

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, August 16, 2021

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

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

Discussion was held with County Sheriff Quinn Riess and Muscatine City Police Captain Tony Kies regarding an update on a proposed firearms range/training facility. Kies stated a joint meeting including the City of Muscatine, County Board of Supervisors, and possibly the Muscatine School Board is scheduled for late September. Kies stated he and Reiss have been working with Muscatine City Engineer Pat Lynch and Muscatine Chief of Police Bret Talkington on a Request for Qualification sent to several Engineering firms in the area and received five responses. Kies stated, based on a number matrix, the group chose MSA to meet with Kies and Lynch to discuss a possible contract to serve as the Consulting Engineering firm for the proposed project. In response to a question from Sorensen, Kies stated one of MSA's consultants has worked with these types of projects since the late 1980s and MSA recently completed a range for the Dubuque Sheriff's Department and helped the Davenport Police Department secure a location for their new facility. Kies stated the objective is to have a proposed MSA Consulting cost estimate ready by the late September joint meeting.

Discussion was held with Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas regarding the purchase of a 2021 GMC 1500 4x4 from Kreiger's of Muscatine. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board approved the purchase of a \$34,020 2021 GMC truck from Krieger's of Muscatine, with the trade of the 2016 ¾ ton Chevy truck, valued at \$28,000, currently used by General Services for a total cost difference of \$6,200. Furnas stated the General Services Department no longer requires a ¾ ton truck and will exchange it for the Zoning Department's 2019 GMC ½ ton truck. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the following utility permit: Eastern Iowa REC of Wilton – trench from utility pole in the right-of-way to the south of the owner's property at 2239 Estle. Ayes: All.

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

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved an ordinance rezoning approximately 9.94 acres in Wapsi Township from A-1 Agricultural District to R-1 Residential District on the second of three readings. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the minutes of the August 9, 2021 regular meeting. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Mather received an email from a resident about vaccine mandates.

Saucedo received an email from Muscatine Power and Water following-up a recently released MPW video presentation.

Sorensen received an email from Bob Westerfelt about homestead credit.

Committee and Meeting Reports:

Sauer, Saucedo and Sorensen attended the annual Farm Bureau meeting held on August 9, 2021.

Saucedo attended a Trails meeting on August 10, 2021.

Saucedo attended a housing group meeting in Wilton on August 11, 2021.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved a recommendation from Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber to hire a candidate for a Community Services Trust Social Worker position at Grade 11. The candidate, according to Schreiber's recommendation, has significant relevant experience, but must complete two classes before obtaining a Bachelor's degree, which is a Grade 12 requirement. The recommendation, as presented, is to hire the candidate at Grade 11 with authorization to move the employee to Grade 12 once the degree is completed. Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 A.M.

ATTEST:

Betty L. Wamback
First Deputy Auditor

Santos Saucedo, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors