

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, October 13, 2014

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. with Furlong, Sorensen, and Kelly present. Howard and Sauer were absent. Vice-Chairperson Furlong presiding.

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

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, claims dated October 13, 2014 were approved in the amount of \$1,440,623.89. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Steve Kundel, Attorney, regarding a request from Iglesia Emanuel Independiente Church to release two County-held tax sale certificates and forgive delinquent taxes on parcels owned by the church. Kundel stated his client has resolved some issues that were discussed at a previous Board of Supervisors meeting. Kundel stated the second church that had been renting space has moved out and his client has taken care of one of the tax sale problems. Kundel stated his client is requesting the Board release the two remaining tax sale certificates and rescind the taxes. Furlong stated one of the issues was that the church was renting the space to another religious group for income which meant the church was not tax exempt. Kelly stated a precedent had been set when a different church had come before the Board and requested their taxes be forgiven and the Board did not forgive those taxes. Kundel stated his client planned to reapply for exempt status for future taxes. Sorensen stated by collecting rent this church operated as a commercial property and has an obligation to pay the taxes and he would not support rescinding the taxes. No action was taken on the request from Iglesia Emanuel Independiente Church to release two County-held tax sale certificates and forgive delinquent taxes on parcels owned by the church.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, the Board approved Resolution #10-13-14-01 Suspending the Collection of Taxes. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kelly, the Board approved the Muscatine County Treasurer's Report of Fees Collected for the quarter ending September 30, 2014 in the amount of \$111,933.63. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Public Health Executive Director Mary O'Dell regarding a grant between the Iowa Department of Public Health and the Muscatine County Board of Health for an Abstinence Education Grant Program. O'Dell stated the Board of Health approved the grant at their last meeting and it will be used to supply evidence based curricula focused on high risk teens. On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, the Board accepted a grant between the Iowa Department of Public Health and the Muscatine County Board of Health for an Abstinence Education Grant Program in the amount of \$25,000. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with O'Dell regarding a service agreement between the Iowa Department of Public Health and the Muscatine County Board of Health for Dental Chronic Disease Project Services. O'Dell stated the purpose of the project is to increase the number of general dentistry practices that have systems in place to take blood pressure and do tobacco screening and referral. O'Dell stated one of their nurses will go into dental practices to train dentists and other dental professionals on how to take blood pressures and how to do the tobacco screening and referrals. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kelly, the Board accepted a service agreement between the Iowa Department of Public Health and the Muscatine County Board of Health for Dental Chronic Disease Project Services up to a maximum total of \$800. Ayes: All.

O'Dell updated the Board on various public health projects. O'Dell stated open enrollment for personal health insurance services starts on November 15<sup>th</sup> and the Board of Health has been coordinating an effort in Muscatine County to assist as many eligible people as possible sign up for health insurance. O'Dell gave the Board a draft brochure being developed which lists the different contacts and places that have people who can assist an individual enroll in a health insurance plan. O'Dell stated they plan to broadly distribute this material through various media outlets, Facebook and the Trinity Muscatine Public Health website.

O'Dell stated another concern people have is exposure to Ebola and the Department of Public Health has been doing a lot of preparation in the event there should ever be a case in Muscatine County. O'Dell stated on October 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Health and the hospital opened an emergency operation center as a unified command. O'Dell stated her office has met with EMS, Emergency Management, MUSCOM and the hospital in order to be prepared for any potential Ebola case. O'Dell stated she wanted to share with the Board and the public that the US Health Care System is very different from other countries as all of the proper precautions are in place and the risk of an event is small.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, the following utility permit was approved: CenturyLink - place a drop at 2604 Bayfield Avenue. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kelly, the Board set December 1, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. as the letting date for LFM-(62)--7X-70, Culvert Repairs and Subdrains on G-28 (231<sup>st</sup> Street). Ayes: All.

County Engineer Keith White updated the Board on various road projects.

Information Services Director Bill Riley was scheduled to update the Board on various issues but was unable to attend the meeting due to an urgent computer problem at Muscatine County Community Services.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, minutes of the Monday, October 6, 2014 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

No correspondence was noted.

Committee Reports:

Furlong attended a Muscatine County Joint Communications Commission meeting October 9<sup>th</sup>.

Kelly attended a Seventh Judicial District meeting October 10<sup>th</sup>.

The Board reviewed the health/dental fund balance as of September 30, 2014.

Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber informed the Board that the Canvass for the 2014 General Election will be held on November 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

Muscatine County Engineer Keith White requested authorization from the Board to advertise for a potential job opening in his department. Board consensus was for White to proceed as requested.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 A.M.

ATTEST:

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Leslie A. Soule, Auditor

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Thomas M. Furlong, Vice-Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors