

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, June 8, 2020

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

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

A Public Hearing was called to order by Chairperson Sorensen at 9:00 A.M. on proposed amendments to the FY19/20 Muscatine County Budget. No one spoke for or against the proposed budget amendments. Budget Administrator Sherry Seright reviewed the proposed amendments with the Board. On a motion by Saucedo, second by Holliday, the public hearing was closed at 9:07 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Saucedo, second by Mather, the Board approved Resolution #06-08-20-01 Amending the Fiscal Year 2019/20 Budget. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION #06-08-20-01  
AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2019/20 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has held a Public Hearing pursuant to Chapter 331, Code of Iowa, to amend the Fiscal Year 2019/20 County Budget; and

WHEREAS, the explanation is increased expenditures and revenues during the current fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, after consideration of all comments at said hearing, the Board of Supervisors has determined that it will be necessary to amend the Fiscal Year 2019/20 budget; and

WHEREAS, the amendment does not increase the taxes to be collected in the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2020;

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the following service area expenditures and revenues of the Fiscal Year 2019/20 County Budget be amended:

PUBLIC SAFETY & LEGAL SERVICES expenditures increased by	\$17,564
PHYSICAL HLTH & SOCIAL SERVICES expenditures increased by	\$197,000
MENTAL HEALTH expenditures increased by	\$0
COUNTY ENVIRONMENT expenditures increased by	\$11,000
ROADS & TRANSPORTATION expenditures increased by	\$0
GOV'T SERVICES TO RESIDENTS expenditures increased by	\$16,200
ADMINISTRATION expenditures increased by	\$25,000
NONPROGRAM expenditures increased by	\$0
CAPITAL PROJECTS expenditures increased by	\$0

DEBT SERVICE expenditures increased by \$0  
\$266,764

INTERGOVERNMENTAL revenues increased by	\$677,864
CHARGES FOR SERVICES revenues increased by	\$33,000
LICENSES & PERMITS revenues decreased by	(\$20,500)
USE OF MONEY & PROPERTY revenues increased by	\$85,000
MISCELLANEOUS revenues increased by	\$50,000
PROCEEDS OF FIXED ASSET SALES increased by	\$0
LONG TERM DEBT PROCEEDS increased by	<u>\$0</u>
	\$825,364

PASSED AND APPROVED this 8th day of June, 2020.

ATTEST:

/s/Leslie A. Soule  
Muscatine County Auditor

/s/Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson  
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Sauer, second by Holliday, the Board approved Resolution #06-08-20-02 FY2019/20 Budget Appropriations. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION #06-08-20-02  
FY 2019/20 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS**

WHEREAS, a public hearing has been held pursuant to Section 331.434(6), Code of Iowa, regarding proposed increases in expenditure amounts for Fiscal Year 2019/20: and

WHEREAS, the amendment does not increase the taxes to be collected in the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2020: and

WHEREAS, all comments from the public have been heard;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following amounts be appropriated as follows:

01	Board/Administration	0
02	Auditor	16,200
03	Treasurer	0
04	Attorney	0
05	Sheriff	6,664
06	Jail	0
07	Recorder	0
20	Engineer	0
22	Conservation Board	0
24	DHS	0
25	Community Services	10,000

28	Medical Examiner	10,900
30	Court Services	0
31	Board of Health	187,000
51	General Services	25,000
52	Information Services	0
53	Zoning	0
60	Mental Health Administration	0
99	Nondepartmental	11,000
00	Nonprogram	0

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\$266,764

It is further resolved that all appropriations made pursuant to this RESOLUTION lapse at the close of business on June 30, 2020.

Passed and approved this 8th day of June, 2020.

ATTEST:

/s/Leslie A. Soule

Muscatine County Auditor

/s/Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

Eastern Iowa Mental Health Region CEO Lori Elam reviewed the proposed amended 28E agreement for the Eastern Iowa Mental Health-Disability Services Region. Elam stated the main reason for amending the 28E was to include children's behavioral health as required by legislation passed in 2019. Elam stated the amended 28E would also require an alternate Board member be appointed from each County to fill-in when the current Governing Board member from that County is unable to attend meetings. Elam stated voting procedures were updated, "transfer funds" were addressed under Region Finances, and dispute resolution language was added. In response to a question from Saucedo, Elam explained the makeup of the Boards and Committees. Saucedo expressed concern with Counties being fairly represented on the various Boards and Committees. Elam stated they specifically made sure all five counties were represented on the Boards and Committees. Sorensen stated they are asking for volunteers for major commitments which has been difficult. Elam stated right now 6 out of the 12 volunteers are from Muscatine County. Mather asked for clarification regarding if the reappointment of directors is obligatory if they want to serve again. Mather suggested removing the obligatory provision. Elam stated the Governing Board does not have authority, according to DHS, to approve only confirm the appointment of Advisory Committee members to the Governing Board. Mather asked for clarification of the 2/3 quorum of Directors required for voting. Mather also asked for clarification of the section pertaining to a voluntary withdrawal by a County due to failure to levy what is recommended and what the effective date of the withdrawal would be. Elam will seek clarification on Mather's issues. Mather asked if it was intended to allow the addition of new Counties without the unanimous approval of existing counties in the Region. Sorensen stated he understood the intent of the Board was to approve the addition of a new County with a simple majority. Board consensus was to table consideration of the 28E Agreement until the issues brought up in this meeting had been addressed.

Discussion was held with Community Services Director/Disability Services Coordinator Felicia Toppert regarding the performance based FY20/21 Shelter Services contract. Toppert stated the Domestic Violence Shelter is not covered by State Code and she believes should be included in the Shelter Services contract. Toppert suggested funding the Domestic Violence Shelter at a Tier 4 level. In response to a question from Saucedo, Toppert stated the Domestic Violence Shelter is currently funded through fundraising. Board consensus was to provide support for the Domestic Violence Shelter by adding its population to the performance based contract.

Saucedo asked Toppert about the effect of COVID-19 on evictions in the next couple of weeks when the courts reopen. Toppert stated there is funding to assist with housing at this time, but she believes it could become more of an issue in July.

County Attorney Jim Barry updated the Board on activities in the County Attorney's Office stating he has hired an Assistant County Attorney to replace the employee that resigned prior to his appointment.

Discussion was held with County Attorney Jim Barry regarding the upcoming reopening of the Courthouse. Barry stated if non-jury type trials start being held in magistrate court, he has set up a station in their conference room to be able to handle those cases through the Attorney's Office via Go To Meetings in case the Courthouse does not open soon. Barry stated he would like to see the Courthouse open as soon as possible for non-jury trials, but traffic flow, signage and getting people in and out has to be considered. Barry stated jury trials are a problem because there is no physical place to socially distance a jury so he does not know at this time when the Courthouse will be opened.

Discussion was held with Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas regarding the naming and platting of a private shared drive in Muscatine County. Furnas stated the private shared drive services six houses that have Hwy 22 addresses, but are not within sight of Hwy 22. Furnas stated it is not a platted subdivision and the homeowners are all in support of renaming the private drive to Thunder Ridge. Furnas stated a street sign will be placed at the entrance from the highway and E911 signs will be placed at each driveway. On a motion by Saucedo, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #06-08-20-04 Recognizing the Naming and Platting of a Private Shared Drive in Muscatine County. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION #06-08-20-04**  
**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE NAMING AND PLATTING OF A PRIVATE**  
**SHARED DRIVE IN MUSCATINE COUNTY**

WHEREAS, residential development in the 2800 block of Highway 22 East in Muscatine County has created a situation necessitating the assignment of additional rural 911 addresses; and

WHEREAS, the addresses of 2857 Highway 22, 2859 Highway 22, 2861 Highway 22, 2863 Highway 22, 2867 Highway 22, and 2871 Highway 22 all share a private drive off of Highway 22; and

WHEREAS, the addresses of 2857 Highway 22, 2859 Highway 22, 2861 Highway 22, 2863 Highway 22, 2867 Highway 22, and 2871 Highway 22 are not visible from Highway 22, making them difficult to located by emergency services and delivery services; and

WHEREAS, changing the addresses of 2857 Highway 22, 2859 Highway 22, 2861 Highway 22, 2863 Highway 22, 2867 Highway 22, and 2871 Highway 22 to a named private sub-division road would address the aforementioned issues with locating them as well as free up additional Highway 22 addresses for future development; and

WHEREAS, the County has obtained written approval from all property owners/residents of the addresses of 2857 Highway 22, 2859 Highway 22, 2861 Highway 22, 2863 Highway 22, 2867 Highway 22, and 2871 Highway 22 for their consent to change the name in Muscatine County records to Thunder Ridge addresses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors:

1. The private drive serving the addresses of 2857 Highway 22, 2859 Highway 22, 2861 Highway 22, 2863 Highway 22, 2867 Highway 22, and 2871 Highway 22 is recognized as THUNDER RIDGE with all affected addresses to be changed to reflect said naming.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

ATTEST:

/s/Leslie A. Soule  
Muscatine County Auditor

/s/Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson  
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Sauer, second by Holliday, minutes of the June 1, 2020 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Saucedo reported a call regarding how appointments will be made when the County offices re-open.

Saucedo reported a contact regarding the new West Liberty Economic Area Development (WeLead) President.

Saucedo reported a contact asking when County residents can begin dropping off at the City of Muscatine's compost site.

Holliday and Sorensen reported calls regarding cancellation of the Muscatine County Fair and concerns about the livestock shows.

Sorensen reported a contact asking about the County's policy on body cameras.

No committee reports were noted.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Holliday, the Board authorized the Chairperson to execute a contract with Cost Advisory Services, Inc. for cost allocation services for Muscatine County for FY19/20, FY20/21 and FY21/22 in the amount of \$6,100 per year. Ayes: All.

Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber reviewed a proposed Public Records and Information Policy. On a motion by Mather, second by Holliday, the Board adopted a Public Records and Information Policy. Ayes: All.

Public Health Director Christy-Roby Williams updated the Board on COVID-19 stating Muscatine County has 566 positive cases of which 29 are active and 463 are recovered. Roby Williams stated there have been 41 deaths in Muscatine County, but there have been no additional deaths for over a week. Roby-Williams stated Lutheran Living Senior Campus and Wilton Retirement Community long term care facilities have been released from their outbreak status. Roby-Williams stated Pearl Valley long term care facility has 53 recovered out of 81 positive cases. In response to a question from Mather, Roby Williams stated 91% of the deaths were related to individuals that resided at long term care facilities. Roby-Williams recommended the County move forward cautiously with all of the known precautionary measures in place when it re-opens its buildings. In response to a question from Saucedo, Roby-Williams stated Muscatine County has consistently seen lower numbers each day since May 13<sup>th</sup>.

Emergency Management Director Brian Wright updated the Board on a weather related event with possible local flash flooding coming through the County on Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>.

Michelle Servadio Elias, 609 W. Third Street, requested the Muscatine County Sheriff's Office add a new policy, similar to one added in Cedar Rapids, which would require officers to stop an officer they see using excessive force and report the officer using excessive force to their supervisors. Mather stated the policy is under the purview of the Sheriff, not the Board, and the request should be directed to the Sheriff.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 A.M.

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Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

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Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors