

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, March 15, 2021

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

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

Discussion was held with Jenna Wagner, Prevent Violence Coalition, 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 Muscatine County Community Services Building for April's Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board approved the request from Prevent Violence Coalition 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 Muscatine County Community Services Building for April's Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month. Roll call vote. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved the renewal application and ownership change for a Class C Beer, Liquor, Sunday Sales and Outdoor Service Permit for West Liberty Golf & Country Club, 1248 Country Heights Lane, West Liberty Iowa. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, minutes of the March 8, 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 with storm updates.

Holliday received a call from a resident about a County Property that is adjacent to a bridge in the Gedney Lake area. Holliday referred the call to the Planning & Zoning Department.

Saucedo had a walk-through of the Sheriff's Quarters on March 8, 2021.

Saucedo received an email reminder for a March 23, 2021 meeting with State Director Debi Durham and the Economic Development Authority.

Saucedo attended a tour of the West Liberty Foods plant on March 12, 2021. Saucedo received updates during the tour from the Plant Manager about the Johnson & Johnson vaccines that have been administered recently to their employees.

Saucedo and Sorensen attended a Workforce Housing meeting on March 10, 2021.

Saucedo and Sorensen attended a conference call with Economic Development Administration (EDA) and Levee Stakeholders on March 11, 2021.

Committee Reports:

Mather and Sorensen attended a M.A.G.I.C. Board meeting on March 8, 2021.

Mather attended a Decategorization Board meeting on March 8, 2021.

Mather attended a Mississippi Valley Workforce Area Board meeting on March 8, 2021.

Mather attended Seventh Judicial District Dept. of Correctional Services Board meeting on March 8, 2021.

Holliday attended Muscatine County Safety Committee meeting on March 10, 2021.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board authorized the Sheriff to execute a 2021 High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Sub Award Recipient Agreement and related documents in the amount of \$73,305.00. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board approved a hiring request for a Corrections Lieutenant Grade 13/Step 9. Ayes: All.

Saucedo appointed Sauer and Sorensen to serve as members to negotiate the FY21/22 salary recommendation for the County Engineer.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, the Board set a Public Hearing for Monday, April 5, 2021 at 9:00 A.M. on the confinement feeding operation permit application from Wapsi Prairie LLC. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board set a Public Hearing for Monday, April 5, 2021 at 9:00 A.M. on the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and cost estimate for the Muscatine County Jail Booking Expansion Project. Ayes: All.

Emergency Manager Brian Wright reviewed the report of the 2021 Spring Flooding outlook.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas stated he attended a conference call with Bi-State Iowa Economic Development with an update about State and Local Hazard Buyout projects. Furnas stated he received a call from a resident about acquiring adjacent owned property near a bridge in the Gedney Lake area and directed the resident to contact the Board of Supervisors. Saucedo stated he attended a tour of the Sheriff's Department and questioned if the final inspection has been done. Furnas stated that they are waiting on Johnson Controls final inspection of the Fire Alarm System.

Auditor Tibe Vander Linden requested clarification on the request from Saucedo to revise the March 1, 2021 regular meeting minutes. Saucedo had previously stated that the March 1, 2021 minutes should be revised to state that the letter from Sheriff Riess to the Board recommended a 0% compensation increase for the Sheriff's department but the minutes should be revised to state that Sheriff Reiss' recommendation was "to match or be a slightly higher compensation increase to whatever is negotiated with Patrol Division bargaining unit". Auditor Vander Linden will revise the minutes to the corrected statement by Saucedo.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board went into Non-public session at 9:24 A.M. pursuant to Chapter 20.17(3), Code of Iowa, to discuss strategy in union negotiations. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: All. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board returned to open session at 10:08 A.M. Roll Call Vote: Ayes:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:09 A.M.

ATTEST:

Tibe Vander Linden
Auditor

Santos Saucedo, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors