

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, March 29, 2021

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

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

Discussion was held with County Engineer Keith White regarding the Muscatine County DOT FY 2022 Secondary Roads Five Year Program and Secondary Roads Budget. White reviewed the advantages of cost savings with the SWAP program. In discussion, White confirmed that all secondary road projects documented as projects are completed and future projects are scheduled as the need arises. White stated that three of the bridges on the Secondary Roads Five Year Program are on the Historic listings. The Board discussed the additional CARES Act funding that is expected and the possibility of using the funds for infrastructures. Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber stated the funds usage or restrictions for the additional CARES Act funding have not been confirmed.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday the Board approved the Muscatine DOT FY 2022 Secondary Roads Five Year Program and Secondary Roads Budget. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the following utility permits: Eastern Iowa Light & Power (REC) of Lone Tree, Iowa - installing 4/0 Quad (3 covered conductors and one bare bundled cable) across 160th Street West of 1679 160th St. Sec 31-T78N-R03W and installing 4/0 Quad (3 covered conductors and one bare bundled cable) across 160th Street East of the driveway for 1750 160th St. Sec 32-T78N-R03W. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Keith White updated the Board on various Secondary Roads projects.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the minutes of the March 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 Representative Cisneros regarding the Secondary Roads reclassification SF 234.

Saucedo received a call from Senator Lofgren regarding the Housing and Levee bills.

Saucedo received a call from Representative Cisneros regarding SF 234.

All Board members received an email about a proposed Wilton Annexation.

All Board members received an email about a Wild Cat Den DNR Forest Management meeting on May 4, 2021.

Saucedo, Mather, Holliday and Sorensen attended the Iowa Economic Development Authority meeting on March 23, 2021.

Saucedo received a call about the Elder Avenue area regarding wash out road conditions.

Sauer received a call from a resident on 152nd Street about a road issue that County Engineer Keith White has addressed.

Holliday received a call about a culvert problem on the intersection of Keokuk Avenue & Bayfield Road.

Holliday received an email from Virginia Cooper about researching a photo biography of the 100 and 50 year area farms and trying to get participants.

Holliday attended the Muscatine County Consignment sale on March 27, 2021.

Committee Reports:

Sauer and Sorensen attended the Bi-State Board Regional virtual meeting on March 23, 2021.

Saucedo attended the West Liberty Economic Area Development (WELEAD) virtual meeting on March 25, 2021.

Saucedo attended the Greater Muscatine Chamber of Commerce & Industry Annual meeting on March 25, 2021 in person.

Mather attended the Mississippi Valley Workforce Area Finance meeting March 24, 2021.

Sorensen attended the Eastern Iowa Mental Health Special Session virtual meeting to discuss additional grants with the CARES Act on March 22, 2021.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board re-appointed Carol Schlueter to the Muscatine County Zoning Board of Adjustment for a five-year term ending March 31, 2026. Saucedo stated he appreciated her continued work with the Zoning Board. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved the March 2021 payroll claims. Ayes: All.

Schreiber stated there is a Joint Virtual Meeting with Muscatine City Council, Muscatine School Board and Muscatine County Board of Supervisors on March 30, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

County Auditor Tibe Vander Linden stated that March 30, 2021 has been declared Iowa High School Voter Registration Day. Vander Linden stated the date coincides with the 50th Anniversary ratifying the 26th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution lowering the voting age from 21 to age 18. Vander Linden stated Muscatine High School and West Liberty High School history teachers have confirmed they will hold voter registration drives in conjunction with their Student Councils.

County Engineer Keith White stated the new version in the SF 234, Section 309.57 has a new definition of the access point to include driveways on secondary roads. White stated the new version is why Representative Cisneros has contacted Board members. White stated the passing of this bill will not be a concern to the County.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 A.M.

ATTEST:

Tibe Vander Linden
County Auditor

Santos Saucedo, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors