

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, March 1, 2021

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

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

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board approved a Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau (GTSB) LE Highway Safety Grant application in the amount of \$43,893.00. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #03-01-21-01 Abating Taxes: Buildings on Leased Land. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

RESOLUTION #03-01-21-01
ABATING TAXES: BUILDINGS ON LEASED LAND

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Muscatine:

1. That pursuant to a request by the Muscatine County Treasurer, attached hereto and made a part hereof by this reference, taxes, interest, fees and costs accrued, due and owing on the properties described as on the request are hereby abated.
2. That the Treasurer is hereby directed to strike the amount due from the tax rolls.

Passed and approved this 1st day of March, 2021.

/s/ Tibe Vander Linden
Muscatine County Auditor

/s/ Santos Saucedo, Chairperson
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Sorenson, second by Sauer, minutes of the February 22, 2021 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

All Board members received emails regarding COVID-19 updates from Unity Public Health Director Christy Roby-Williams.

All Board members received an email from Emergency Manager Brian Wright regarding the spring flood forecast.

All Board members received an email from Sheriff Quinn Riess regarding the Compensation Board recommendation.

Holliday and Saucedo received emails regarding the Lucky LLC hog confinement.

Sorensen and Saucedo attended a meeting with the Farm Bureau Executive Board on February 23, 2021.

Saucedo had discussions with Senator Lofgren and Representative Mark Cisneros regarding House Bill 194 and the proposed Bill on the Levee.

Saucedo received a call about the proposed Social Media platform that has been discussed as a possibility.

Mather received a compliment from a citizen on the snow and ice removal on county roads.

Committee Reports:

Sauer, Sorensen & Saucedo attended the Compensation Board meeting on February 23, 2021.

Saucedo, Sauer and Sorensen attended the Conference Board meeting on February 23, 2021.

Sauer and Saucedo attended the Bi-State Regional Planning Commission on February 24, 2021 as a virtual meeting.

Sorensen attended the Eastern Iowa Mental Health Region meeting on February 22, 2021 as virtual meeting.

Sorensen attended the Muscatine County/Muscatine City Joint Administration Board meeting on February 18, 2021.

Saucedo attended the West Liberty Economic Area Development meeting on February 25, 2021 as virtual meeting.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the request from the City of Muscatine to use the county owned building on Washington Street for temporary storage through May 15, 2021 subject to confirmation the City's insurance will cover their contents. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board set a public hearing on the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and cost estimate for the Muscatine County Attorney's Office Remodel Project for Monday, March 22, 2021 at 9:00 A.M. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber regarding the Muscatine County Compensation Board FY21/22 salary recommendations for elected officials. A letter from the Muscatine County Compensation Board recommended a 4% increase for the Supervisors and the elected officials effective July 1, 2021. Sorensen recommended the Board consider a 2.8 or 2.9% increase for elected officials and 0% increase for Supervisors. Sorensen stated that 2.8% to 2.9% increase is the same proposed increase for County employees and based on unknown factors for the next year due to Covid-19 and the uncertainties going forward with four open union contracts, the Board should review and consider the lower percentage. Sorensen also noted that there is a unique situation with a new Attorney, Auditor and Sheriff. Saucedo stated that the Compensation Board was pleased that their recommendations have been approved in the past and Saucedo recommended that the Board consider 2.9% across the board for Elected Officials and Supervisors. Saucedo also stated that Sheriff Riess sent the Board a letter recommending that the Sheriff's department compensation increase to match or be slightly higher increase to whatever is negotiated with the Patrol Division bargaining unit. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, the Board approved a 2.9% increase for the Sheriff, Attorney, Auditor, Treasurer and Reorder and a 0% increase for the Board of Supervisors. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Holliday, Sauer, Mather and Sorensen; Nay: Saucedo

Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber reviewed a position for Full-Time Corrections Sergeant for the Jail. Schreiber stated the hiring reason is due to a resignation and the position is Grade 11/Step 9. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board approved the hiring of a Correction Sergeant at Grade 11/Step 9. Ayes: All.

Schreiber reviewed a position regrading request for the Victim/Witness Coordinator position be moved from Grade 9 to Grade 10. Schreiber stated the job description was updated to reflect additional duties that have been assigned to the position over time. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved regrading the Victim/Witness Coordinator position from Grade 9 to Grade 10. Ayes: All.

Emergency Manager Brian Wright reported on the spring flooding forecast and stated the secondary roads will be monitored for flooding issues.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas reviewed the Sheriff's Quarters Project and stated that he will request a temporary permit for occupancy.

The meeting was adjourned at 9.35 A.M.

ATTEST:

Tibe Vander Linden
County Auditor

Santos Saucedo, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors