

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, April 6, 2015

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

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

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board authorized the Chair to execute an application for the FY2015-16 Iowa/Byrne – Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Contract in the amount of \$143,598.34. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the Board authorized Muscatine County CARES to hang handprints on the walls of the Muscatine County Administration Building in observance of Child Abuse Prevention Month. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, the Board accepted the Muscatine County Auditor's Report of Fees Collected for the quarter ending March 31, 2015 in the amount of \$4,589.41. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board accepted the Muscatine County Treasurer's Report of Fees Collected for the quarter ending March 31, 2015 in the amount of \$117,794.21. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Howard, the Board accepted the Muscatine County Civil Department's Report of Fees Collected for the quarter ending March 31, 2015 in the amount of \$34,186.84. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with County Auditor Leslie Soule regarding the method for filling the vacancy created by the retirement of the County Sheriff. Soule stated the Board can either fill the vacancy by appointment or by calling for a special election. Soule stated if the Board chooses to appoint, a special election can still be triggered by a petition submitted to the Auditor's Office with 1,315 signatures within 14 days after the publication of a notice of intent to appoint or 14 days after the appointment. Soule stated if the Board opts to appoint, they must publish a notice of their intent to appoint a County Sheriff to fill a vacancy until November 2016 and the appointment must be made within 40 days after the vacancy occurs. Soule stated that the appointee must be a resident of Muscatine County for 60 days prior to the date of appointment. County Attorney Alan Ostergren stated the Board appointment can be acted on prior to the vacancy with an effective date of May 1, 2015. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Howard, the Board authorized the County Auditor to publish a Notice of Intent to Appoint a County Sheriff. Ayes: All. Soule was directed to publish the Notice of Intent to Appoint a County Sheriff immediately with appointment to be made April 20, 2015, but effective May 1, 2015.

On a motion by Howard, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved Resolution #04-06-15-01 Setting a Public Hearing for Monday, April 20, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. to Amend Resolution #02-16-15-01 Relating to Disposition of Unknown Owner Parcels in Orono Township. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved 2014 business property tax credit applications, with the exception of 8 parcels, as recommended by the Auditor's Office. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, the Board approved an application for an 8-month Class C Beer, Liquor, Sunday Sales and Outdoor Service Permit for The Chart House, Inc., DBA The Lighthouse, 2142 Water Street, Muscatine, Iowa. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, minutes of the Monday, March 30, 2015 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

The Board received correspondence from Dickinson County regarding the Hog Confinement Master Matrix.

Sauer reported a contact regarding a road ditch issue.

Sorensen reported contacts regarding trash service issues related to road embargoes.

Howard reported a contact regarding the current structure of the Zoning Department.

Committee Reports:

Sorensen attended a Wilton Development Corporation meeting April 1st.

Kelly attended a Muscatine Health Association meeting April 1st.

All Supervisors attended the MUSCOM Starcom presentation April 2nd. Kelly interviewed Muscatine Community College Presidential candidates March 31st and April 2nd.

Disaster Services Manager Matt Shook stated a burn ban is in place for Muscatine County.

Discussion was held with Disaster Services Manager Matt Shook regarding hiring a firm to develop a technical RFP at a cost not to exceed \$25,000 for the communications upgrade. Board consensus was direction to develop the RFP should come from MUSCOM, but the County would consider funding the development of the RFP.

On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Sorensen, the Board set a public hearing for Monday, April 20, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. on a confinement feeding operation construction permit application from Pork 360 East Site, Section 16, Bloomington Township. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, the Board authorized Kathy Bloomfield as an individual authorized to use the Muscatine County Administration credit card. Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 A.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Kas Kelly, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors