

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, February 2, 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 Bonebrake, the agenda was approved as written. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, claims dated February 2, 2015 were approved in the amount of \$1,119,388.50. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved Change Authorization Request #6 for the Muscatine County Administration Building HVAC Upgrade Project in the amount of \$2,570.00. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, the Chair was authorized to sign the Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission's Iowa Certified Local Governments 2014 Annual Report (January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014). Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved Ordinance #02-02-15-01 amending Title III, Chapter VI – Construction Codes and Enforcement of the Muscatine County Code of Ordinances on the third and final reading. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

The Board canvassed the Drainage District #2 Election held on January 29, 2015. Results were as follows: For the office of Trustee for a three-year term – 2 votes were cast. Mark Elder received 2 votes. Mark Elder was elected.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board approved a renewal application for a Class B Beer, Sunday Sales and Outdoor Service Permit for the City of Muscatine, dba Muscatine Municipal Golf Course, 1820 Hwy. 38, Muscatine, IA 52761. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sauer, minutes of the January 26, 2015 special meeting, January 26, 2015 regular meeting and January 27, 2015 special meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Sorensen reported a contact regarding MCSA funding.

Sorensen reported a contact supporting the MUSCOM communications upgrade.

Howard reported a call regarding bats in the belfry of a Conesville church.

Howard reported a contact regarding a dog issue in Conesville.

Howard reported a contact regarding concerns about the budget.

Kelly reported positive contacts regarding the budget.

Committee Reports:

Bonebrake attended a West Liberty Economic Area Development meeting  
January 30<sup>th</sup>.

Howard and Kelly attended a Bi-State Regional meeting January 28<sup>th</sup>.

Howard attended a Milestones meeting January 29<sup>th</sup>.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board appointed Mark Petersen to the Conservation Board for a 5-year term ending December 31, 2019. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board accepted the January 2015 payroll claims. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Sorensen, the Board approved Resolution #02-02-15-01 Concerning Disposition of Unknown Owner Parcels in Orono Township, to set a public hearing for Monday, February 16, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

The Board recessed at 9:22 A.M. and reconvened at 9:30 A.M.

The Board held ongoing discussion of the proposed FY15/16 Muscatine County Budget.

Discussion was held with Community Services Director Mike Johannsen regarding his request to reallocate funding within his FY15/16 budget to provide funding for the Homeless Prevention Advocacy program. Johannsen presented the 2014 Homeless Prevention Advocacy Comprehensive Report which reflected 126 referrals from Muscatine County Community Services representing 41% of the total referrals to the program. Johannsen stated he is proposing reallocating \$25,000 from his budget in order to sustain this program. Johannsen stated if they can stabilize someone in their house, then the County does not pay the shelter which saves money. Johannsen stated once a family becomes homeless, it is very challenging to get them back in their own homes. Board consensus was to not support the funding for the Housing Advocate position.

Budget Coordinator Sherry Seright reviewed FY15/16 estimated fund summaries as follows: General Basic - \$3.76 levy results in a 25% fund balance; General Supplemental - \$2.29 levy results in a 27% fund balance; MH/DD - \$1.04 levy results in a 63% fund balance; Rural Services - \$2.54 levy results in a 45% fund balance for Rural Services and a 13% fund balance for Secondary Roads; and Debt Service - \$.79 levy results in a 1% fund balance. Seright stated the overall increase to the total levy is \$.18.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 A.M.

ATTEST:

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Susan J. O'Donnell  
Second Deputy Auditor

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Kas Kelly, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors