

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, May 19, 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.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, claims dated May 19, 2014 were approved in the amount of \$1,933,938.99. Ayes: All.

Cyle Geertz and Ed Zemen provided information to the Board regarding an event to be held May 30<sup>th</sup> – June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 at 2097 Highway 61 S in Muscatine. Geertz stated the event is a lot smaller than most area motorcycle events. Geertz stated they will be using a parking lot next door and using shuttle vans to take people back and forth to hotels. Geertz stated they expect approximately 150 – 200 people to attend the event. Geertz stated they plan to control noise by facing the bands towards the slough and away from houses. Geertz stated they will also park campers and trailers along the fence line to the north and vendors along the south fence line to buffer neighbors. Geertz stated the bands will cease playing at midnight. Kelly stated she has spoken to 9 of the residents who were fine with the parking ordinance because they have had issues in the past. Kelly stated those neighbors were also concerned with noise, alcohol, motorcycle drag racing and shooting they have heard. Geertz stated to his knowledge there has never been any drag racing although he stated he cannot dispute the fact that Harley Davidsons makes a lot of noise. Geertz stated they hold target practice in the back, but they always shoot towards the bank on the other side of the slough. Kelly stated they may have a larger turnout than expected and the neighbors do not feel three acres is sufficient to handle the crowd they may get. Geertz stated if they get a larger crowd than expected, they may have to consider holding it somewhere else in the future. Sauer feels the parking ban sets a bad precedent and every single person he talked to was pleased he voted no because of setting a precedent for other organizations that might hold large events. Sauer stated he was glad to hear they are only running bands until midnight. County Attorney Alan Ostergren asked about alcohol on the property since they do not have a liquor license. Geertz stated the event would be BYOB or coolers with free will donations. In response to a question from Ostergren, Geertz confirmed they had no dram shop insurance. Ostergren stated that if they are asking people to donate money for liquor that is illegal. Geertz stated he does not agree because they are asking for donations to hear the bands, attend, etc. Geertz stated the motorcycle club will be providing security on the property. County Sheriff Dave White stated his concern is that they do not know how many people will show up and what happens if 2,000 people show up. Ostergren stated there are also problems with zoning since they have not filed for a special use permit and he has filed for an injunction in District Court. Sheriff White stated his staff has talked to the neighbors and no one has had a problem with the club as they feel the club does a good job, but he is worried about the numbers they could have attending and it could get totally out of hand. Geertz stated since it is not being held on Memorial Day weekend, numbers

should be lower. Howard stated he does not see any conflict with the parking ban and the club is making every effort to make sure the event goes smoothly.

Discussion was held with County Recorder Cindy Gray regarding the possible purchase of a new Recorder's indexing program. Gray stated that after viewing demonstrations of both the Fidar and Eagle indexing and imaging solutions, she feels the Eagle Indexing/Imaging program from Tyler Technologies is the best program for use in the Recorder's Office at an approximate cost of \$62,418 which includes one year of maintenance. Gray stated annual maintenance for years 2 -5 will cost \$9,918 per year. Howard asked if a new Recorder coming on board would have any concern about this purchase. Gray stated it would be easier for a new Recorder to only have to learn this new program. Sauer asked if this was a need or a want. Gray stated the old program was purchased in 1989 and is obsolete. On a motion by Kelly, second by Furlong, the Board authorized the Recorder to proceed with the purchase of the Eagle Indexing/Imaging Software. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kelly, the Board approved Resolution #05-19-14-01 Assigning Tax Sale Certificate. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, the Board approved Ordinance #05-19-14-01 Amending the Muscatine County Subdivision Ordinance on the third and final reading. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, minutes of the Monday, May 12, 2014 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

#### Correspondence:

All Supervisors received correspondence regarding parking at an event to be held May 30<sup>th</sup> – June 1<sup>st</sup> at 2097 Highway 61 S in Muscatine.

Sauer received positive correspondence regarding a gun range on County property.

Furlong received correspondence in opposition of the gun range on County property.

#### Committee Reports:

Kelly attended a Bi-State Drug and Alcohol Consortium meeting May 13<sup>th</sup>.

Kelly attended a Muscatine County Decategorization meeting May 16<sup>th</sup>.

Sorensen, Kelly, Furlong and Howard attended the Wilton Chamber of Commerce Annual Luncheon May 12<sup>th</sup>. Sorensen, Kelly and Howard attended the Muscatine High School Candidate Forum May 16<sup>th</sup>. Furlong, Howard and Kelly attended the Good Neighbor meeting concerning DNR and hog confinement May 12<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion was held with County Attorney Alan Ostergren regarding a proposed class specification and grade placement for a Lead Legal Secretary position. Ostergren stated the purpose of the reclassification is to reflect additional responsibilities with regard to

training other employees and implementing a system for electronic filing of court documents. On a motion by Furlong, second by Kelly, the Board approved a class specification and grade placement for a Lead Legal Secretary position. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, the Board authorized the transfer of Kristy Healey to Step 4 in the Lead Legal Secretary position effective immediately. Ayes: all.

Discussion was held with Budget Coordinator Sherry Seright regarding a proposed class specification and grade placement for a Lead Custodian position. Seright stated this is not an additional position, but will take some pressure off of the Maintenance Supervisor in the area of scheduling building rotation to cover vacation and sick leave. On a motion by Furlong, second by Kelly, the Board approved a class specification and grade placement for a Lead Custodian position. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber regarding the temporary provision of veterans' assistance benefits through Johnson, Louisa and Cedar Counties. Community Services Director Mike Johannsen stated the agreements will probably need to be extended for 3-6 months to enable a new Muscatine County Veteran Affairs Director to become certified. On a motion by Furlong, second by Sorensen, the Chair was authorized to execute Agreements for Services to provide temporary veterans' assistance in applying for state and federal benefits. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, the Board authorized the Chair to execute paperwork necessary to renew health and dental benefits with Wellmark, Inc. effective July 1, 2014. Ayes: All. Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber stated the contract includes addition of one eye exam per year to the County's health insurance and cancellation of the current vision plan through Avesis.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the proposed health and dental premiums effective July 1, 2014. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, the Board set an annual enrollment period for health insurance and an open enrollment for dental and vision insurance for May 25, 2014 through June 5, 2014. Ayes: All.

Kelly recognized Nancy and all the work she does with the coordination of the health insurance and benefits. Howard stated the County is blessed with wonderful staff and elected officials.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 A.M.

ATTEST:

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Betty L. Wambach,  
First Deputy Auditor

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Robert E. Howard, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors