

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, June 10, 2024

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

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

On a motion by Sauer, second by Chick, the Board approved claims dated June 10, 2024 in the amount of \$1,232,186.07. Ayes: All.

A Public Hearing was called to order by Chairperson Sorensen at 9:02 A.M. on a request from Mark and Juila Peterson, Record Owners, to rezone approximately 3.42 acres, located in Moscow Township, in the NE ¼ of Sec. 2-T78N-R2W, 2646 100<sup>th</sup> Street Wilton, Iowa, from A-1 Agricultural District to R-1 Residential District. Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas reviewed the zoning request stating the current Comprehensive Land Use Plan does not appear to support this rezoning. The property contains approximately 3.2 acres. To the west is a parcel of land of similar size with one single-family dwelling and to the east is farmland. The predominant land uses in the vicinity are agricultural and heavy industrial. The corporate limits of the City of Wilton are approximately 1225 feet east of this parcel and according to the Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map, the area between this property and east to the current city limits of Wilton is expected to support additional industrial development as the western edge of the Wilton corporate limits consists of an industrial park. The expected industrial use of this vicinity in the future is to provide for planned and managed growth of industrial uses and industrial land uses are not considered compatible with residential developments. There are no existing residential developments in the vicinity, which would make this request "spot zoning". Mark Peterson stated the request is to divide their property in two for the purpose of building a one-story house west of their current house.

On a motion by Chick, second by Kirchner, the Board closed the public hearing at 9:17 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Chick, the Board moved to approve an ordinance rezoning approximately 3.42 acres in Moscow Township from A-1 Agricultural District to R-1 Residential District on the first of three readings. Roll call vote: Ayes: 0; Nays: 4. Motion failed.

Sheriff Quinn Reiss presented the 2024 HIDTA Sub Award Recipient Agreement and FY24/25 Iowa Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program requests.

On a motion by Chick, second by Kirchner, the Board authorized the Sheriff to execute a 2024 HIDTA Sub Award Recipient Agreement and related documents in the amount of \$73,305.00. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Chick, second by Sauer, the Board authorized the Chair to execute a FY24/25 Iowa Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program contract in the amount of \$32,300.00. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kirchner, second by Sauer, the Board moved to approve a renewal of a Class B Wine, Class C (Carryout Beer), Class E (LE) and Sunday Sales Permit for Casey's Marketing Co., dba Casey's General Store #2472, 1334 Hwy 22, Nichols, IA 52766. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Chick, the Board approved the minutes of the June 3, 2024 regular meeting. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Sorensen received information from Colonel Robert Sinkler, Executive Coordinating Director of Corn Belt Ports, regarding Port of Eastern Iowa. Sinkler requested to present information at a future board meeting. The Board consensus was to contact Greater Muscatine Chamber of Commerce and Industry President Brad Bark and Scott County Board of Supervisor's Chairperson, Ken Beck to arrange a joint meeting to discuss the proposed Port of Eastern Iowa.

Sorensen was notified of the mental health organization CCBHC and the demonstration process for the federal financial program and benefits.

Committee Reports:

Sorensen attended a Mental Housing Council meeting on June 5, 2024.

Sorensen and Sauer attended a special meeting for the Muscatine County Conservation Board on June 3, 2024 to discuss the proposed project options for the Deep Lakes Campground project.

General Services Supervisor Oscar Alvarez reviewed the Jail HVAC Balancing Agreement with Systems Management & Balancing, Inc. to test, adjust and balance the HVAC system.

On a motion by Chick, second by Kirchner, the Board moved to accepted a quote from Systems Management & Balancing, Inc, Waukee, Iowa, in the amount of \$52,020.00 to balance the Jail HVAC system. Ayes: All.

Budget Administrator Kala Naber reviewed the CLG Grant that was approved for the Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission for the Fruit and Vegetable Survey project which is grant funded accept for an amount of \$1,361.00, which the Commission will fund.

On a motion by Chick, second by Sauer, the Board authorized the Chair to execute a consulting contract for the Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission for the Fruit and Vegetable Survey. Ayes: All.

Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber requested from the Board to extend the health and dental insurance open enrollment periods due to the delay in receiving mandatory information that is required to give to each employee (such as the summary of benefits for each plan) was not received from Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield until Friday, June 7, 2024.

On a motion by Chick, second by Kirchner, the Board moved to extend the health insurance annual enrollment and dental insurance open enrollment periods to June 21, 2024. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Chick, the Board accepted May 2024 payroll claims. Ayes: All.

Schreiber reminded the Board of the Special Board meeting on Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 9:00 A.M. to canvass the 2024 Primary Election held on June 4, 2024.

County Auditor Tibe Vander Linden thanked the election workers, deputy reserve officers and the Auditor staff, for their hard work for the 2024 Primary Election held on June 4, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 A.M.

ATTEST:

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Brandy Harfst  
2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Auditor

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Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors