

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, April 20, 2015

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

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

A Public Hearing was called to order at 9:02 A.M. by Chairperson Kelly to take public comment on a construction permit application for a confinement feeding operation from Michael Deahr, Pork 360 East Side in Bloomington Township. Richard Sneddon, 1845 North Mulberry Avenue, stated he was against the hog confinement because there is already one big confinement lot and two smaller ones. Sneddon stated there are approximately 10,000 hogs in this area and that they have tilled the field and incorporated the manure close to a creek. Sneddon stated he is concerned that there will be the same situation as they have in Des Moines with nitrates in the well water. Kelly stated that the confinement is under a manure management plan. Kelly stated that Deahr's request is not to increase the number of hogs, but is to remodel the existing facility to give the hogs more room. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Howard, the public hearing was closed at 9:07 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All. Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber stated since the Board has signed a Master Matrix Resolution the DNR has requested a recommendation and comments from the Board on the application.

A Public Hearing was called to order at 9:08 A.M. by Chairperson Kelly on disposition of unknown owner parcels in Muscatine County. No one spoke against the disposition of unknown owner parcels. Schreiber stated this in regards to parcels that have previously been through the public hearing process. Schreiber stated there has been a slight change in the legal description of the parcels and the approval of Resolution #04-20-15-01 will allow that change. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the public hearing was closed at 9:09 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, the Board approved Resolution #04-20-15-01 Amending Resolution #02-16-15-01 Relating to Disposition of Unknown Owner Parcels in Orono Township. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Greg Jenkins, Greater Muscatine Chamber of Commerce and Industry, regarding Resolution #04-20-15-02. Jenkins stated in June, 2014 the State of Iowa put forward initiatives to welcome back veterans from their service. Jenkins stated part of the initiatives is to certify communities as Home Based Iowa Communities. Jenkins stated there will be an incentive package for recently returning veterans to help them recognize that Muscatine County is a good place to live. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #04-20-15-02 Supporting the Home Base Iowa Initiative. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Bonebrake, the following utility permits were approved: Interstate Power & Light – change gas main service to 2241 Burlington Road, 1936 Tipton Road and 1659 Bancroft Avenue. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Keith White updated the Board on various construction projects.

Discussion was held regarding the possible appointment of a Muscatine County Sheriff. Cyle Geertz, Mayor, City of Nichols, stated some of the citizens of Nichols asked him to speak to the Board on their behalf. Geertz stated there are people in Nichols who are interested in signing a petition in support of a Special Election. Sorensen stated the choice of the Board is to appoint someone to the position or to hold a Special Election. Sorensen stated only one person, Chief Deputy C. J. Ryan, has expressed an interest in the position to him and a Special Election would cost the taxpayers up to \$19,000. Sorensen stated the Board looked at both options and his opinion would be to appoint the Chief Deputy to Sheriff. Howard stated it makes sense to appoint someone in which the Board has confidence. Geertz stated it is not the candidate that is the issue, but it is the process. Kenneth and Lois Irwin, 1988 Geneva Hills Road spoke in favor of appointing Ryan. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Howard, the Board appointed Chief Deputy C. J. Ryan as Muscatine County Sheriff, effective May 1, 2015 upon the retirement of Sheriff Dave White. Ayes: All.

Ryan stated he appreciated everyone's comments during today's meeting and the input from the Board. Ryan thanked Sheriff White for his service to Muscatine County and for his faith in recommending Ryan to succeed him. Ryan also thanked the Board for the appointment.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, the Board disallowed 11 additional 2014 business property tax credit application parcels, as recommended by the Auditor's Office. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, minutes of the April 13, 2015 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

#### Correspondence:

- Bonebrake reported a call regarding a Dougherty Bridge issue.
- Bonebrake reported a contact regarding the rules on embargoed roads.
- Sauer reported a call regarding slag on a road on the East side of the County.
- Sauer reported a call regarding permit procedures on an embargoed road.
- Sauer reported a call regarding blockage of a culvert on 41<sup>st</sup> Street due to beaver activity.
- Sorensen, Howard, Bonebrake and Sauer reported contacts regarding Muscom.
- Sorensen, Howard and Sauer reported contacts regarding the Sheriff appointment.

#### Committee Reports:

- Bonebrake and Sauer attended a MUSCOM meeting April 16th.
- Sauer attended a River Bend Transit meeting April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Sauer attended a Muscatine County Fair Board meeting April 16<sup>th</sup>.  
Sorensen attended a Muscatine Convention and Visitor Bureau meeting  
April 13<sup>th</sup>.  
Sorensen attended a Wilton Development Corporation meeting April 15<sup>th</sup>.  
Sorensen attended a Region 9 Transportation meeting April 16<sup>th</sup>.  
Kelly attended a MAGIC meeting April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Howard attended a Fruitland City Council meeting April 14<sup>th</sup>. Kelly attended a MUSCOM meeting April 16<sup>th</sup>.

The Board directed Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber to schedule a meeting on an upcoming Saturday at the Muscatine County Discovery Center and to invite the various City Councils and Mayors of the municipalities in Muscatine County, and also, Fire Departments and the Muscatine County Attorney. The Board consensus is the intent of the meeting will be to finalize a 28-E agreement for MUSCOM.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 A.M.

ATTEST:

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Betty L. Wamback  
First Deputy Auditor

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Kas Kelly, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors