

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, October 27, 2014

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 7:00 P.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.

A public hearing was called to order at 7:02 P.M. by Chairperson Howard on a proposed Muscatine County Comprehensive Plan. Gena McCullough, Bi-State Regional Commission Planning Director, updated the Board on various revisions to the Comprehensive Plan. McCullough stated one change, made based on Muscatine County's vision to preserve agricultural land, was to reduce an area of residential development in a section along the north side. Virginia Cooper, 2319 Saulsbury Road, Muscatine, stated she has attended public meetings on the Comprehensive Plans for the County and for the City of Muscatine. Cooper stated the map does not truly reflect what the people want for the residential area along the north side of the City of Muscatine. Cooper stated that at the City of Muscatine meetings people said they did not want any more development north of Muscatine. Cooper suggested there should be infill in the City of Muscatine first and then development into the County. Cooper stated development in this direction will impact prime agricultural land. Zoning Administrator Jodee Stepleton stated most of the northern area represented on the map for future development is already zoned residential. In response to a question from Sorensen, Stepleton stated rural development plans come under the LESA (Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment) program to determine the best possible use of the land and to determine if the agricultural land should be rezoned at that time. On a motion by Furlong, second by Kelly, the public hearing was closed at 7:30 P.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All. On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, the Board approved Resolution #10-27-14-01 Approving and Adopting the 2014 Muscatine County Comprehensive Plan. Roll call vote: Ayes: All. The Board directed Stepleton to review and report to the Board on areas of farmland that are zoned residential to determine if the zoning should be changed.

Discussion was held with Zoning Administrator Jodee Stepleton regarding options to address gathering GPS data for septic systems and wells. Stepleton stated GIS Manager Mark Warren has ordered a Global Navigation Receiver which is projected to locate coordinates within one meter. Stepleton stated the Receiver works with an I-Pad and will be more cost effective than other devices. Warren stated the data collected by Zoning will be saved to the Muscatine Power and Water server and his office will add the collected points to the map.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved a request from Riverview Hotel Development for a Mercer-Muscatine Revolving Loan Fund match in an amount not to exceed \$25,000. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, claims dated October 27, 2014 were approved in the amount of \$514,804.89. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, minutes of the Monday, October 20, 2014 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Sauer reported a contact regarding a road issue and a contact regarding a zoning issue.

Kelly reported a contact regarding the City of Muscatine's possible use of eminent domain in Muscatine County for land adjacent to the current landfill.

Board consensus was for Furlong to contact the City of Muscatine to express the Board's wishes that something be worked out for the landfill without going through condemnation proceedings.

Committee Reports:

Furlong attended a Bi-State Regional meeting October 22nd.

Kelly attended a Mental Health Regionalization meeting October 20th.

Sauer attended a Muscatine County Conservation Board meeting October 20th.

Information Services Director Bill Riley updated the Board on various projects.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kelly, the Board adopted the following 2015 Holiday Schedule for Muscatine County. Ayes: All.

<u>HOLIDAY</u>	<u>DAY OF OBSERVANCE</u>
New Year's Day	Thursday, January 1, 2015
Memorial Day	Monday, May 25, 2015
Independence Day	Friday, July 3, 2015
Labor Day	Monday, September 7, 2015
Veterans' Day	Wednesday, November 11, 2015
Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 26, 2015
Day after Thanksgiving	Friday, November 27, 2015
Christmas Eve	Thursday, December 24, 2015
Christmas	Friday, December 25, 2015
New Year's Eve	Thursday, December 31, 2015

In addition to the holidays enumerated above, staff is granted one unscheduled holiday (personal day) to be used in 2015.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, Thomas Furlong was appointed to the Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission for a term ending January 1, 2017. Ayes: Sorensen, Howard, Sauer and Kelly. Abstained: Furlong.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kelly, Scott Sauer was appointed as a Board of Supervisors' member to the Courthouse Security Committee. Ayes: Furlong, Sorensen, Howard and Kelly. Abstained: Sauer.

On a motion by Furlong, second by Sorensen, the Board approved a contract, bond and certificate of insurance for the 2014 Saulsbury Road Flood Repairs Project. Ayes: All.

Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber informed the Board that Muscatine County Assessor Dale McCrea has scheduled a Conference Board meeting Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss personnel issues.

Schreiber updated the Board on a salary study to be conducted by Triumph Consulting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

ATTEST:

Betty L. Wamback
First Deputy Auditor

Robert E. Howard, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors