

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, August 22, 2022

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

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

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Saucedo, claims dated August 22, 2022, were approved in the amount \$696,229.20. Ayes: All.

Sheriff Quinn Reiss and Captain Matt McCleary presented a proposal from FSS company for a camera upgrade project at the Muscatine County Jail with a total projected cost of approximately \$250,000. Reiss stated the camera upgrade project was recently submitted as an American Request Plan Act (ARPA) fund request. Reiss stated if the ARPA fund request is denied, the project can be funded with commissary funds. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board authorized a camera upgrade project at the Muscatine County Jail with a total projected cost of approximately \$250,000.

On a motion by Saucedo, second by Sorensen, the Board accepted a proposal for a fire alarm replacement project at the Muscatine County Jail, subject to negotiation and approval of mutually acceptable contract terms by the County Attorney. Ayes: All. McCleary stated County Attorney Jim Barry has assisted with reviewing the proposed contracts. Reiss stated if the project is approved there will be further contract review to determine what contract is the most beneficial. Sorensen requested the Board review and evaluate fire protection services and strategy in all county buildings.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Saucedo, minutes of the August 15, 2022 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Mather had discussions with residents regarding road work on 180th Street.

Saucedo received an email regarding the pump repair on Drainage District #13 and possible federal funding for future drainage district projects.

Saucedo received an email from the City of Muscatine regarding the proposed railroad crossing bridge on Dick Drake Way.

Sorensen received an email from League of Women Voters regarding a water quality update.

Committee & Meeting Reports:

Sorensen attended a Eastern Iowa Mental Health/Disability Services meeting on August 15, 2022.

Sorensen attended a State Mental Health/Disability Services meeting on August 18, 2022.

Mather attended a Muscatine County Veterans Affairs Commission meeting on August 17, 2022.

Sauer attended a River Bend Transit Board of Directors meeting on August 17, 2022.
Saucedo attended a Trails Committee meeting on August 16, 2022.
Holliday attended a Wilton Development Corporation meeting on August 17, 2022.
Holliday attended a Muscatine County Fair Board meeting on August 18, 2022.

Holliday updated the Board with events scheduled at the Muscatine County Fairgrounds.
Holliday stated the West Liberty Raceway held Super Late model races on August 20, 2022.
Holliday stated the time trials were held and the heat races were started until a rain storm cancelled the event. The Eastern Iowa Auction is scheduled for August 27, 2022. Monster Truck races are scheduled for September 24, 2022.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board authorized the Chair to sign a revised Memorandum of Understanding for Reimbursement from the Eastern Iowa Mental Health Disability Services Region for County Employees. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board authorized the Chair to sign the Second Amended Intergovernmental (28E) Agreement for Eastern Iowa Mental Health – Disability Services Region. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Saucedo, the Board authorized the Chair to sign a letter of support for the City of Muscatine's Application for a Railroad Crossing Elimination Program Grant. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held in regards to a joint letter with Scott and Clinton Counties regarding the proposed acquisition of the Kansas City Southern by the Canadian Pacific Railway Limited and the objections named in the letter. The Board consensus was to research more information on the proposed acquisition and how it will affect Muscatine County businesses and residents impacted by increased train traffic. Sorensen stated he will contact Ken Beck, Scott County Chair to revise the letter to address additional concerns. Mather advised the Board to contact the cities impacted by the acquisition for more information.

On a motion by Saucedo, second by Sorensen, the Board accepted Keith White's resignation from the Veterans Affairs Commission, effective immediately. Ayes: All. Saucedo thanked White for his service.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Saucedo, the Board appointed Shane Sawyer to the Veterans Affairs Commission for an unfulfilled term ending June 30, 2023. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board appointed Sue Hills to the Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission for an unfulfilled term ending December 31, 2022. Ayes: All.

Assistant County Engineer Brian Horesowsky updated the Board on secondary road projects.

Conservation Director Curt Weiss presented an updated bid from Bolton, Inc. for the proposed sewer and water line to Deep Lakes Park. The Board directed Weiss to contact Muscatine Power and Water (MPW) and City of Muscatine to request their position with the proposed water line.

Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber requested direction on ARPA fund designations for Round Two and when to place the review process for funding requests on the agenda. The Board directed Schreiber to place ARPA fund request review on the agenda when an update from MPW and City of Muscatine has been received regarding the Deep Lakes Park proposed water line.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas received notice from IDEA regarding the release of Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) funds which will cover 15% of the cost to demolish a second home on the southside of US Highway 22 near Pike Run that was condemned due to flooding. Furnas stated the parcel will be converted into green space.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 A.M.

ATTEST:

Tibe Vander Linden
County Auditor

Scott Sauer, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors