

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, August 4, 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 Sauer, second by Sorensen, claims dated August 4, 2014 were approved in the amount of \$339,357.35. Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed a variance granted by the Muscatine County Board of Adjustment on July 11, 2014: Case #14-07-03 is an application filed by Justin A. Storer and Jennifer K. Spinosi, Record Owners. This property is located in Bloomington Township, in the NW ¼ of Sec. 23-T77N-R2W, Kent Estates, Riverhead Replat, Lot 28, East of Cranbrook Cross, containing approximately 0.64 acres and is zoned R-2 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 a separate residential lot next to their dwelling located at 1981 Cranbrook Cross. The Board of Adjustment approved this request with the following stipulations: the size of the garage cannot be larger than 1450 square feet; the siding must match their dwelling; the outbuilding has to be set back to at least in line with the back of their dwelling; and the two lots must be combined. Zoning Administrator Jodee Stepleton stated that the homeowner has downsized the size of the structure in order to conform with a residential neighborhood so she recommends remanding the variance back to the Board of Adjustment. In response to questions from the Board, Stepleton stated that she originally sent the request for a variance to the Board of Adjustment because the owners were requesting a building permit for a 1500 sq. ft. structure which is larger than any other building in that subdivision. Karen Olderog, President of Whispering Pines Homeowners Association, stated their architectural committee has approved the final plans for a downsized structure. First Deputy Auditor, Betty Wambach, stated the Auditor's Office will combine the parcels as requested by the owners. Justin Storer, Record Owner, stated he is working with the Homeowners Association to satisfy all of their requirements. Storer stated he has no problem with remanding the variance back to the Board of Adjustment since it is no longer necessary to have a variance and as long as nothing comes back to hinder the construction since he originally had approval. Stepleton stated that the owners will need to appear before the Zoning Commission to vacate utility easements due to planned placement of the structure close to the lot line. On a motion by Furlong, second by Kelly, the Board remanded the variance back to the Board of Adjustment. Ayes: All.

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

Correspondence:

Howard and Sorensen received contacts regarding the variance requested at
1981 Cranbrook Cross.

Sorensen received a call regarding openings on the Regional Workforce Board.

Committee Reports:

Furlong attended a West Liberty Economic Area Development meeting July 31st.

Sauer attended the Lutheran Living Senior Campus Open House July 31st. Kelly attended
a Website Redesign Committee meeting July 29th.

Information Services Director Bill Riley updated the Board on the Website Redesign
Project stating the County was granted an extension to review the proposed website
which may move back the go live date.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, the Board approved Resolution #08-04-14-01
Corrective Action to Resolution #07-28-14-01. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:49 A.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Robert E. Howard, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors