

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, August 21, 2017

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

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

A Public Hearing was called to order by Chairperson Sorensen at 9:02 A.M. on proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and cost estimate for the Muscatine County Community Services Building Exterior Window and Door Replacement Project. Michael Nolan, Horizon Architecture, stated all exterior windows and some exterior doors will be replaced with a low cost maintenance and energy efficient product at an estimated cost of \$281,000. Nolan stated the windows are over 100 years old and not repairable. Nolan stated the new windows will have a 25-50 year life span, but properly installed should last much longer. Nolan stated the County should be able to save about 20% on utility bills. Howard stated the County has invested a lot of money into this building and he is losing interest in continuing to invest in this building. Sorensen stated for a 100 year old building, the exterior is in excellent condition and the previous roof and chiller replacements were normal maintenance items which he would expect to replace over time. Mather stated he would like the energy costs over the next two years to determine the savings. On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, the public hearing was closed at 9:15 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Mather, the Board approved Resolution #08-21-17-01 Approving the Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract and Cost Estimate for the Muscatine County Community Services Building Exterior Window and Door Replacement Project. Roll call vote: Ayes: Mather, Sorensen and Sauer. Nay: Howard.

Discussion was held with Community Services Director Kathy Anderson-Noel regarding a closure date for the Muscatine County Community Services Case Management Program. Anderson-Noel stated AmeriHealth Caritas Iowa is in the process of transitioning all of case management to case managers employed by AmeriHealth Caritas Iowa. Anderson-Noel stated the County's accreditation has been extended to September 30, 2017. Anderson-Noel proposed continuing case management services through September 30<sup>th</sup> and retaining employees through October 13<sup>th</sup> to allow for an orderly transition. Howard stated the plan has a lot of merit and it makes sense to have an exit plan. On a motion by Howard, second by Sauer, the Board approved closing case management services on September 30, 2017, with an ending employment date of October 13, 2017. Ayes: All. The Board thanked the case management employees for their service.

On a motion by Howard, second by Mather, the Board approved Resolution #08-21-17-02 Approval of Combined Preliminary and Final Plat of WDS Subdivision. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed a variance granted by the Muscatine County Board of Adjustment on Friday, August 4, 2017. Case #17-08-02 is an application filed by HJR Real Estate Holdings,

LLC by Wayne Johanson, Member, and Levi Lemon, Applicant. This property is located in Sweetland Township, in the SW¼ of Sec. 30-T77N-R1W, Parcel C, 3006 River Road, containing approximately 21.4 acres, and is zoned I-1 Light Industrial District. This request, if approved, would allow the Zoning Administrator to issue a Variance in order to have a plant nursery on the property, including the growing of plants and trees. The Board of Adjustment approved the Variance. On a motion by Howard, second by Sauer, the Board accepted the variance. Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed Special Use Permits granted by the Board of Adjustment on August 4, 2017: Case #17-08-01 is an application filed by Harriet Jane Wilkinson, Record Owner of Wilkinson Cottage Sites and Michael K. Boom, Applicant. This property is located in Goshen Township, in the SE¼ of Section 25-T78N-R3W, along Cedarview Drive, containing approximately 31.34 acres, and is zoned A-1 Agricultural District. This request would allow the Zoning Administrator to issue a Special Use Permit in order for Mr. Bloom to place a travel trailer on Site No. 10 in the Wilkinson Cottage Site for seasonal use only. The Board of Adjustment approved this request.

Information Services Director Bill Riley was unable to attend the meeting due to a storm related issue with the Administration Building phone system.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Mather, the Board approved an agreement with French-Renecker-Associates, Inc. for professional services for onsite inspection of a gas pipeline at an estimated cost of \$36,000 which will be reimbursed by Alliant Energy. Ayes: All.

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

Discussion was held with Deputy Assessor Delaine Clark, Muscatine County Assessor's Office, regarding 2017 homestead tax credits and/or military tax exemptions the Assessor recommended be allowed and disallowed. On a motion by Sauer, second by Howard, the Board allowed 2017 homestead tax credits as recommended by the Assessor. Ayes: Howard, Sorensen and Sauer. Mather abstained due to his legal representation of some of the property owners. On a motion by Sauer, second by Mather, the Board disallowed 2017 homestead tax credits and military tax exemptions as recommended by the Assessor. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, minutes of the August 14, 2017 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

#### Correspondence:

All Supervisors received a letter regarding the proposed shooting range.  
Howard reported a contact complimenting the Board on doing a good job.

#### Committee Reports:

Howard attended a Muscatine County Veterans Affairs meeting August 15<sup>th</sup>.  
Howard attended a Muscatine County Emergency Management meeting August 16<sup>th</sup>.  
Howard attended a Milestones Area Agency on Aging meeting August 17<sup>th</sup>.  
Sorensen attended a Wilton Development Corporation meeting August 16<sup>th</sup>.

Sauer attended a Riverbend Transit Board meeting August 16<sup>th</sup>.  
Sauer attended a MUSCOM meeting August 16<sup>th</sup>.  
Sauer attended a Muscatine County Fair Board meeting August 17<sup>th</sup>.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, a fireworks permit for Jacob Swift was approved.  
Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 A.M.

ATTEST:

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Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

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Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors