

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, August 29, 2016

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

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

On a motion by Howard, second by Bonebrake, claims dated August 29, 2016 were approved in the amount of \$487,771.18. Ayes: All.

A Public Hearing was called to order by Chairperson Sorensen at 9:02 A.M. on a request from Gary M. or Agnes M. Johnson, Record Owners, to rezone approximately 21.9 acres of property located in Sweetland Township from A-1 Agricultural District to R-1 Residential District. Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas stated the CSR2 rating is a low 49, there is residential development in the immediate vicinity and the Comprehensive Plan land use map designates this area as expected residential development. Johnson stated it will never be subdivided as it is only for themselves and their three horses. Bonebrake asked if only a portion could be rezoned residential with the rest remaining as agricultural. Furnas stated conditional rezoning a portion of a property is only considered at the request of the owners. Howard stated he knows the property, it has very low CSR, so he cannot imagine using it for agricultural purposes. Shirley and Ken McDaniel, 1862 Tucker Avenue, expressed concern that the aerial spraying of their own crop may cause issues for Johnson's property. Gary Johnson, 2043 325th Street, Durant, stated he does not believe it will be an issue since there are trees between the two properties and his property will only be used for pasture. Johnson requested the second and third readings be waived so they can get their building permit to begin construction. Furnas stated he wouldn't have a problem waiving the third reading. No one spoke against the rezoning. On a motion by Kelly, second by Howard, the public hearing was closed at 9:21 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved an ordinance rezoning approximately 21.9 acres of property located in Sweetland Township from A-1 Agricultural District to R-1 Residential District on the first of three readings. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Vic Amoroso, A&J Associates, regarding bids for the Community Services/DHS I.T. Closet Project. Amoroso stated the project provides independent and dedicated cooling for the IT rooms; adds a small dehumidifier to supplement the existing system in the corridors; and provides temperature and humidity monitoring in the IT rooms. A&J Associates stated bids were by invitation only and the County has a lot of positive experience with Crawford Company. Amoroso recommended the Board accept the low bid from Crawford Company. Howard stated there was only \$50 difference between the two lowest bids and asked how the County is going to get a feel for a local company, if they do not use them. Amoroso stated when prequalified invitation only bidding is used, the County should accept the low bidder. On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, the Board accepted a bid from Crawford Company in the amount of \$28,250.00 for the Community Services/DHS I.T. Closet Project. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Kelly, the Chairperson was authorized to execute a Communication Services Proposal for MachLink Area Network Services between Muscatine Power and Water and Muscatine County in the amount of \$1,272.99 per year for five years. Ayes: All.

Information Services Director Bill Riley updated the Board on help desk tickets for July.

On a motion by Howard, second by Kelly, minutes of the August 22, 2016 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Sorensen reported an email from Randy and Sonya Sturms stating opposition to a proposed subdivision.

Howard reported a complaint regarding MUSCOM dispatch and inconsistent communication with the Muscatine Police Department.

Committee Reports:

Howard attended a Milestones Area Agency on Aging meeting August 23rd.

Howard and Sorensen attended a Bi-State Regional meeting August 24th.

Sorensen attended a Regional Workforce Investment Board meeting August 23rd.

Sorensen attended a West Liberty Economic Area Development meeting August 25th.

Sauer attended a Muscatine County Fair Board meeting August 25th.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas stated he will be submitting the plat to Muscatine City Planning and Zoning for the Optima building property.

Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber stated the closing on the 4th Street property purchased by Muscatine County will be held this coming Wednesday or Thursday.

Discussion was held with Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber regarding a change order for the Community Services/DHS remodel project in order to replace flooring in the basement. On a motion by Kelly, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved Change Order #1 from Paragon for the Community Services/DHS building remodel project in the amount of \$1,021.38. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sauer, the Chairperson was authorized to execute a monthly lease agreement for 60 parking spaces at 407 Sycamore Street between TLM Investments, LLC and Muscatine County in the amount of \$600.00 per month beginning October 1, 2016. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Howard, the Board approved the appointment of Dr. Robert Weis, M.D. as the Muscatine County Medical Examiner for a term ending December 31, 2016 along with the following designated Deputy Medical Examiners/Medical Examiner Investigators for terms ending December 31, 2016: Mark Odell, M.D., Collette Hostetler, M.D., Steven Paulsrud, D.O., and David Wettach, M.D.; Medical Examiner Investigators Thomas

Summitt (Chief Medical Examiner Investigator), Darren Brooke, Chase Conaway, Susan Garrett, Kevin Guck, Kenny Hora, Todd Heck and Richard Hines. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, the Board appointed Dr. Michael Maharry to the Muscatine County Board of Health to fill the remainder of a term ending December 31, 2017. Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:56 A.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors