

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, October 16, 2017

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

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

On a motion by Howard, second by Bonebrake, the Board approved Resolution #10-16-17-01 Approval of Combined Preliminary and Final Plat of Bellview Estates Subdivision. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed a variance granted by the Muscatine County Board of Adjustment on Friday, October 6, 2017. Case #17-10-01 is an application filed by Dustin J. or Stacey J. Feldman, Record Owners. This property is located in Wapsinonoc Township, Carey Bend Acres, Lot 1, 1054 Hwy 6 in the SE ¼ of Sec. 6-T78N-R4W, containing approximately 4.80 acres and is zoned A-1 Agricultural District. This request, if approved, would allow the Zoning Administrator to issue a Variance in order to build a new one family dwelling behind an existing outbuilding, but it would be at least 50' back from the front lot line. Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas stated this property is off Highway 6 near the Johnson County line. Furnas stated there in an existing pole building in what would be the front yard space and the record owners have torn down an old farm house that had been on the property. Furnas stated the plan is to build a new house very close to the site of the old farm house. Furnas stated due to the shape of the parcel and the location of the driveway the replacement structure should not create any sight distance issues when pulling out onto the highway. On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Mather, the Board accepted the variance. Ayes: All.

Following a brief discussion of the proposed Unknown Owner Parcel Acquisition Policy, Sorensen stated he sees no rush to move the policy forward because it is more important to get it right.

Furnas stated he plans to attend the Cedar River Watershed Coalition meeting in Muscatine on Friday, October 20th to gather more information on watershed authorities.

Information Services Director Bill Riley updated the Board on the County's internet connections. Riley stated there was an internet outage on Tuesday of last week which lasted approximately five hours. Riley stated there was a problem with the internet provider and also with the County's backup internet connection. Riley stated he has put a temporary solution for the backup connection in place. Riley stated moving forward he will look into another internet backup connection solution and associated costs which will provide seamless rollover and load balancing.

Riley reviewed the September help desk tickets with the Board.

On a motion by Mather, second by Bonebrake, minutes of the October 9, 2017 regular meeting were approved as amended. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Sorenson and Mather reported contacts regarding the Unknown Owner policy.
Howard reported a contact regarding Fruitland Road.

No committee reports were noted.

County Engineer Keith White updated the Board on various secondary road projects.

On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Mather, the Board approved the hiring of Patricia Honeyman as Victim/Witness Coordinator at \$39,953 (Grade 9, Step 11) for the County Attorney's Office. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Bonebrake, the Board authorized renewal of the Muscatine County Flexible Benefit Plan for 2018 and set the open enrollment period for October 23 through November 9, 2017. Ayes: All.

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

The Board recessed at 9:27 A.M. and reconvened at 9:36 A.M.

On a motion by Howard, second by Bonebrake, the Board went into closed session at 9:36 A.M. pursuant to Chapter 21.5(c), Code of Iowa, to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent. Roll call vote: Ayes: All. On a motion by Howard, second by Mather, the Board returned to open session at 10:43 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 A.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors