

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, July 21, 2014

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. with Furlong, Howard, Kelly, Sauer and Sorensen 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 July 21, 2014 were approved in the amount of \$1,124,313.59. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Mike Warden of Knapp-Warden, LLC, regarding Change Order Request #2 for the Muscatine County Community Services Building Reroof Project. Warden stated the Change Request will resolve two possible issues, one being attic ventilation and the second being the needed repair to the top of the old stone perimeter wall. On a motion by Furlong, second by Sorensen, the Board approved Change Order Request #2 for the Muscatine County Community Services Building Reroof Project in the amount of \$2,825.00. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Cyle Geertz, representing the Sons of Silence, regarding a fundraiser to be held on August 23, 2014. Geertz stated the fundraiser would be held in conjunction with English River Outfitters, which is a 501c(3) organization which supports veterans. Geertz stated English River Outfitters will acquire the beer license and carry dram shop insurance coverage. Geertz stated he has arranged for parking with a neighboring business, House of Atlas, ordered port-a-potties, and arranged for noise control by facing the band toward the slough. Geertz stated he is expecting 125 to 150 people throughout the day and the event will be for one day only. Geertz stated he is asking the Board if a special use permit is required for this event. Muscatine County Zoning Administrator Jodee Stepleton stated she was uncertain without more research and information. Muscatine County Attorney Alan Ostergren stated he would discourage any action at this meeting because of the open meetings law requirement to request action on a special use permit be on the agenda, which gives neighbors a chance to provide input to the Board. The Board directed Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber to investigate the requirements needed to proceed and to look into expediting the process, because of the timeliness of the upcoming event.

The Board reviewed variances granted by the Muscatine County Board of Adjustment on Friday, July 11, 2014. Case #14-07-02 is an application filed by Jay R. and Angela M. Kemp, Record Owner. This property is located in Cedar Township in the SE1/4 of Sec. 24-T76N-R4W, Parcel A, Plat of Survey, 2558 Golden Avenue, containing approximately 8.07 acres, and is zoned A-1 Agricultural District. This request, if approved would allow the Zoning Administrator to issue a Variance in order for the Kemp's to move their business to their home located at 2558 Golden Avenue. On a motion by Furlong, second by Sorensen, the Board accepted the variance for Case #14-07-02. Ayes: All.

Case #14-07-04 is an application filed by Daniel and Brenda Kay Miller, Record Owner. This property is located in Lake Township, in the NE1/4 of Sec. 28-T77N-R3W, South of Hwy. 22, 1880 Hwy. 22, containing approximately 4.16 acres, and is zoned A-1 Agricultural District. This request, if approved, would allow the Zoning Administrator to issue a Variance in order to build an accessory structure, exceeding the customary size of a residential accessory structure, on a property adjoining their residence. On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, the Board accepted the variance for Case #14-07-04. Ayes: All.

Case #14-07-05 is an application filed by Kelly L. and Donna J. Ritz, Record Owners. This property is located in Sweetland Township, the SW1/4 Sec. 19-T77N-R1W, Country Acres, Lot 3, 1996 Keener Road, containing approximately one (1) acre, and is zoned R-1 Residential District. This request, if approved, would allow the Zoning Administrator to issue a Variance in order for the Record Owners to build an accessory structure, exceeding the customary size of a residential accessory structure, on their lot. On a motion by Furlong, second by Sauer, the Board accepted the variance for Case #14-07-05. Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed a Special Use Permit granted by the Muscatine County Board of Adjustment on Friday, July 11, 2014. Case #14-07-01 is an application filed by Damon and Jessica Boorn, Record owners. This property is located in Moscow Township in the NE1/4 of Sec. 15-T78N-R2W, North of 122nd Street, containing approximately 48.89 acres, and is zoned A-1 Agricultural District. This request if approved, would allow the Zoning Administrator to issue a Special Use Permit in order for Mr. and Mrs. Damon Boorn to build a rural residence on this property. The Board of Adjustment approved this request.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, the following utility permits were approved: Alliant Energy – install a new secondary voltage cable along 130th Street at the intersection of Highway 38 and 130th Street; Alliant Energy - install a secondary cable under Johnson-Muscatine County Road by boring the roadway and placing cable in a conduit; and Eastern Iowa Light and Power of Wilton – plow new cable along Kelly Avenue and bore 125th Street and bore 111th Street. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Keith White provided the following bids for the bridge replacement on Burlington Road: Muscatine Bridge Co., Inc. - \$514,525.05; Iowa Bridge & Culvert – \$586,023.75; and Brandt Construction Co. & Subsidiary - \$617,897.50. White stated the bids have been sent to the Iowa Department of Transportation and the Board should receive the IDOT's recommendation on a bid in the next couple of weeks. White stated the bridge will currently allow one lane of traffic.

Discussion was held with County Engineer Keith White regarding the purchase of tandem truck cab/chassis units for use as dump/low trucks. On a motion by Furlong,

second by Sorensen, the Board approved the purchase of two 2015 Mack tandem truck cab/chassis units for use as dump/low trucks from Twin Bridges Truck City of Davenport for a total amount of \$166,687.76. Ayes: All.

White updated the Board on various projects. White stated several projects have been completed or are near completion including culverts 13 and 14, Saulsbury Bridge, 180th Street, 121st Street to Elder Ridge and 171st Street, and reclamation and sealcoat on 250th street. White stated he met last week with Jerry Ballinger of Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management regarding Muscatine County's 2014 flood event. White stated repairs to a culvert providing access to Optimae should be completed by the end of the month.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the Muscatine County Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report for the period of January 1, to June 30, 2014, for publication. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, minutes of the Monday, July 14, 2014 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Sorensen, Howard, Sauer and Kelly reported receiving citizen feedback while attending the Muscatine County Fair.

Committee Reports:

Sorensen and Kelly attended a MAGIC meeting July 14th

Sorensen attended a Wilton Development Corporation meeting July 16th.

Sauer attended a River Bend Transit Board of Directors meeting July 16th.

Kelly attended a Decategorization Board meeting July 18th.

Howard attended a Refuse Flow Control Committee meeting July 15th.

Discussion was held with Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber regarding review of applications for two vacancies on the Muscatine County Veterans Affairs Commission. Schreiber stated in order to achieve gender balance on the Commission, the Board needs to seek two female appointees. Schreiber stated the Commission is meeting this week to interview the applicants.

Discussion was held with Budget Coordinator Sherry Seright regarding Muscatine County Courthouse Tower Clock Repair. Seright stated Verdin Company gave her local references from the City of Muscatine and First National Bank. Seright stated Verdin Company outlined the County's responsibility for the project as providing Verdin Company with a place to store their equipment and providing wiring in the appropriate conduit. Seright stated all the work will be done from inside the tower, so no scaffolding or other lifting devices will be needed. Seright stated she received a rough estimate from a local company for the wiring work at around \$3,500. On a motion by Furlong, second

by Kelly, the Board approved Muscatine County Courthouse Clock repairs/replacement by Verdin Company of Cincinnati, Ohio in the amount of \$26,149.00, which includes installing four (4) timepieces and hands for the existing tower clocks and replacing the glazing on the existing clock dials. Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 AM.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Robert E. Howard, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors