

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, November 21, 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 Bonebrake, the agenda was approved as amended. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sauer, claims dated November 21, 2016 were approved as amended in the amount of \$1,239,139.51. Ayes: All.

A Public Hearing was called to order by Chairperson Sorensen at 9:02 A.M. on proposed amendments to the Fiscal Year 2016/17 Muscatine County Budget. Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber reviewed the proposed amendments with the Board. No one spoke for or against the proposed amendments. On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, the public hearing was closed at 9:07 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #11-21-16-01 Amending the Fiscal Year 2016-17 County Budget. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #11-21-16-02 Fiscal Year 2016-17 Budget Appropriations. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #11-21-16-03 Approval of a Combined Preliminary and Final Plat of Shoultz Acres Subdivision, Lot 1, containing approximately 4 acres in Fruitland Township. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Howard, the Board approved Resolution #11-21-16-04 Approval of a Combined Preliminary and Final Plat of Carey Bend Acres, Lot 1, containing approximately 4.80 acres in Wapsie Township. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #11-21-16-05 Granting a 90-day Extension for Filing the Final Plat for Riggan's Addition. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed a variance granted by the Muscatine County Board of Adjustment on Friday, November 4, 2016. Case #16-11-01 is an application filed by Twin City Concrete Products Company, Record Owner by Scott L. Ellingson. This property is located in Fruitland Township, 2510 Pettibone Avenue, Muscatine, Iowa, West of Pettibone Avenue, in the NW ¼ of Sec. 22-T76N-R2W, containing approximately 5.64 acres, and is zoned I-2 Heavy Industrial District. This request, if approved, would allow the Zoning Administrator to issue a Variance in order for an industrial building to be built 30 feet from the front lot line, instead of the 40 foot setback as stipulated by the Board of Adjustment. The Board of Adjustment approved this request. On a motion by Kelly, second by Bonebrake, the Board accepted the variance. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Muscatine County Conservation Director Curt Weiss regarding a grant application for Heron Hideaway Pond improvements. On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, the Board affirmed a Muscatine County Conservation Board grant application to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources in the amount of \$12,000 for Heron Hideaway Pond improvements. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, the Board approved the FY2016 Annual Urban Renewal Report for Muscatine County. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Bonebrake, minutes of the Monday, November 14, 2016 regular meeting and Tuesday, November 15, 2016 special meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

The Board received the Seventh Judicial District's 2016 Annual Report.

The Board received the October 2016 Muscatine-Mercer Revolving Loan Fund Financial Summary Report.

Howard and Sorensen reported a complaint regarding washboarding along a portion of 152nd Street near its intersection with North Mulberry Road.

Sauer reported a conversation regarding hog confinements.

Committee Reports:

Howard attended a Muscatine County Veterans Affairs meeting November 15th.

Howard and Sauer attended a Muscatine County Joint Communications meeting November 16th.

Howard attended an Emergency Management Commission meeting November 16th.

Kelly attended an Eastern Iowa Mental Health/Disability Services Region meeting November 16th.

Kelly and Sorensen attended a Bi-State Regional meeting November 16th.

Kelly attended a Seventh Judicial District meeting November 18th.

Sorensen attended a West Liberty Economic Area Development meeting November 17th.

Sorensen attended a Region IX Transportation meeting November 16th.

Sauer attended a Riverbend Transit meeting November 16th.

Sauer attended a Muscatine County Board of Health meeting November 16th.

Sauer attended a Muscatine County Fair Board meeting November 17th.

Kelly attended a Riverfront Community meeting November 16th. Howard and Sorensen met with the Ukrainian Sister Cities Delegation November 16th.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Howard, the Board accepted a bid from Holland, JB Construction, Inc. in the total amount of \$369,857.63 for L-(FEMA2013C)--73-70, two culvert replacements on 215th Street; and L-(CUL 17)--73-70, a culvert replacement on Bayfield Road. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held regarding bids received two weeks ago for the water main extension on Park Avenue West. Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber stated that the original

apparent low bidder was Sulzco, but County Engineer Keith White is recommending disqualification of Sulzco because they did not submit all of the required documentation. On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, the Board accepted a bid from Triple B Construction Corporation in the total amount of \$149,005.00 for L-(WATER)--73-70 for a water main extension on Park Avenue West. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Kelly, Clyde Evans was appointed to the Muscatine County Zoning Commission for a 5-year term ending November 6, 2021. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held regarding the possible expansion of the Muscatine County Board of Health to seven members. Sauer stated the Board does not want to lose a pharmacist that has held a position on that Board since the 1980s. Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber explained two terms are expiring with one person who has a lot of experience being eliminated in order to deal with gender balance issues. Schreiber stated the Board of Health thought if the Board was increased by two members and two females were appointed, then the gender balance issue would be solved without eliminating the experienced pharmacist. Kelly suggested looking for a female pharmacist to appoint. Sorensen stated he sees value in the experience, but has a little concern with going to a seven member board. Schreiber stated the Board has never had trouble meeting quorum. Howard stated he does not know if the Board has ever increased the size of a commission because of dealing with gender balance. Kelly suggested the Board of Health attempt to find a female pharmacist to meet the gender balance requirement. Schreiber stated she will communicate to the Board of Health the Board's desire that they attempt to recruit a female pharmacist.

Discussion was held regarding tree removal and replacement on the Courthouse lawn. Budget Administrator Sherry Seright stated the Urban Forestry Coordinator for the Iowa Department of Natural Resources informed her all of the Ash trees are diseased and should be removed. Seright stated she has a bid from Freers Tree Service to remove the nine Ash trees and trim a few other trees for \$2,800.00. The Board directed staff to proceed with the removal of the trees and return with a tree replacement plan before Spring.

Discussion was held on a request from the City of Muscatine to salvage various items from the former DHS Building. The Board directed Budget Administrator Sherry Seright to proceed with allowing the City of Muscatine to salvage various items from the former DHS Building.

Discussion was held regarding a possible road use/condition amendment to the purchase agreement for 3500 Harmony Court. Steve Kundel, Attorney for the purchaser, stated they are in agreement with the proposed amendment except that it places responsibility for damage repair on the buyer regardless of who drives on the specified section of the road. Kundel suggested an amendment include the following sentence: Construction loads and/or equipment in excess of 10 ton are prohibited. Budget Administrator Sherry Seright asked who would be responsible for snow removal. Conservation Director Curt Weiss stated his staff would plow a path up to the arboretum parking lot. Tom Meeker, Downtown Investments, stated he will not be doing any major construction of the property before their private drive is completed. On a motion by Kelly, second by Howard, the Board approved a road use/condition amendment to the purchase agreement for 3500 Harmony Court. Ayes: All.

Schreiber presented the Board with a proposed FY17-18 Budget Calendar.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 A.M.

ATTEST:

Betty L. Wamback
First Deputy Auditor

Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors