

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, August 10, 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.

Discussion was held with Muscatine County Assessor's Office regarding 2015 homestead tax credits and/or military tax exemptions the Assessor recommended be disallowed. In response to a question from Sorensen, County Assessor Dale McCrea stated the homeowner must occupy the residence on July 1st and live in it at least six months during the year. McCrea stated there are exceptions for nursing home residents as long as they are not renting the property. McCrea explained the resident will get a letter which if they respond to with proof they are living in the house, their homestead credit will be reinstated. The Board received a letter from John and Judy Hintermeister asking that their homestead credit application on their home at 2217 Oak Valley Drive be allowed. The letter stated the Hintermeister's closed on the property at 2217 Oak Drive on June 18th, but the previous owners could not give them possession until the end of September. McCrea stated Hintermeister's previous residence at 2230 Mulberry Avenue already has a homestead credit for 2015. McCrea stated the Hintermeister's will need to reapply for the 2217 Oak Valley Drive residence for 2016. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board disallowed 2015 homestead tax credits and/or military tax exemptions as recommended by the Assessor. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Bonebrake, minutes of the August 7, 2015 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Bonebrake reported a call regarding County park hours and why they differ from State park hours.

Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber was contacted by Jim Harney, 1141 Bay Circle, about dust on the road. Harney stated there is a lot of truck traffic at the hog confinement next door and he should not have to pay for dust control for the hog confinement facility.

Committee Reports:

Kelly attended a Muscatine Health Association meeting August 5th.

Bonebrake, Sauer, Kelly and Sorensen attended the Annual Farm Bureau Dinner August 6th. Sauer attended the P25 Starcom Kickoff meeting August 6th. Sauer attended the REC Open House August 5th.

Information Services Director Bill Riley updated the Board on help desk activity for the month of July.

County Engineer Keith White updated the Board on secondary road projects.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, an ordinance adopting the 2015 Muscatine County Code of Ordinances was approved on the second of three readings. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved the hiring of John Crump as Corrections Lieutenant at \$47,777 (Grade 12, Step 9) for the Jail. Ayes: Sorensen, Kelly, Sauer and Bonebrake. Nay: Howard.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Chair was authorized to execute Contract #5886EM70 Iowa EMS System Development Grant from the Iowa Department of Public Health in the amount of \$7,026.00. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Bonebrake, the Board affirmed Contract #5886AW70 Iowa Grants to Counties from the Iowa Department of Public Health for well testing, well plugging and well reconstruction activities in the amount of \$26,530.00. Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed the FY14/15 health/dental fund balance.

The Board reviewed the health/dental fund balance as of July 31, 2015.

The Board reviewed the budget to actual FY16 beginning fund balances.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Howard, the Board approved Resolution #08-10-15-01 Transferring \$125,000.00 from the General Basic Fund to the Building Maintenance and Repair Fund. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, the Board approved Resolution #08-10-15-02 Transferring \$300,000.00 from the General Basic Fund to the Debt Repayment Fund. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

The Board recessed from 9:47 A.M. until 1:00 P.M.

The Board held an in-depth discussion regarding design options for a high deductible health plan coupled with a Health Savings Account, and other health insurance/ACA related issues, with Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield Representative Devonnie Hartford. Hartford explained that a Health Savings Account (HSA) is usually paired with a high deductible health plan. The Board directed Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber to gather more information to address the topic during future in-depth sessions.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 P.M.

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ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Kas Kelly, Chairperson
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