

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, April 24, 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.

Wellmark Executive Account Representative Devonne Harford gave a presentation of the 2023 Renewal Report. Harford reviewed various health claim statistics and group demographics with the Board stating the current allowed per member per year (PMPY) for county employees is \$8,535 with a 45.1% change from the prior period. Harford stated the PMPY is a 20.7% variance from the Wellmark benchmark. Harford stated the increase to expected claims to be 7.73% and the increase to suggested rates to be 8.94%.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner the Board approved 10 upcoming special event permits for Ardon Creek Vineyard and Winery, LLC, as requested by Kim James, General Manager. (Article III, Section 3.26 of the Zoning Ordinance allows native wineries or cider mills as a special use, subject to specific requirements, including Board of Supervisors' approval of any special event at which (1) wine will be sold for onsite consumption and (2) attendance of more than 35 persons is anticipated). Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Chick, the Board approved the following utility permit: Eastern Iowa Light and Power REC, Wilton, Iowa -bore three-2-inch duct across 180th Street from an existing pole to a grain bin. Section 17-T77N-01W. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Bryan Horesowsky updated the Board on secondary road projects. Horesowsky stated the department recently received a motor grader ordered in November 2021.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board approved the minutes of the April 17, 2023 regular meeting. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

All Supervisors received an email from Alyce Spoto questioning if gravel trucks traveling on Mulberry Avenue can be cited if they do not have their loads covered. Sorensen stated he contacted Sheriff Riess regarding the Iowa Code that addresses this issue.

All Supervisors received an email invitation for the Levee Stakeholder's Commission meeting on May 4, 2023, 4:00 p.m. at the Merrill Hotel.

All Supervisors received a phone call from James Buser regarding uncontrolled intersections on rural roads in the county.

Sauer received a call from a resident regarding all-terrain vehicles (ATV) and off-road utility vehicles (OTV) on county roads and how the county restrictions correspond with the state restrictions and ordinances. Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber stated she will contact County Attorney Jim Barry to review the regulations and if any changes should be discussed.

Chick received several calls from residents requesting information regarding county road restrictions for ATV/OTV usage.

Kirchner received a call from Rhonda Hahn regarding a neighboring property on Echo Avenue, Letts, with garbage and refuse. Kirchner contacted Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas.

Committee and Meetings Reports:

Sorensen attended an Eastern Iowa Mental Health and Disability Region meeting on April 17, 2023.

Sorensen attended a Bi-State Finance Committee meeting on April 19, 2023.

Sorensen attended a County-wide Emergency Management Services (EMS) meeting on April 19, 2023 regarding rural ambulance services.

Sorensen attended a State Mental Health and Disability Services Region meeting on April 20, 2023. Sorensen stated this was his final meeting as he did not accept the re-appointment to this board.

Mather attended a Decategorization Board meeting on April 18, 2023.

Mather attended a Wilton Chamber and Development Alliance Board meeting on April 19, 2023.

Mather attended a Muscatine County Veterans Affairs Commission meeting on April 19, 2023.

Sauer attended a Muscatine County Conservation Board meeting on April 17, 2023.

Sauer attended a Riverbend Transit Board meeting on April 19, 2023.

Chick attended a Mississippi Valley Workforce Area CEO Board meeting on April 18, 2023.

Chick attended a Mississippi Valley Workforce Area New CEO training meeting on April 21, 2023.

Kirchner attended a Muscatine County Fair Board meeting on April 20, 2023.

Kirchner attended a Muscatine County Fair Work Day on April 22, 2023.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board authorized the Chair to execute a contract with Cost Advisory Service Inc. for cost allocation services for FY22/23, FY23/24 and FY24/25.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board accepted the April 2023 payroll claims.

Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber stated the Joint City/School District/County meeting will be held on Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. The location is to be determined as the Riverview Center has flooding issues.

Charles Lorensen, 1808 Briarwood Lane, Muscatine, Iowa stated his concerns with the Board agenda not posted on the county bulletin board on Friday morning and stated the Muscatine Journal no longer publishes the agenda. Lorensen stated his concerns with property tax increases. Lorensen requested that citizens should be informed of the agenda items for public meetings and to lower the county budget.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 A.M.

ATTEST:

Tibe Vander Linden
County Auditor

Scott Sauer, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors