

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, February 23, 2015

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 7:00 P.M. with Bonebrake, Sorensen, Kelly, Sauer and Howard present. Chairperson Kelly presiding.

Chairperson Kelly welcomed the MCC Government Class attending this meeting.

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

Discussion was held with Interim Zoning Director Steve Boka regarding approval of a preliminary plat of the proposed two lot agricultural subdivision, Buster's Subdivision, containing approximately 65 acres in Sweetland Township. In response to a question from Sauer about how the lots would be accessed, Boka stated the access from New Era Road or Trolley Avenue would be resolved during site plan development if they ever decide to develop the lots. Boka stated there is currently no plan being presented by the owners to build on the lots. On a motion by Howard, second by Sauer, the Board approved a preliminary plat of the proposed two lot agricultural subdivision, Buster's Subdivision, containing approximately 65 acres in Sweetland Township. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved Resolution #02-23-15-01 Approval of Final Plat of Buster's Subdivision. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Interim Zoning Director Steve Boka regarding approval of a preliminary plat of the proposed one lot residential subdivision, Van Zandt Rolling Acres, containing approximately 14.53 acres in Lake Township. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Howard, the Board approved a preliminary plat of the proposed one lot residential subdivision, Van Zandt Rolling Acres, containing approximately 14.53 acres in Lake Township. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, the Board approved Resolution #02-23-15-02 Approval of Final Plat of Van Zandt Rolling Acres. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed a Special Use Permit denied by the Muscatine County Board of Adjustment on Friday, February 6, 2015. Case #15-02-01 is an application filed by Scott D. or Kathleen A. Eichelberger, Record owners. This property is located in Seventy-Six Township in the SW1/4 of Sec. 10-T76N-R3W, East of Jasper Avenue, containing approximately 81 acres, and is zoned A-1 Agricultural District. This request if approved, would allow the Zoning Administrator to issue a Special Use Permit in order for the Record Owners to build a rural residence on this property after a Restrictive Covenant had been signed to sell off an existing dwelling. The Board of Adjustment denied this request due to the high corn suitability rating of the parcel. Scott Eichelberger, record owner, stated they picked out the area of the parcel that was least productive when determining where to place the dwelling. The Board directed Boka to work with the owners to develop an acceptable alternative.

Discussion was held with Conservation Director Curt Weiss regarding a grant application to the Monsanto Fund for the Deep Lakes Park Accessible Fishing Dock Project. Weiss stated the total project will cost approximately \$34,462. Weiss also requested permission to file a grant application with the Community Foundation for just over \$1,500 for education supplies connected with this project. On a motion Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the Board acknowledged Muscatine County Conservation Board grant applications to the Monsanto Fund and the Community Foundation for the Deep Lakes Park Accessible Fishing Dock Project as well as the Community Foundation grant. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Howard, the Board approved a contract with the US Army Corps of Engineers for patrol services at Clark's Ferry and Shady Creek Recreation Areas. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved an Iowa Retail Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor Permit for BT Grocery, dba BT Convenience, 1961 Tombstone Trail, Montpelier, IA for April – June 2015. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved an application for a Class C Beer, Class B Native Wine and Sunday Sales Permit for BT Grocery, dba BT Convenience, 1961 Tombstone Trail, Montpelier, IA. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Bonebrake, minutes of the February 16, 2015 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Kelly reported a call from Scott and Kathleen Eichelberger regarding their request for a special use permit.

Sorensen reported calls regarding the County budget and E911 communications upgrade.

Sauer reported a call regarding a brush cutting issue along Kinkaid Avenue.

Committee Reports:

Sorensen attended a Wilton Development Corporation meeting February 18th.

Sorensen attended a DECAT meeting February 20th.

Sorensen attended a Regional Workforce Development Board meeting February 23rd.

Sauer attended a Riverbend Transit meeting February 18th.

Sauer attended a Muscatine County Fair Board meeting February 19th.

County Auditor Leslie Soule informed the Board that Drainage District #13 was pursuing expansion of the drainage district for which the cost and work to notify over 1,000 property owners within the next few weeks falls on the Auditor's Office. Soule stated the cost would strain an already tight budget due to the large amount of absentees in last

November's election so she will probably need a budget amendment at some point prior to the end of this fiscal year.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Howard, Mark Cisneros was appointed to the Muscatine County Magistrate Appointing Commission for a 6-year term ending December 31, 2020. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Howard, Holly Oppelt was appointed to the Muscatine County Magistrate Appointing Commission for a 6-year term ending December 31, 2020. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, Martha Peterson was appointed to the Muscatine County Magistrate Appointing Commission for a 6-year term ending December 31, 2020. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved an education reimbursement request. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved Resolution #02-23-15-03 to Fix a Date for a Public Hearing on a General Obligation Loan Agreement. Roll call vote: Ayes: All. The Public Hearing was set for Monday, March 9, 2015 at 9:00 A.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 P.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Kas Kelly, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors