

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, February 3, 2014

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

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

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, claims dated February 3, 2014 were approved in the amount of \$288,878.90. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #02-03-14-01 Granting Extension for Filing the Final Plat of Sweetland Farmstead Subdivision. Roll call vote: Ayes: All. Furlong stated he feels there needs to be a fee for extensions in the future.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Furlong, the Board approved a contract with the US Army Corps of Engineers for patrol services at Clark's Ferry and Shady Creek Recreation Areas. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, minutes of the Monday, January 27, 2014 regular meeting and Monday, January 27, 2014 special meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

The Board held ongoing discussion of the proposed FY14/15 Muscatine County Budget. Howard stated that he and Budget Coordinator Sherry Seright met with Muscatine City staff January 31<sup>st</sup> to discuss funding of emergency management and the possible implementation of a countywide emergency management levy. Seright stated an emergency management levy can be added without increasing the tax levy but would lower the General Supplemental fund balance to 28%. Furlong stated that a countywide levy would increase the rural resident's taxes slightly, but since the Sheriff's department is funded by all residents, there is some balance there. Board consensus was to proceed with funding emergency management through the countywide General Supplemental levy.

On a motion by Furlong, second by Kelly, the following utility permit was approved: Central Iowa Power Cooperative – constructing overhead power line starting near 165<sup>th</sup> Street south of Hwy 61 and traveling north on a private right-of-way to 150<sup>th</sup> Street, then west across Western Avenue and Vine Avenue to Verde Avenue near Hwy 61. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Keith White reviewed the Five - Year Secondary Roads Construction Program and 2015 Secondary Roads Budget. White reviewed the projects currently in the Muscatine County Five-Year program. White informed the Board of possible projects

that he is considering for future addition to the Secondary Roads program at least six years from now.

White updated the Board on their trial slag program stating it went very well in the townships where it was utilized. Howard stated maybe it is time to branch out to a larger area. White stated he still feels rock binds better, so he does not want to go too heavy on the slag and prefers a mix of slag and rock. Kelly stated she only received feedback from one person who stated it is like driving on marbles.

Correspondence:

Howard reported a contact regarding the County budget.

Howard reported being contacted by the National Association of Mental Illness regarding a possible future presentation to the Board.

Sorensen received a letter concerning an employment issue at the Jail.

Committee Reports:

Furlong, Howard, Sauer and Kelly attended a Conference Board meeting January 28<sup>th</sup>.

Furlong, Howard, Sorensen and Sauer attended a Muscatine County Comprehensive Plan Review in West Liberty January 29<sup>th</sup>.

Sorensen and Howard attended a Website Redesign Committee meeting January 29<sup>th</sup>.

Sorensen attended a Regional Workforce Investment Board meeting January 28<sup>th</sup>.

Sorensen attended a Wilton Development Corporation meeting January 29<sup>th</sup>.

Kelly attended a Wilton Urban Renewal Plan Amendment meeting January 31<sup>st</sup>. Kelly worked a 2<sup>nd</sup> shift at the Jail January 29<sup>th</sup> and Howard worked a second shift at the Jail January 30<sup>th</sup>. Howard met with Muscatine City staff regarding emergency management funding January 31<sup>st</sup>.

Budget Coordinator Sherry Seright informed the Board that an annual fire inspection was conducted at the Administration Building on January 31<sup>st</sup>.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, the Board set a public hearing for the proposed FY14/15 Muscatine County Budget for Monday, March 3, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Furlong, second by Sauer, the Board set a public hearing for proposed amendments to the FY13/14 Muscatine County Budget for Monday, March 3, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 A.M.

ATTEST:

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Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

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Robert E. Howard, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors