

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, February 13, 2023

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

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

Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission member Lynn Pruitt reviewed the 2022 Work Plan with their accomplishments and the 2023 Work Plan. Pruitt stated the Commission is able to keep their CLG status due to maintaining their membership, along with conducting ten meetings yearly (with a quorum for all but one). Pruitt reviewed their work with many of the local entities around the county to continue the County's repository of historic information and artifacts. He stated the 2025 Historic Summit will be held in Muscatine County. In 2023, the Commission will be working on the Historic County Jail restoration and development of a County Museum and Archive, Country Schools and Churches, Nichols Historic Homes and Churches, Wilton and West Liberty Historic Neighborhoods, the Fairport Fish Hatchery, and County-wide Historic Transportation Survey. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, the Board accepted the Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission's 2022 Work Plan with Accomplishments and the 2023 Work Plan. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Chick, second by Sorensen, the Board authorized the Chair to sign the Iowa Certified Local Government 2022 Annual Report. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Pruitt regarding the Certified Local Government Grant contract for a \$35,000 grant (\$21,000 grant award with \$3,650 cash and \$10,350 in-kind match requirements) between the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and Muscatine County (on behalf of the Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission) for a survey of transportation development in Muscatine County project. On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board authorized the Chair to execute documents related to a Certified Local Government Grant contract. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board approved the Iowa DOT Agreement No-5-23-HBP-S-004 for utilization of Federal Bridge Funds for a bridge project on Trolley Avenue over Sweetland Creek. Ayes: All.

Muscatine County Engineer Bryan Horesowsky updated the Board on Secondary Roads design projects. During the discussion about survey work on Stewart Road, it was suggested that the Engineer's Office should coordinate with Muscatine Power & Water and Muscatine County Conservation to see if their projects could be coordinated.

Horesowsky reported that he has taken possession of one of two motor graders which were ordered back in November 2021. This grader was a 2023 model. The second motor grader should be received in the next month or two.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, the Board approved the minutes of the February 6, 2023 regular meeting. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

All Supervisors received a letter from the Secondary Roads Union.

Sorensen received a call from Sue Johannsen in regards to using ARPA funds to compensate daycare providers an additional \$2.00 per hour. Sorensen referred her to the Impact Muscatine.

Sorensen received a call from a Muscatine County resident about the swimming pool in Wilton to see if the County could help with funds for grant writing. He recommended contacting the Community Foundation.

Mather received correspondence in regards to the American Legion and the Veteran Affairs Director Eric Sanders having discussions and moving forward regarding the grave flags.

Mather had discussion with some residents regarding the proposed Canadian Pacific merger.

Chick met with the Teamsters Union Representative and stewards from the Jail, Deputies and Secondary Roads unions.

Chick received a call from a Contractor about the trains blocking Dick Drake Road.

Chick received several calls from the veterans regarding the grave flags.

Kirchner received a several calls in regards to solar issues.

Kirchner received an email regarding a zoning issue that he forwarded to Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas.

Mather had discussions with the West Liberty Mayor to help build relationships with the City of West Liberty.

Committee & Meeting Reports:

Sorensen attended Eastern Iowa MH/DS Region budget meeting on February 8, 2023.

Mather attended General Housing Council meeting on February 7, 2023 by Zoom.

Chick attended Progress Muscatine Group meeting on February 6, 2023 by Zoom.

Chick attended General Housing Council meeting on February 7, 2023 by Zoom.

Chick attended Mississippi Valley Workforce Area Board meeting on February 10, 2023.

Kirchner attended WELEAD meeting on February 7, 2023.

Kirchner attended WELEAD quarterly meeting on February 10, 2023.

Muscatine County Attorney Jim Barry updated the Board on the Drainage District #13. Barry discussed moving the Fines Collection Office back to the County Attorney's main office and plans for some staff reorganization within his office.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:06 A.M.

ATTEST:

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Tibe Vander Linden  
County Auditor

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Scott Sauer, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors