

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, May 22, 2017

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

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

On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, claims dated May 22, 2017 were approved in the amount of \$1,169,225.02. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #05-22-17-01 Resolution Assigning Tax Sale Certificate. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved Resolution #05-22-17-02 Resolution Assigning Tax Sale Certificate. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved Resolution #05-22-17-03 Resolution Assigning Tax Sale Certificate. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Mather, the Board approved Resolution #05-22-17-04 Approval of Combined Preliminary and Final Plat of Ferris Subdivision. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #05-22-17-05 Approval of Combined Preliminary and Final Plat of Sterner-Weih 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed Special Use Permits granted by the Muscatine County Board of Adjustment on Friday, May 12, 2017. Case #17-05-01 is an application filed by Hilbert E. Hinkhouse, Record Owner. This property is located in Moscow Township, in the SW ¼ of Section 5-T78N-R2W, North of Hinkeyville, containing approximately 12.77 acres, and is zoned A-1 Agricultural District. This request, if approved, would allow the Zoning Administrator to issue a Special Use Permit in order for the Record Owner to place a Seasonal Recreational Cottage (camper) at 1290 W. Hinkeyville, Lot 46W, Buildings on Leased Land. The Board of Adjustment approved this request. Case #17-05-02 is an application filed by Kay Y. Maurer, Record Owner. This property is located in Moscow Township, in the SW ¼ of Section 11-T78N-R2W, East of N. Isett Avenue, containing approximately 19.27 acres, and is zoned A-1 Agricultural District. This request, if approved, would allow the Zoning Administrator to issue a Special Use Permit in order for Dean Maurer to build a dwelling for himself on this property. Due to the fact that the Board of Adjustment did not have a full board, the request was tabled at the request of Mr. Maurer until next month. Case #17-05-03 is an application filed by Robert L. Tyler Jr., Record Owner. This property is located in Montpelier Township, in Section 16-T77N-R1E, Lobdell 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition, Lot 1, South of 186<sup>th</sup> Street, containing approximately 21 acres, and is zoned A-1 Agricultural District. This request, if approved, would allow the Zoning Administrator to issue a Special Use Permit in order to build a one family dwelling on this property. The Board of

Adjustment approved this request with the stipulation that the dwelling would be at least 750 feet away from the next nearest residence and that the property has an easement off of 186<sup>th</sup> Street. Case #17-05-04 is an application filed by Todd J. Hunter, Record Owner. This property is located in Goshen Township, in the SE ¼ of Section 25-T76N-R3W, containing approximately 27.36 acres, and is zoned A-1 Agricultural District. This request, if approved, would allow the Zoning Administrator to issue a Special Use Permit in order to build a rural residence on this property. The Board of Adjustment approved this request.

Supervisor Mather provided an update on funding for the Eastern Iowa MH/DS Region stating new legislation passed removing the freeze on the mental health levy allowing counties to all levy \$30.78 per capita. Muscatine County reduced its mental health tax levy from \$1.05 per thousand to 68 cents per thousand (\$30.78 per capita). However, Scott County did not raise their taxes as they had promised and remain at \$19.30 per capita (42 cents per thousand). Mather stated he is severely disappointed with Scott County which leaves the region with a shortfall that will result in a two year life on the fund balance. Mather stated State law does not allow the region to cut Scott County loose. Mather asked everyone to put pressure on Scott County as well as asking the Legislature to put pressure on Scott County to increase their rates. Mather stated Scott County needs to pull their weight in the region. Bonebrake stated the legislature forced Muscatine County to reduce their levy and should have forced the other counties to increase their levy. Sorensen stated rural Iowa is paying for metro Iowa mental health care and that is not the way it should be.

On a motion by Mather, second by Bonebrake, minutes of the May 15, 2017 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

The Board received notice that all court offices will be closed and all judicial branch employees, other than judicial officers, shall take an unpaid leave day on Friday May 26, 2017.

Committee Reports:

Sauer attended a Muscatine Conservation Board meeting May 15<sup>th</sup>.  
Sauer attended a Riverbend Transit Board meeting May 17<sup>th</sup>.  
Sauer attended a Muscatine Board of Health meeting May 17<sup>th</sup>.  
Sauer attended a Muscatine County Fair Board meeting May 18<sup>th</sup>.  
Sorensen attended a Wilton Development Corporation meeting May 17<sup>th</sup>.  
Mather attended an Eastern Iowa Mental Health Region meeting May 15<sup>th</sup>.

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

Conservation Director Curt Weiss informed the Board there is a 10' X 10' gravel area that needs to be blacktopped where a water line was repaired before the old DHS property is turned over to the Conservation Board. Weiss stated he received preliminary quotes for fencing around the tower stating it would cost less than \$1,000, but he feels it would still be better for the tower to be removed.

The Board reviewed the health/dental fund balance as of April 30, 2017.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, the Board approved the proposed health and dental premiums effective July 1, 2017. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Mather, the Board set an annual enrollment period for health benefits and an open enrollment for dental benefits for May 24, 2017 through June 2, 2017. Ayes: All

The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 A.M.

ATTEST:

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Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

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Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors