

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, December 15, 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.

Discussion was held with Muscatine City Community Development Coordinator Adam Thompson regarding the City's request to abate past taxes on city owned property located at 704 Clay Street. Thompson stated the amount of the abated taxes will be applied to the Upper Floor Housing Initiative to rehabilitate upper floors in properties located in downtown Muscatine. Thompson stated the City and School have already abated past taxes on the parcel. Thompson stated abating the taxes will help facilitate the sale of the property which will place it back on the tax rolls. On a motion by Furlong, second by Sorensen, the Board approved Resolution #12-15-14-01 Abating Taxes. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, an ordinance granting prior approval of the tax exemption requested by Monsanto in accordance with Title III, Chapter V of the Muscatine County Code of Ordinances was approved on the second of three readings. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, minutes of the Monday, December 8, 2014 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Howard reported a contact regarding Muscatine County's building fees being higher than those of adjoining southeast counties.

Sauer reported a call regarding a road issue.

Committee Reports:

Sorensen attended a Muscatine County Safety Committee meeting December 3rd.

Kelly attended a Seventh Judicial District meeting December 12th.

Howard attended a Fruitland City Council meeting December 9th.

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

Information Services Director Bill Riley reported the new website should go live tomorrow morning. Riley also stated MP&W installed the hardware at the Sheriff's Office, so the County can start testing the fiber connection that will be replacing their wireless connection.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sorensen, the Board approved Resolution #12-15-14-02 Amending Resolution #12-16-13-01 to Increase Membership of the Historic Preservation Commission for Muscatine County, Iowa from seven to eight. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, the Chairperson was authorized to execute Contract No. 2015-09 State Historical Society of Iowa Grant-In-Aid Agreement for Certified Local Government (CLG) Muscatine County, Iowa Certified Local Government Grant Project. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, the Board set a public hearing for Monday, January 5, 2015, at 9:00 A.M. on a proposed amendment to the Muscatine County Zoning Ordinance. Ayes: All.

Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber stated she met with Wellmark regarding timing options for the possible addition of a qualified high deductible health plan.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 A.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Robert E. Howard, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors