

Muscatine county Board of Supervisors
Monday, January 12, 2015

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

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

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, a public hearing on a proposed amendment to Title III, Chapter VI – Construction Codes and Enforcement of the Muscatine County Code of Ordinances was delayed to Monday, January 19, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held regarding a possible amendment to Title III, Chapter II, Article VII – Zoning Ordinance M-1 Mobile Home & Travel Trailer District provisions to identify mobile home sales as a “Uses Permitted”, and to identify rental storage units and automobile sales and service as “Special Uses Permitted”. Sauer stated the storage units and automobile sales fall under C-2 Commercial and the problem he has is how the parcel would be valued for property taxes. Sauer stated he does not have a problem with the mobile home sales portion of the amendment. Sauer suggested rezoning the parcel to C-2 Commercial instead of making it a special use permitted. Howard and Sorensen agreed. Sorensen stated he would be interested in the County Attorney’s opinion. Kelly asked if it would be spot zoning. Zoning Administrator Jodie Stepleton stated the parcel would have to be split from the Mobile Home Park and then rezoned, but it would not be considered spot zoning because there is Commercial and Industrial zoning across and down the road. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, an ordinance amending Title III, Chapter II, Article VII – Zoning Ordinance M-1 Mobile Home & Travel Trailer District provisions to identify mobile home sales as a “Uses Permitted”, and to identify rental storage units and automobile sales and service as “Special Uses Permitted” failed on the second reading. Roll call vote: Ayes: Sorensen. Nays: Sauer, Howard, Bonebrake and Kelly.

Discussion was held with Vic Amoroso, A&J Associates, regarding Change Authorization Request #5 for the Muscatine County Administration Building HVAC Upgrade Project. Amoroso stated the request is to upgrade the loop by-pass control valve from manual operation to automated operation. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved Change Authorization Request #5 for the Muscatine County Administration Building HVAC Upgrade Project in the amount of \$588.00. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Conservation Director Curt Weiss on an application for funding through the Iowa Department of Economic Development for Deep Lakes Park enhancements at a total cost of \$1,000,000. Weiss stated this is a joint venture between the City of Muscatine and Muscatine County. Howard asked Weiss if he knew how much the County would have to match should the grant be approved. Weiss stated he foresees the Muscatine County Conservation approving \$50,000 in REAP funding earmarked towards this project and the State will probably ask for some type of financial support

from the County, but the County could spread it out over multiple years. On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board approved Resolution #01-12-15-01 Authorizing an Application with the Iowa Department of Economic Development for Community Attraction & Tourism Program Funding for the Pearl of the Mississippi Phase III – Community Improvement Project and Deep Lakes Park Enhancements. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved the following utility permits: Iowa Power and Light (Alliant Energy) – utility pole replacements within the unincorporated area known as town of Moscow. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved the Muscatine County Recorder's Report of Fees Collected for the quarter ending December 31, 2014 in the amount of \$60,329.41. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved the Muscatine County Treasurer's Report of Fees Collected for the quarter ending December 31, 2014 in the amount of \$109,392.16. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the Muscatine County Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report for the period of July 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014 for publication. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board authorized the Chair to sign a Statement of Election Costs for the September 9, 2014 and December 2, 2014 Louisa-Muscatine School Special Elections. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sauer, minutes of the Monday, January 5, 2015 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Sorensen and Howard reported contacts regarding the Salary Study.

Sorensen reported a contact regarding a zoning issue.

Howard reported a contact regarding snow removal on G28.

Sauer reported a conversation with area residents regarding a box culvert on Martz Lane.

Committee Reports:

Kelly attended a Muscatine Health Association meeting January 7th.

Kelly attended a Seventh Judicial District meeting January 9th.

Sorensen met with Solid Waste Manager Laura Liegois January 8th.

Information Services Director Bill Riley reported that he is reviewing options for online payments. Riley reported that the MPW connection at Secondary Roads went live a week ago and he has had no complaints so far. County Engineer Keith White believes the connection is working a lot better. Riley stated the MPW connection for Community

Services will be installed Wednesday afternoon with a yet to be determined go live date. Riley reported that he has installed new help desk software that he believes will work better than the old help desk software. Riley stated it is still in testing, but he hopes to use it for General Services should it prove to be reliable software.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Howard, the Board appointed Donald McCullough Sr. to the Conesville Benefitted Fire District for a three-year term ending December 31, 2017, subject to approval by the Louisa County Board of Supervisors. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board appointed Rebeckah Allgood to the Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission for a term ending January 1, 2016. Ayes: All.

The Board recessed at 9:39 A.M. and reconvened at 9:52 A.M.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, the Board went into closed session at 9:53 A.M. pursuant to Chapter 21.5.1(i), Code of Iowa, for a performance evaluation. Roll call vote: Ayes: All. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Howard, the Board returned to open session at 10:38 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 A.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Kas Kelly, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors