

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, March 5, 2018

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

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

Discussion was held with City of Muscatine Community Development Coordinator Adam Thompson regarding a request to approve Resolution #03-05-18-01 Abating Taxes. Thompson stated the City is in the process of getting rid of property it does not need. Thompson stated the adjacent property owner to the parcel had given an easement to the City for the Mad Creek Levee project and therefore lost parking spaces for their tenants. Thompson stated the City has added parking spaces on to their property and plan to convey part of the land to the adjacent property owner to replace their lost parking spaces. Thompson requested the Board abate taxes for 2018 and then after the land is turned over to the adjacent property owner the tax assessment would resume in 2019. On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, the Board approved Resolution #03-05-18-01 Abating Taxes. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Jenna Wagner, Mississippi Valley Child Protection, regarding their request to place blue pinwheels and signs in the Muscatine County Courthouse flower planters, along the sidewalk at the Muscatine County Jail and in front of the Community Services Building for April's Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board approved a request from Mississippi Valley Child Protection to place blue pinwheels and signs in the Muscatine County Courthouse flower planters, along the sidewalk at the Muscatine County Jail and in front of the Community Services Building for April's Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the following utility permits: Eastern Iowa Light and Power – installation of a 330 foot underground cable at 1210 217th Street in Pike Township; and Eastern Iowa Light and Power – placement of new poles and boring for electric lines beneath a future culvert on Iron City Avenue in Section 9-T77N-R3W. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Howard the Board approved Resolution #03-05-18-02 Authorizing Weight Embargoes on Secondary Roads in Muscatine County. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with County Engineer Keith White regarding a citizen's asking about the possibility of improving a Level B Road in order to build a hog confinement lot. White stated the citizen would improve the road at their expense and pay all future road maintenance up to the confinement site if the Board approved a proposal. White stated he was not asking for a decision from the Board at this time and was just making the Board aware of the citizen's questions.

White updated the Board on current road conditions.

On a motion by Howard, second by Sorensen, minutes of the February 26, 2018 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Mather and Sorensen received calls from Dave Gobin, City of Muscatine, regarding his concerns on the Board's action to cancel a contract with the City.

Mather received an email regarding a citizen's concern on State Benefits.

Sorensen received a call from a resident in Fairport regarding a culvert issue.

Bonebrake received an email regarding a possible harassment issue.

Committee Reports:

Sauer, Sorensen and Mather attended the Muscatine County Conference Board meeting February 27th.

Sauer and Mather attended a Bi-State Regional meeting February 28th.

Sorensen and Sauer attended the Farm Bureau annual meeting February 27th.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather the Board authorized the Chair to sign a letter of support for the West Liberty Downtown Task Force application for a Community Development Block Grant. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Bonebrake, second by Sorensen, the Board accepted the February 2018 payroll claims. Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 A.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Scott Sauer, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors