

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, November 30, 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 written. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board approved Resolution 11-30-15-01 Naming Depositories – Treasurer’s Office. Roll call vote: Ayes: All. The following are the maximum allowable balances:

<u>DEPOSITORY</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MAXIMUM FUND BALANCE</u>
CBI Bank	Muscatine, IA	\$ 35,000,000
Community Bank	Muscatine, IA	\$ 2,000,000
First National Bank	Muscatine, IA	\$ 2,000,000
IPAIT	Des Moines, IA	\$ 10,000,000
Midwest One Bank	West Liberty, IA	\$ 5,000,000
South Ottumwa Savings Bank	West Liberty, IA	\$ 15,000,000

On a motion by Howard, second by Bonebrake, minutes of the November 23, 2015 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Sorensen receive a compliment for the Secondary Roads crew on the good job they are doing maintaining the roads.

Committee Reports:

Sorensen attended a Solid Waste Commission meeting November 24th.

County Engineer Keith White reported roads are saturated creating a number of issues and asked the public to avoid driving on the roads with heavy damaging loads.

The Board held on-going in depth discussion of County owned buildings and property. Howard presented a handout from Eric Schlutz, Ruhl and Ruhl, regarding the value of several County facilities. Sorensen stated he believes the County has excess properties with a lot of underutilized buildings so it would be in the best interest of the County to get those buildings back on the tax rolls. Sorensen stated from a real estate development viewpoint, the buildings by Discovery Park are the most marketable. Howard stated the County might want to utilize help from the Chamber of Commerce in marketing the possible sale of a building as there might be some value that the County is not aware of. Kelly asked where General Services and Muscatine Search and Rescue would move if the County disposed of the Washington Street buildings. Howard stated the County could possibly build a facility for them on the geothermal field at 5th Street and Mulberry Avenue. Bonebrake stated he likes the idea of a County campus, but does not want to see the County invest a lot of money into an old building and still have an old building, so he would like to take the money from selling some properties to fund building a new building. Sauer stated he

would like to centralize the facilities and could visualize a Maintenance shop and Search and Rescue on the corner of 5th Street and Mulberry Avenue. Sauer could also see the old Sun Mart block being a usable property for the County. Kelly stated she likes the campus idea. Howard stated the Board needs to decide what departments would be involved in the campus and get their opinions. Kelly stated goals are for the County to own less property, add property to the tax rolls, save money and operate more efficiently. The Board directed Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber to ask Vic Amoroso, A&J Associates, what type of building can be built on the geothermal field, whether there is existing capacity in the existing geothermal field to heat and cool another building, or whether a new geothermal field could be placed in the greenspace at 4th Street and Walnut Street. Board consensus is to make it known the County may be interested in selling some properties. Zoning and Planning Administrator Eric Furnas stated the City may have some say about proper land use for the properties near the Discovery Park. The Board directed Schreiber to email department heads on their opinions of a campus style setting and place the item back on the agenda next Monday for further discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 A.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Kas Kelly, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors