

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, December 19, 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.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Howard, claims dated December 19, 2016 were approved in the amount of \$445,787.03. Ayes: All.

A Public Hearing was called to order by Chairperson Sorensen at 9:02 A.M. on a confinement feeding operation expansion construction permit application from Doug & Nic Site, Section 5, Orono Township. Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas was unable to attend, but supplied information that he scored the master matrix and concurs with the scoring submitted by Pinnacle Group for the Doug and Nic Site which is a passing score. The information Furnas provided also stated that a portion of the proposed facility is in the 100 year flood plain. Furnas is working with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the developer, but even if the DNR approves the construction permit, the facility cannot proceed without Board approval due to the flood plain matters. Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber stated an email from Furnas recommends the DNR approve the construction permit application with the stipulation that the local flood plain issues are resolved. No one spoke for or against the expansion. On a motion by Kelly, second by Howard, the public hearing was closed at 9:05 A.M. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Kelly, the Chairperson was authorized to sign a letter to the Iowa DNR regarding the Doug & Nic Site permit application as recommended. Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed variances granted by the Muscatine County Board of Adjustment on Friday, December 2, 2016. Case #16-12-01 is an application filed by Robert Stout, Record Owner. This property is located in Bloomington Township, Lot 1, Northwood Estates (except the West 150'), 2689 Northwood Drive, in the SW ¼ of Sec. 13-T77N-R2W, containing approximately 1.59 acres, and is zoned R-1 Residential District. This request, if approved, would allow the Zoning Administrator to issue a Variance to build an attached garage 29 feet from the rear lot line, instead of the required 40 foot setback. Case #16-12-02 is an application filed by Frank E. Hepton, Jr., Record Owner, and Peggy Hepton, Applicant. This property is located in Fulton Township, Christensen's 1<sup>st</sup> Subdivision, Lot 3, 3655 Hwy 61, Blue Grass, in the NE ¼ of Sec. 33-T78N-R1E, containing approximately 3.94 acres, and is zoned A-1 Agricultural District. This request, if approved, would allow the Zoning Administrator to issue a Variance in order for the Record Owner to place a 24' X 36' pole barn in front of the existing dwelling, but it would be at least 50 feet back from the front lot line. Case #16-12-03 is an application filed by Jeffrey A. or Pamela R. Turkle, Record Owners. This property is located in Fulton Township, South of Iowa Interstate Railroad, West of Vine Avenue, adjacent to the City of Stockton, in the NE ¼ of Sec. 5-T78N-R1E, containing approximately .39 acres, and is zoned A-1 Agricultural District. This request, if approved, would allow the Zoning Administrator to issue a Variance in order for the Turkle's to be allowed to continue operation of a wood processing business, recycling and

processing wood for resale. On a motion by Sauer, second by Kelly, the Board accepted the variances. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Kelly, a public hearing was set for January 9, 2017 at 9:00 A.M. on a request from Kenneth W. Ferris, Record Owner, to rezone approximately 11.5 acres in Fulton Township from C-2 Commercial District to R-1 Residential District. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kelly, second by Sauer, the Board authorized submittal of a grant application to Grain Processing Corporation for tactical ballistic vest equipment in the amount of \$40,956.80. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sauer, minutes of the December 12, 2106 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Kelly reported a call from Ken Noble, West Liberty, concerned about proposed wind turbine towers in close proximity to his property that may lower the value of his property.

Committee Reports:

Howard attended a Milestones Area on Aging Executive and Advisory Board meeting on December 13th.

Discussion was held with Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber regarding possible submittal of a grant application to ICAP for safety related items. Schreiber stated the Muscatine County Safety Committee received four requests for consideration as follows: Zoning – two ladders to carry in the vehicles taken to building inspections at an estimated cost of \$703.90; Sheriff's Office – two sets of fins and two buoyance compensation devises for the two newest members of the Water Rescue team, as well as 36 flares at an estimated cost of \$1,008.77; Secondary Roads – portable external defibrillator at an estimated cost of \$1,341.00; and Conservation – 5 sharps containers and BBP clean-up kits and wood mulch required for the playground at Jack Shuger Park at an estimated cost of \$650.00. Schreiber stated Emergency Management Director Matt Shook agreed to include the items requested by the Sheriff's Office in a combined application with E911 and MUSCOM. Schreiber stated the Muscatine County Safety Committee recommends that the Board authorize a grant for \$500.00 towards the cost of two ladders for Zoning and \$500.00 towards the cost of wood mulch for Conservation. On a motion by Kelly, second by Howard, the Board authorized submittal of a grant application to ICAP for safety related items and material in the amount of \$1,000.00. Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed the health/dental fund balance as of November 30, 2016. Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber stated she is looking at an online wellness program that would not take additional staff time.

Chairperson Sorensen presented a plaque to Supervisor Kas Kelly thanking her for 12 years of dedicated service to Muscatine County.

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 A.M.

ATTEST:

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Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

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Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson  
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