

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, February 27, 2017

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

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

On a motion by Howard, second by Sauer, claims dated February 27, 2017 were approved in the amount of \$272,760.65. Ayes: All.

A Public Hearing was called to order by Chairperson Sorensen at 9:02 A.M. on the proposed Fiscal Year 2017/18 Muscatine County Budget. Sorensen summarized Board action taken on the Mental Health levy at the last meeting, stating the County's General Supplemental levy is up twenty cents per thousand, the Mental Health levy is down fourteen cents and the Debt Service levy is down twelve cents which decreases the net urban levy by six cents per thousand. Sorensen stated the Board chose to reduce the Mental Health levy to send a message to the State of Iowa to fix Mental Health funding problems so Muscatine County's tax dollars are not being sent to Scott County to support their constituents. No one spoke for or against the proposed budget. On a motion by Howard, second by Bonebrake, the public hearing was closed at 9:03 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved Resolution #02-27-17-01 Approving Fiscal Year 17/18 Elected Officials Salaries. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #02-27-17-02 Adopting the Fiscal Year 2017/18 County Budget. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

A Public Hearing was called to order by Chairperson Sorensen at 9:05 A.M. on a request from Christian Life of Muscatine Church, by Pastor Steven Brown, to rezone approximately 1.16 acres of property located at 2921 Hwy 22 in Sweetland Township from C-1 Commercial District to R-1 Residential District. Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas stated the Zoning Commission voted unanimously to recommend the Board of Supervisors approve the zoning change request. Furnas stated when the Church purchased the property they were unaware commercial zoning does not allow for the operation of a church. Furnas stated rezoning would help cleanup spot zoning in the area and would be in harmony with the residential zoning surrounding this parcel. No one spoke against the rezoning. On a motion by Mather, second by Bonebrake, the public hearing was closed at 9:10 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Mather, the Board approved an ordinance rezoning approximately 1.16 acres of property located in Sweetland Township from C-1 Commercial District to R-1 Residential District on the first of three readings. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

Shelly Maharry gave a presentation updating the Board on the Friends of the Old Barn financial status and possible uses for the Old Barn. Maharry stated uses for the Old Barn could include a concert venue; a party or meeting rental space; and community and educational activities.

On a motion by Howard, second by Bonebrake, minutes of the February 20, 2017 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Sauer, Sorenson, Mather and Howard reported contacts regarding Friends of the Old Barn.

Committee Reports:

Howard attended a Muscatine County Veterans Affairs Commission meeting February 21st.

Sorenson attended a Greater Muscatine Chamber of Commerce and Industry meeting February 24th.

Sauer attended a Muscatine County Conservation Board meeting February 20th.

Sorensen attended a meeting with Senator Joni Ernst at Carver Pump February 23rd.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sauer, the Board accepted the January 26, 2017 Special and February 2017 payroll claims. Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed the health/dental fund balance as of January 31, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 A.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors