

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, March 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.

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

Discussion was held with Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber regarding a request by Todd M. Morrison, Record Owner, to vacate utility easements on property located in Wapsi Township, in the SE ¼ of Section 14-T78N-R4W between Lot 16 and Outlot A of Elder Ridge Subdivision, Phase III, containing approximately 2.9 acres, and is zoned R-3 Residential District. The request to vacate utility easements was made in order to combine lots and approved a preliminary and final plat of the proposed one lot residential subdivision T & R Addition. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #03-23-15-01 Approving Vacation of Utility Easements between Lot 16 & Outlot A of Elder Ridge Subdivision in Muscatine County, Iowa. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #03-23-15-02 Approval of a Combined Preliminary and Final Plat of T & R Addition, a one-lot residential subdivision containing approximately 2.9 acres in Wapsi Township. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Chairperson was authorized to execute a Certificate of Acceptance of Plat for T & R Addition. Ayes: All.

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

Correspondence:

The Board received a letter from Attorney John Newman regarding a recently issued Quit claim Deed for an unknown parcel. The County Attorney will respond to the letter.

Kelly, Sorensen, Sauer and Howard reported contacts regarding destruction of a County law enforcement vehicle.

Howard reported a contact regarding rude treatment of citizens by State staff at the Courthouse.

Bonebrake reported a complaint from a resident regarding someone dumping trash in their ditch. The resident collected the trash and the Secondary Roads Department picked up the trash.

Howard reported a contact regarding truck traffic on East 5<sup>th</sup> Street in Muscatine which he passed on to the Muscatine City Roads Department.

Committee Reports:

Kelly attended an Eastern Iowa Mental Health Regional meeting March 23<sup>rd</sup>.  
Sauer attended a Muscatine County Conservation meeting March 16<sup>th</sup>.  
Sauer attended a Riverbend Transit meeting March 18<sup>th</sup>.  
Sauer attended a Muscatine Board of Health meeting March 18<sup>th</sup>.  
Sauer attended a Muscatine County Fair Board meeting March 19<sup>th</sup>.

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

Discussion was held on a possible moratorium on the County's Unknown Owner Parcel Policy. Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber stated that County Attorney Alan Ostergren has raised concerns that the current policy is not achieving the desired goal of cleaning up land titles on these unknown parcels. Schreiber stated Ostergren advised the County to suspend the current practice to allow staff the time needed to thoroughly research the law and options for these parcels. On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Sorensen, the Board issued a moratorium on the County's Unknown Owner Parcel Policy, but grandfathered the two cases already in process. Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 P.M.

ATTEST:

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Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

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Kas Kelly, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors