

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, September 14, 2020

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. with Holliday, Mather, Sauer, Sorensen 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 Sauer, second by Holliday, claims dated September 14, 2020 were approved in the amount of \$1,244,378.49. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Mike Nolan, Horizon Architecture, regarding execution of a contract for the Jail Hot Water System Upgrade Project. On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, the Chairperson was authorized to execute a contract with Crawford Company in the amount of \$74,305.00 for the Muscatine County Jail Hot Water System Upgrade Project. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Mike Nolan, regarding approval of a change order for the Muscatine County Sheriff's Addition Project. Nolan stated the change order is recommended to replace the exterior weather barrier and add window flashings to the existing building, resulting in a better final product for the County at a reasonable cost. On a motion by Saucedo, second by Holliday, the Board approved Change Order #1 for the Muscatine County Sheriff's Addition Project in the amount of \$2,888.65. Ayes: All.

Nolan updated the Board on the County Maintenance Building Project. Nolan stated the building is ready for occupancy except connection to the building's fire safety alarm system has not been completed. Nolan stated he has repeatedly contacted Johnson Controls personnel, who have the alarm system contract, to schedule the work, but has had limited success with those contacts. Nolan stated Muscatine County personnel have also had limited success with those contacts and stated the delay, due to the lack of an operational alarm system, has pushed occupancy back at least a month. Board consensus was for Nolan to continue his efforts and report back at the next meeting.

On a motion by Saucedo, second by Mather, the Board approved an extension of the COVID-19 Disaster Emergency Declaration originally adopted on March 23, 2020 as presented by Muscatine County Emergency Manager Brian Wright. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Holliday, the Board approved a renewal application for a Class C Beer, Class E Liquor License and Sunday Sales Permit for Reif Oil Company, DBA Stewart Road Fast Break, 2418 Stewart Road, Muscatine. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Mather, minutes of the September 8, 2020 special meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

All Board members reported emails regarding the proposed ordinance allowing ATVs/UTVs on County roads, including an email from the City of Muscatine.

Saucedo reported a response email from the County Attorney regarding an inquiry about housing evictions.

Saucedo reported receiving a copy of an 18-page report from Bi-State about the Affordable Housing Plan developed for the Quad Cities area.

Committee Reports:

Holliday attended a Muscatine County Safety Committee meeting September 9th.

On a motion by Saucedo, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #09-14-20-01 Requesting Reimbursement from the Iowa COVID-19 Government Relief Fund. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION #09-14-20-01
REQUESTING REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE IOWA COVID-19 GOVERNMENT
RELIEF FUND**

WHEREAS, the United States Congress approved the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to provide economic relief related to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Governor Kim Reynolds allocated \$125 million of the State of Iowa's CARES Act funding to local governments for direct expenses incurred in response to the COVID-19 emergency; and,

WHEREAS, local government funding reimbursements may only be used for necessary expenditures incurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic, were not accounted for in the current fiscal year county budget, were incurred during the time period of March 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020 and have not been reimbursed from other sources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Muscatine County requests reimbursement of \$143,113.12 in eligible expenditures in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Muscatine County affirms that the above requests for reimbursement follow all formal published Federal and State of Iowa guidance on how the funds should be spent, and understand if the reimbursements are misrepresented, the local government will be liable for any applicable penalty and interest.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 14th day of September, 2020.

ATTEST:

/s/Susan J. O'Donnell
Second Deputy Auditor

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

County Engineer Keith White updated the Board on secondary road projects, including progress on G-28 and, stated the project on F-58, old Highway 6, from Durant to Walcott is essentially completed and open to traffic.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 A.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors