

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, June 23, 2014 – Regular Session

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

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

Discussion was held with Veteran Affairs Commissioner Paul Wedel, 2108 Skyline Drive, regarding a hiring request from the Veterans Affairs Commission. Wedel stated that there were 17 applicants of which 7 were veterans. Wedel stated they interviewed all 7 veterans and unanimously recommend Jennifer Watkins-Schoenig for the position of Veteran Affairs Director. On a motion by Furlong, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the hiring of Jennifer Watkins-Schoenig as Veterans Affairs Director at \$38,092 (Grade 11, Step 4) as requested by the Veterans Affairs Commission. Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed applications received from Kimberly Dickens, Brandy Wedekind, Allen Kilberger and Ronald Miller for two July 1, 2014 vacancies on the Veterans Affairs Commission. Furlong stated there has been a legislative change directing the Board of Supervisors to allow input from the Veterans Affairs Commission on appointees to get the best candidates. Furlong stated that due to gender balancing, the first two appointments, if qualified, should be female. Furlong suggested the Veterans Affairs Commission review the applications, interview the candidates and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber was directed to seek input from the County Attorney regarding the ability of the Commission to adopt by-laws which might address the removal of members from the Commission for inability to attend meetings.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Chairperson was authorized to execute an Eastern Iowa Mental Health/Disability Services Region County Services Agreement for Fiscal Year 2015. Ayes: All.

Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission Chairperson Dave Nowling was unable to attend the meeting to update the Board on activities of the Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission.

On a motion by Furlong, second by Sorensen, the following utility permits were approved: Interstate Power & Light Co. (Alliant Energy) – three permits replacing residential gas service lines bored under Tipton Road to residences at 1944, 1962 and 1956 Tipton Road. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, claims dated June 23, 2014 were approved in the amount of \$1,047,849.28 as amended. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, minutes of the Monday, June 16, 2014 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

The Board received an Invitation to an Awards Presentation to a Veteran receiving a Purple Heart at 4:00 P.M. on June 24th.  
Sauer reported a call regarding a road issue.

Committee Reports:

Furlong attended a West Liberty Economic Area Development meeting June 19<sup>th</sup>.  
Furlong attended a Muscatine County Veterans Affairs Commission meeting June 17<sup>th</sup>.  
Sorensen attended a Wilton Development Corporation meeting June 18<sup>th</sup>.  
Howard attended a Milestones Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board meeting June 17<sup>th</sup>.  
Sauer attended a Riverbend Transit meeting June 18<sup>th</sup>.  
Sauer attended a Muscatine County Fair Board meeting June 19<sup>th</sup>.

On a motion by Furlong, second by Sorensen, the Board re-appointed Eric Knoernschild to the Muscatine County Civil Service Commission for a six-year term ending June 30, 2020. Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed the health/dental fund balance as of May 31, 2014.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved the FY 14/15 Salary Schedule (2% adjustment to the FY13/14 schedule). Ayes: All.

The Board scheduled fiscal year-end cash counts with County departments.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 P.M.

ATTEST:

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Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

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Robert E. Howard, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors