

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, July 20, 2020

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

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

On a motion by Saucedo, second by Mather, the Chairperson was authorized to execute a Memorandum of Understanding for the FFY 2020 Justice Assistance Grant Direct Award in the amount of \$6,305.20. Ayes: All.

Mike Nolan, Horizon Architecture, presented bids for the Muscatine County Jail Partial Roof Replacement Project as follows: Jim Giese Commercial Roofing - \$243,045.00; JR Roofing - \$262,928.00; Blackhawk Roofing - \$282,440.00; T&K Roofing and Sheet Metal - \$289,000.00; Brockway Mechanical and Roofing Co. - \$340,100.00 and Economy Roofing and Insulating Co. - \$353,500.00. On a motion by Saucedo, second by Mather, the Board accepted the bid from the apparent low bidder Jim Giese Commercial Roofing in the amount of \$243,045.00. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Saucedo, second by Sauer, the Board approved a Certificate of Substantial Completion dated July 20, 2020 for the Muscatine County Maintenance Facility Project. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Nolan regarding a change order for the Muscatine County Maintenance Facility Project. Nolan stated the change order was necessary to replace the north bay overhead door with a coil door because when the door is opened, it is interfering with the hoist and gate on the mezzanine. Nolan stated he will forego the rest of his contract management fee to defray the cost of the new door. Saucedo suggested saving the old door or controls for future use. On a motion by Saucedo, second by Mather, the Board approved Change Order #20 for the Muscatine County Maintenance Facility Project from Swanson Construction Co. in the amount of \$9,978.61 with controls and motors from the existing door saved for future use. Ayes: All.

Nolan updated the Board on Muscatine County building projects.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Mather, the Board approved Ordinance #07-20-20-01 Rezoning approximately 0.28 acres in Montpelier Township from C-1 Commercial District to C-2 Commercial District on the third and final reading. Roll Call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Saucedo, the Board approved Ordinance #07-20-20-02 Rezoning approximately 18.92 acres in Fulton Township from A-1 Agricultural District to R-1 Residential District on the third and final reading. Roll Call vote: Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed a Special Use Permit approved by the Muscatine County Board of Adjustment on Friday, July 10, 2020. Case #20-07-01 is an application filed by Central Iowa Power Cooperative, Record Owner by William Sondermann, Manager of Engineering. This property is located in Bloomington Township in the NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Sec. 12-T77N-R2W, 2704 170<sup>th</sup> Street, East of

Hwy. 38 and South of 170<sup>th</sup> Street, containing approximately 4.43 acres, and is zoned A-1 Agricultural District and I-2 Heavy Industrial District. This request, if approved, would allow the Zoning Administrator to issue a Special Use Permit in order for the Record Owner to place an electrical substation on this property. The Board of Adjustment approved this request.

The Board reviewed variances granted by the Muscatine County Board of Adjustment on Friday, July 10, 2020. Case #20-07-01 is an application filed by Central Iowa Power Cooperative, Record Owner by William Sondermann, Manager of Engineering. This property is located in Bloomington Township in the NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Sec. 12-T77N-R2W, 2704 170<sup>th</sup> Street, East of Hwy. 38 and South of 170<sup>th</sup> Street, containing approximately 4.43 acres, and is zoned A-1 Agricultural District and I-2 Heavy Industrial District. This request, if approved, would allow the Zoning Administrator to issue a Variance that would allow a telecommunications tower to be located less than the required distance from property lines. Case #20-07-03 is an application filed by Floyd Newcomb Jr. or Tisha L. Newcomb, Record Owners. This property is located in Bloomington Township, in the NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Sec. 14-T77N-R2W, Goddard's Rolling Oak Hills, Lot 1, 1824 Isett Avenue, containing approximately 1.00 acre and is zoned R-1 Residential District. This request, if approved, would allow the Zoning Administrator to issue a Variance that would allow a garage addition to be located within approximately nine (9') feet of the side property line, instead of the required 15 feet. On a motion by Saucedo, second by Holliday, the Board accepted the variances. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, the Board set a public hearing for Monday, August 17, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. on a request to rezone approximately 6 acres in Seventy-Six Township from C-2 Commercial District to R-1 Residential District. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas regarding a purchase offer for the purchase of 1995 Sweetland Road through the FEMA HMGP acquisition program. Furnas stated funding for the purchase is as follows: 75% Federal - \$138,750; 10% State - \$18,500; and 15% Local - \$27,750. On a motion by Sauer, second by Saucedo, the Chairperson was authorized to execute a Voluntary Property Acquisition Program Purchase Offer for 1995 Sweetland Road, Muscatine, IA in the amount of \$185,000. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Saucedo, second by Holliday, the Board approved the following utility permit: Telcomm Construction – installation of new telephone service at 2610 Stewart Road. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Keith White updated the Board on secondary road projects. White informed the Board the Muscatine Transfer Station has begun charging for trash removed from ditches in the County by Secondary Roads. White asked the Board if they wanted the bills paid out of road funds. Board consensus was for White to track how much is being spent for a future discussion.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, the Board approved sixteen 2020 Disabled Veteran's Homestead Tax Credit applications as recommended by the County Assessor's Office with the stipulation that one be reviewed next year for compliance. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Saucedo, second by Holliday, the Board approved the Muscatine County Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report for the period of January 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020 for publication. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Mather, the Board approved the Muscatine County Treasurer's Report of Fees Collected for the quarter ending June 30, 2020 in the amount of \$197,247.88. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Saucedo, the Board approved the Muscatine County Auditor's Report of Fees Collected for the quarter ending June 30, 2020 in the amount of \$5,154.44. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Holliday, minutes of the July 13, 2020 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Saucedo met with Public Health Director Christy Roby-Williams regarding their operations and funding for COVID-19.

Saucedo contacted Senator Mark Lofgren regarding funding for COVID-19 for the Counties.

Saucedo received pictures of the G28 road project.

Sorensen reported a ride on the new Search and Rescue boat.

Sauer reported a call regarding brush that needs to be trimmed on the Sweetland Road hill.

Committee Reports:

Holliday attended a Muscatine County Fair Board meeting July 16<sup>th</sup>.

Mather and Sauer attended a MAGIC meeting July 13<sup>th</sup>.

Sauer attended a River Bend Transit Board meeting July 15<sup>th</sup>.

Sauer attended a Muscatine Board of Health meeting July 15<sup>th</sup>.

Saucedo attended West Liberty Economic Area Development (WeLead) meetings July 13<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion was held regarding the possible reopening of County buildings to the public. Board consensus was to continue with buildings being locked and access by appointment only. The Board will revisit the situation the second week of August. County Attorney Jim Barry informed the Board the Courts are using Go-To-Meetings extensively until the end of the year. Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas stated he is able to social distance at Discovery Center for Board of Adjustment and Zoning Commission meetings. Community Services Director Felicia Toppert stated they are functioning well by appointment only and Scott County is appointment only until Labor Day.

Emergency Manager Brian Wright updated the Board on COVID-19 cases in Muscatine County.

Don Briggs, 125 Emerald Lane, Fruitland, thanked Sorensen for coming out for the new Search and Rescue boat ride and demonstration on Sunday. Briggs stated Louisa County allows side-by-sides on county roads and asked if Muscatine County would consider legalizing them on Muscatine county roads. Sorensen suggested a public meeting to see if residents are interested in making side-by-sides legal in Muscatine County.

Saucedo asked if the Board could discuss what to do with the vacated Washington Street building. Sorensen stated he is waiting for the Sheriff and Maintenance to move out before moving forward with a discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 A.M.

ATTEST:

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Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

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Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors