24th demonstrating how the GIS System can be utilized by area industry.

Disaster Services Director Jeff Carter stated that the Blue Grass Fire Department has asked that the name of the portion of old Highway 61 in Blue Grass be officially changed to Old Highway 61. The Board will act on the matter at a future meeting.

County Auditor Leslie Soule asked for direction on placement of the Christmas tree in the Courthouse since the civil war cannon now sits in the rotunda. The consensus of the Board was to temporarily move the Conservation display case and place the cannon under the steps in order to make room for the tree.

Kelly requested that signs be installed on Houser Street for DHS and the Old Barn as citizens are unable to locate these facilities. County Auditor Leslie Soule will contact Randy Hill at the City of Muscatine about options.

Watkins asked Soule to have the grates replaced on the sidewalk by the Historic Jail.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Watkins, the Board accepted the November 2010 payroll claims. Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 A.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Esther J. Dean, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors