

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, May 5, 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 Kelly, second by Furlong, the agenda was approved as written. Ayes: All.

A Public Hearing was called to order at 9:03 A.M. by Chairperson Howard on proposed amendments to the Muscatine County Subdivision Ordinance. Zoning Administrator Jodee Stepleton reviewed the recommended amendments. No one spoke for or against the amendments. On a motion by Furlong, second by Sorensen, the public hearing was closed at 9:09 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, an ordinance amending the Muscatine County Subdivision Ordinance was approved on the first of three readings. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

Seventh Judicial District Chief Judge Marlita Greve updated the Board on judicial matters. Judge Greve thanked the Board for the space it provides to the State offices and Courts and for the recent remodeling at the Courthouse. Judge Greve stated Courthouse Security has become increasingly important and they appreciate the presence of an armed deputy and the availability of metal detection devices for high profile cases. Howard asked about record retention and storage. Judge Greve stated that within a year the courts will be paperless which means from that point forward they will be generating very little paper. Furlong stated the outside is remodeled and the HVAC has been replaced, so the next step would be to start renovating the inside of the Courthouse.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Furlong, the Chair was authorized to execute a Memorandum of Understanding FFY14 Justice Assistance Grant Direct Award in the amount of \$21,373.00. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Furlong, second by Sorensen, the following utility permits were approved: Eastern Iowa Light and Power – one permit for setting a new pole and another for removing poles. Both permits are for work performed in the immediate vicinity of the bridge replacement project on Burlington Road. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, the Board approved a contract, bond and certificate of insurance for L-(M14-1)—73-70 HMA Resurfacing on portions of Elder Avenue, 121<sup>st</sup> Street and 180<sup>th</sup> Street from Illowa Investment, Inc. in the amount of \$598,021.06. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Keith White updated the Board on a project he is working on for General Services to repair culverts on the road by DHS going to Optima. White updated

the Board on Secondary Road projects. White stated there has been a rash of trash dumping this Spring in the County's ditches.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, minutes of the Monday, April 28, 2014 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Howard and Kelly reported contacts regarding a situation with goats on Vail Avenue.

Committee Reports:

Sorensen attended a Region IX Transportation meeting May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Furlong, the Board approved Resolution #05-05-14-01 Transferring \$720,000 from the Rural Services Fund to the Secondary Roads Fund. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

Lacie Litton, Wellmark, Inc. gave a presentation on July 1, 2014 health and dental insurance renewals. Litton stated that the overall suggested increase to rates for health insurance is .54%. Litton stated enrollment has decreased 5.05% resulting in overall utilization decreased by 4.20%. Litton stated that dental enrollment decreased 5.42% resulting in utilization decreased by 4.91%. Litton stated they are suggesting a rate decrease of 3.3% for dental. Litton stated the suggested increase for the Avesis Vision Insurance is 4.9%, but guaranteed for two years. Litton stated that the County has received Provider Savings of \$1,427,720 or 44.1% of covered charges. Litton updated the Board on the potential effects of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) for 2014 stating references to the pre-existing condition exclusion period had to be removed and there were slight changes to the infertility benefit. Litton stated for a self-funded group there are fees associated with the Affordable Care Act that are not included in the Wellmark contract that Muscatine County will have to remit directly to the government. Litton stated the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) fee of \$1 per year/per employee will be approximately \$400 and the Transitional Reinsurance fee of \$5.25 per month/per employee will total approximately \$25,000. Litton stated that for the first year, Wellmark did not participate in the exchange market for 2014, but they will be for 2015. Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber discussed the possibility of covering a vision exam through the health insurance rather than Avesis. In response to a question from Sorensen, Litton stated a lot of employers are using qualified, high deductible plans in association with HSA Savings since the implementation of the Affordable Care Act.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 A.M.

ATTEST:

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Betty L. Wamback, First Deputy Auditor

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Robert E. Howard, Chairperson  
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