

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, May 2, 2016

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

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

A Public Hearing was called to order by Chairperson Sorensen at 9:02 A.M. on a confinement feeding operation construction permit application from Tipton Farm Road, LLC which is located in Bloomington Township. Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas stated this is a small expansion of the Pork 360 East site on Tipton Road. Furnas stated the expansion is not large enough to require a Master Matrix, but it still required site evaluation and construction plan reviews which have been completed by the Department of Natural Resources. No one spoke against the application. On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, the public hearing was closed at 9:04 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, the Chairperson was authorized to sign a letter to the Iowa DNR regarding the Tipton Farm Road, LLC permit application. Ayes: All.

A Public Hearing was called to order by Chairperson Sorensen at 9:04 A.M. on a proposed new centralized Muscatine County Enforcement Ordinance. Furnas stated the ordinance would implement a civil penalty for zoning and building violations. Furnas stated applicable fines would be set by the magistrate. Furnas stated this would be a more efficient way to handle those few cases where the citizen has not complied after notification of a violation from the Zoning Office. County Attorney Alan Ostergren stated the ordinance will consolidate all enforcement issues in one spot to help clarify and make it easier for people to be able to determine their obligations. On a motion by Howard, second by Kelly, the public hearing was closed at 9:08 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, the Board approved an ordinance centralizing the penalty portion of each chapter of the Muscatine County Code of Ordinances on the first of three readings. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

A Public Hearing was called to order by Chairperson Sorensen at 9:08 A.M. on proposed amendments to the enforcement sections of various chapters of the Muscatine County Code of Ordinances. Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber stated this is amending all sections that currently have individual enforcement wording, in order to refer them to the enforcement ordinance. On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, the public hearing was closed at 9:09 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, the Board approved an ordinance amending the enforcement sections of various chapters of the Muscatine County Code of Ordinances on the first of three readings. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

A Public Hearing was called to order by Chairperson Sorensen at 9:10 A.M. on proposed amendments to the Digital Submission Standards Ordinance. MAGIC GIS Manager Mark Warren stated the proposed amendment allows for a second type of coordinate system that surveyors can use when submitting their plats. On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, the public hearing was closed at 9:15 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Kelly, the Board approved an ordinance amending the Digital Submission Standards Ordinance on the first of three readings. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sauer, minutes of the April 25, 2016 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Kelly reported a contact regarding the culvert project on Bayfield Road.

Committee Reports:

Sorensen attended a Regional Workforce Investment Board meeting April 26th.

Sorensen and Howard attended a Bi-State Regional meeting April 27th.

Sorensen attended a West Liberty Economic Area Development meeting April 28th.

Howard attended a Milestones Area Agency on Aging meeting April 26th.

Kelly attended a Smart Connections Conference in Des Moines April 28th.

County Attorney Alan Ostergren updated the Board on the recent passage of the court debt bill stating it allows a County that already has a debt collection program to keep that program and collect debt locally immediately on day 31, instead of waiting 90 days. Ostergren stated the percentages of funds received by the County will be reduced to 28% and the Attorney's Office will be reduced to 5%, but he is confident that the same amount of revenue will be generated because he will now be getting access to that debt on day 31.

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

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, the Board set a public hearing on proposed amendments to the FY 15/16 Muscatine County budget for Monday, May 23, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Kelly, the Board approved Resolution #05-02-16-01 Suspending the Collection of Taxes. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sauer, the Board accepted the resignation of Paul Wedel from the Muscatine County Veteran Affairs Commission effective May 18, 2016. Ayes: All. The Board thanked Wedel for his dedication and support on the Commission.

Discussion was held regarding the possible payoff of the 2010 General Obligation County Purpose Note. Budget Administrator Sherry Seright stated there was discussion a few weeks ago about paying off the note, but she would like specific direction as to whether or not the Board wants to pay off the note. Paying the note off early would save the County approximately

\$39,000. The Board by consensus directed staff to pay off the 2010 General Obligation County Purpose Note.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, the Board authorized the Chairperson to sign a letter of support for an Iowa Department of Transportation grant application to the Federal Transit Administration for replacement of public transit vehicles. Ayes: All.

The Board recessed at 9:49 A.M. and reconvened at 9:55 A.M.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, the Board went into closed session at 9:55 A.M. pursuant to Chapter 21.5(c), Code of Iowa, to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent. Roll call vote: Ayes: All. On a motion by Kelly, second by Howard, the Board returned to open session at 10:54 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 A.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors