

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, January 4, 2016

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

County Auditor Leslie Soule conducted nominations for Chairperson. On a motion by Sauer, second by Bonebrake, Sorensen was elected Chairperson and presided over the remainder of the meeting. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Bonebrake, Howard was elected Vice-Chairperson. Ayes: All.

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

Mayor Diana Broderson invited the Board to an Open House at Muscatine City Hall from 2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. today, January 4<sup>th</sup>.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, claims dated January 4, 2016 were approved in the amount of \$214,535.70. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, the Board approved Ordinance #01-04-16-01 Amending the Muscatine County Zoning Ordinance to Update Uses Permitted in the A-1 Agricultural District on the third and final reading. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved Resolution #01-04-16-01 Authorizing the County Engineer to Sign For and Collect Disaster Relief Funds. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Kelly, the Board approved Resolution #01-04-16-02 Authorizing the County Engineer to Execute Certification of Completion and Final Acceptance on Farm-to-Market Construction Projects. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #01-04-16-03 Authorizing the County Engineer to Close Secondary Roads in Emergency Situations. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved Resolution #01-04-16-04 Designating Official Newspapers In and For Muscatine County for 2016. Roll call vote: Ayes: All. They are as follows: Muscatine Journal, West Liberty Index and Wilton-Durant Advocate News.

On a motion by Howard, second by Kelly, the Board approved Resolution #01-04-16-05 Construction Evaluation Resolution. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, the Board approved the hiring of Mike Seright as Fleet Manager at \$52,789 (Grade 13, Step 10) for Secondary Roads. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Keith White updated the Board on the current condition of Secondary Roads throughout the County.

On a motion by Howard, second by Kelly, minutes of the December 21, 2015 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

The Board received notice that the Muscatine County Fairgrounds is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Board received a letter from Optimae requesting an opportunity to negotiate the purchase of the building they currently occupy.

The Board received a request from Friends of the Old Barn to include the garage in their lease.

Committee Reports:

Kelly attended a Mental Health meeting December 21<sup>st</sup>.

Kelly and Howard attended a Bi-State Regional meeting December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Discussion was held regarding meeting dates and times for 2016. On a motion by Sauer, second by Kelly, the Board set meeting dates and times for 2016 as follows: the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month at 7:00 P.M., all other Mondays at 9:00 A.M. and other meetings to be scheduled at the discretion of the Board. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Bonebrake, the Board accepted the 2015 Iowa Weed Commissioner's Annual Report. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Kelly, the Board approved Resolution #01-04-16-06 Transferring \$720,000 from the Rural Services Fund to the Secondary Roads Fund. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Howard, the Board approved Resolution #01-04-16-07 Transferring \$32,378 from the General Basic Fund to the GIS Fund. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #01-04-16-08 Transferring \$32,378 from the Rural Services Fund to the GIS Fund. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved Resolution #01-04-16-09 Resolution of a Name Change for a Private Road in Rancho Valley Subdivision. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Sauer, the Board re-appointed Bruce Bryant as the Muscatine County Weed Commissioner for a one-year term ending December 31, 2016. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Bonebrake, the Board appointed Ky Cochran as the Eastern Iowa Tourism Association representative for a one-year term ending December 31, 2016. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Howard, the Board reappointed Jenny Paetz to the Muscatine County Conservation Board for a five-year term ending December 31, 2020. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Kelly, the Board reappointed L. Lynn Pruitt, Mary Beveridge and Rebeckah Allgood to the Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission for three-year terms ending January 1, 2019. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Howard, the Board reappointed Dr. Rebecca Mueller, Neva Rettig Baker and William Koellner to the Muscatine County Board of Health for three-year terms ending December 31, 2018. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, the Board reappointed Marsha Gerot to the Conesville Benefitted Fire District for a three-year term ending December 31, 2018 subject to appointment by the Louisa County Board of Supervisors. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, the Board appointed Andrea Ryan (registered engineer) to the Muscatine County Building Board of Appeals for a three-year term ending December 31, 2018. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, the Board approved an education reimbursement request. Ayes: All.

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

The Board reviewed a draft Request for Qualifications for Real Estate Consulting Services. Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber was directed by consensus to issue the Request for Qualifications for Real Estate Consulting Services. In the meantime, the Board will negotiate with Optima directly and exclude them from any contract entered into with a realtor for consulting services.

The Board reviewed appointments to Boards and Commissions for 2016.

The Board recessed at 10:08 A.M. and reconvened at 10:20 A.M.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Howard, the Board went into closed session at 10:20 A.M. pursuant to Chapter 21.5.1(i), Code of Iowa, for a performance evaluation. The employee had requested a closed session for the performance evaluation. Roll call vote: Ayes: All. On a motion by Kelly, second by Bonebrake, the Board returned to open session at 11:12 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:13 A.M.

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Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

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Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors