

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, December 7, 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 Howard, second by Sorensen, claims dated December 7, 2015 were approved in the amount of \$287,076.28. Ayes: All.

Public Health Director Mary Odell presented the 2015-2018 Muscatine County Health Improvement Plan. Odell stated top priorities for 2015 – 2018 include an emphasis on increasing the supply of primary care physicians for existing and new patients, increasing capacity and access to mental health services for children and adults and improving health behaviors. Trinity Muscatine President/CEO Jim Hayes stated it is difficult to recruit physicians to a rural community, but he believes it is possible. Hayes stated some hospitalists and an internist/family practice physician have recently been recruited. Odell stated task forces have been established to address each of the priorities forwarding the recommendations to the Muscatine County Board of Health and the UnityPoint Trinity Muscatine County Effectiveness committee for oversight, comment and direction.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the following utility permit was approved: Muscatine Power and Water – directional bore across the road at 2615 Bayfield Road for a communication cable. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Keith White updated the Board on Secondary Road conditions.

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

Correspondence:

Sorensen received numerous comments regarding discussions around County owned properties.

Committee Reports:

Sorensen attended a Regional Workforce Investment Board meeting December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Kelly attended a Muscatine Health Association meeting December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Kelly attended a Seventh Judicial District meeting December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

Bonebrake attended a Muscatine County Safety Committee meeting December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Discussion was held regarding term expirations on various Boards and Commissions. Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber was directed to advertise the vacancies on Board of Health and Board of Appeals, but also encourage the current members to apply. Schreiber stated Muscatine County Conservation Board and the Muscatine County Historic

Preservation have expiring terms, but current members will be asked if they would like to be reappointed before advertising since the current members have only served one term.

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

The Board held on-going in depth discussion of County owned buildings and property. Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber presented information to the Board from Vic Amoroso, A&J Associates, regarding building limitations with the geothermal field on 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Mulberry Avenue. Schreiber stated she reached out to department heads for input and has provided that input to the Board. Sorensen stated it would appear from the information provided that the County could place a maintenance shed or parking lot on the geothermal field, but probably not a major building. Sauer stated his understanding of the information provided from Amoroso was the County could build on the geothermal field, but could have some substantial risk involved with high maintenance costs associated with repair work. Bonebrake stated the lot could be used for expanding parking. Sorensen stated parking is adequate at this point and he is alright with leaving the lots as green space for now. Bonebrake suggested the County look for other properties close to the current buildings to keep the campus feel. Sorensen stated the first step should be to sell the DHS building, which is only using 8,000 of 30,000 square feet, and possibly selling the Optimae facility. Sorensen stated he would like to see if the potential is there to sell those buildings. Budget Coordinator Sherry Seright suggested the Board may want to hire a professional to evaluate the Community Services Building and possible incorporation of DHS into that building. Board consensus was to proceed with a declaration of surplus property for consideration on next week's agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 A.M.

ATTEST:

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Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

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Kas Kelly, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors