

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, May 9, 2022

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

Discussion was held with Brad Roeth of Watersmith Engineering regarding the Muscatine County Fairgrounds Grandstand Walkway Renovation project. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Saucedo, the Board approved the proposal from Watersmith Engineering for engineering services for the Muscatine County Fairgrounds Grandstand Walkway Renovation project in the amount of \$16,000. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board approved Proclamation #05-09-22-01 Mental Health Month - May 2022. Ayes: All.

**PROCLAMATION #05-09-22-01
MENTAL HEALTH MONTH – MAY 2022**

WHEREAS, mental health is essential to everyone's overall health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, Mental Health America reports 46% of Americans will meet the criteria for a diagnosable mental health condition sometime in their life, and half of those people will develop conditions by the age of 14; and

WHEREAS, prevention and awareness are effective ways to reduce the burden of mental health conditions; and

WHEREAS, there is a strong body of research that supports specific tools that all Americans can use to better handle challenges, and protect their health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, mental health conditions are real and prevalent in our county regardless of socioeconomic boundaries; and

WHEREAS, we encourage our citizens to get help for mental health conditions and to understand it is as important to treat as any other illness, such as diabetes or heart disease; and

WHEREAS, each business, school, government agency, healthcare provider, organization and citizens share the burden of mental health problems and has a responsibility to promote mental wellness and support prevention efforts; and

WHEREAS, through increased awareness, we can achieve our goal to abandon negative stigmatism and reinforce our acceptance of individuals seeking treatment.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors do hereby proclaim May 2022 as Mental Health Month, and call upon the citizens, government

agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools of Muscatine County, Iowa to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental health, the steps our citizens can take to protect their mental health, and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental illnesses at all stages.

ATTEST:

/s/Susan Schnedler
Second Deputy Auditor

/s/Scott Sauer, Chairperson
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Sorenson, second by Holliday, the Board approved a request to hire Eric Sanders as the Veterans Affairs Director at an annual salary of \$51,010. Ayes: All. Saucedo stated his appreciation for Muscatine Community Services Director Felicia Toppert's efforts in recruiting an experienced person to fill this position. Toppert stated the Veterans Affairs Commission reviewed and sanctioned the procedures for this hiring and she appreciated all their work and effort in this process.

Discussion was held with Toppert regarding efforts to get a mental health center back in Muscatine County. The State is currently working on the rules for the center. Michelle Servadio Elias spoke in regards to the obstacles with the State and Federal regulation for the mental health centers.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board approved an ordinance rezoning approximately 6.0 acres in Fulton Township from A-1 Agriculture District to C-2 Commercial District on the second of three readings. Roll call vote. Ayes: All.

Planning and Zoning Administrator, Eric Furnas reviewed a variance granted by the Muscatine County Board of Adjustment on Friday, May 6, 2022. Case #22-05-01 is an application filed by Jennifer J. Blake and Travis L. Clements, Record Owners. This property is located in Fruitland Township, in the NW 1/4 of Sec. 6-T76N-R2W, the Oaks Subdivision, Lot 4, 2238 Deer Trail Road, containing approximately 2.26 acres and is zoned R-3 Residential District. This request, if approved, would allow the Zoning Administrator to issue a Variance in order for them to build a 28' x 34' detached garage only 10 feet from the west property line, instead of the required 25 feet. This building site is over 100 feet north of the intersection of Deer Trail Road and 231st Street, so there would be no site distance issues for vehicles' attempt to enter 231st Street. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Saucedo, the Board accepted the variance. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorenson, second by Holliday, the Board approved the following utility permits: Durant Municipal Electric – replacing 12470 power line under 927 east of Vertle Ave, Section 5-T78N-RO1E; Eastern Iowa Light & Power – set sectionalizer cabinet on westside of Sweetland Road, bore under Sweetland Road to provide power to a new house being built, Section 16-77N-1W; remove overhead (OH) lines and poles to replace the OH line with new UG cable (7,200V). This cable will be bored using 2" duct which will be 10' under the creek bed for bridge project L-(MW-5)—73-70, Section 26-T78N-R2W; to set new junction box near an existing pole near

1713 Lindle Ave bore 2” duct under the road, to the east, into the private property of 1713 Lindle Ave. The 2” duct will have our 7,200 V cable in it which will be to get our overhead lines that feed the power to both 1705 and 1713 Lindle Avenue, out of the private wooded Right of Way, Section 7-T77N-R2W Ayes: All.

County Engineer Keith White updated the Board on secondary road projects.

On a motion by Mather, second by Saucedo, the Board approved the minutes of the May 2, 2022 regular meeting. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Holliday received a call in regard to rock pile located on Tipton Rd. He contacted County Engineers Office and this was taken care of immediately.

Saucedo received a call from a resident thanking Keith White and his team and hearing their concerns in regards to the road conditions on 245th Street, Conesville, Iowa.

Committees and meetings:

Holliday worked at the West Liberty Stock Car races at the Muscatine County Fairgrounds on May 7th, 2022.

Saucedo attended a meeting with the US Army Corps of Engineers with Denise Bolat and Klinger Associates in regards to the Levee Improvement Project on May 3rd, 2022.

Saucedo attended a meeting with the Muscatine City Administrator Carol Webb in regards to childcare providers and economic development growth on May 5th, 2022.

Saucedo attended a meeting with the Welding Advisory Committee on May 6th, 2022.

Sorenson attended meetings with the Emergency Management Administration Commission and E911 Service Board on May 5th, 2022.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather the Board approved Resolution #05-09-22-01 Transferring Funds from the Rural Services Fund to the Secondary Roads Fund. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

RESOLUTION # 05-09-22-01

**TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE RURAL SERVICES FUND TO THE
SECONDARY ROADS FUND**

WHEREAS, it is desired to authorize the Auditor periodically to transfer sums from the Rural Services Fund to the Secondary Roads Fund; and

WHEREAS, said transfers must be in accordance with Sections 331.429 and 331.432 of the Code of Iowa.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors that the Auditor is authorized to transfer \$1,060,000 from the Rural Services Fund to the Secondary Roads Fund.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 9th day of May, 2022.

ATTEST:

/s/Susan Schnedler
Second Deputy Auditor

/s/Scott Sauer, Chairperson
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Saucedo, the Board approved increasing the credit limit by \$2000 on the General Services Department credit card. The credit limit is currently \$3000 and will increase to \$5000. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Saucedo, the Board authorized the execution of the Wellmark third party administration documents for FY22/23. Ayes: All.

On a motions by Sorensen, second by Saucedo the Board approved to set the FY22/23 health and dental premiums as recommended. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Saucedo, the Board set the health insurance annual enrollment and dental insurance open enrollment periods for FY22/23 from May 13, 2022 to June 3, 2022. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held regarding the wellness program through Wellmark. The Board directed Nancy Schreiber, Administrative Services Director, to review all options and make recommendations at a later date.

Amy Zybarth, Muscatine County Treasurer discussed closing her office on August 2nd, 2022 for the entire staff to attend meetings in Ainsworth with the Iowa Department of Transportation.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:56 A.M.

ATTEST:

Tibe Vander Linden
County Auditor

Scott Sauer, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors