

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, September 19, 2022

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

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

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, claims dated September 19, 2022 were approved in the amount of \$514,580.30. Ayes: All.

City of Muscatine Planner April Limburg reviewed the proposed resolutions stating the City of Muscatine has acquired several properties over the past year. Limburg stated the structures at 1246 East 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Parcel ID 08-36-179-007 and 619 Hope Street, Parcel ID 08-26-454-008 are a hazard to public safety and the structures have been demolished. Limburg stated the parcels will be marketed as lots to be developed in order to place the parcels back on the tax roll. Limburg requested the Board remove the back taxes from the stated parcels.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, the Board approved Resolution #09-19-22-01 Abating Taxes on a Parcel Owned by the City of Muscatine, 1246 East 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Muscatine, Iowa, Parcel ID 08-36-179-007. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION #09-19-22-01**  
**ABATING TAXES ON A PARCEL OWNED BY THE CITY OF MUSCATINE**

WHEREAS, the City of Muscatine recently acquired Parcel #08-36-179-007 in order to demolish the vacant, collapsed and hazardous structure(s) located on the property and remarket it; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of taxes, interest, and penalties owing is \$398.00; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, pursuant to Section 445.63, Code of Iowa, has the authority to abate prior-owing taxes on the parcels acquired by a political subdivision of the state.

WHEREAS, at the City of Muscatine's request, the taxes for 2018, 2019 and 2020 were previously abated (Resolution #09-27-21-01); and

WHEREAS, since the parcel was not transferred to the City until July 2021, taxes for 2021 are now owed;

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

1. That the taxes shown as owing against the parcel listed above are hereby abated provided, however, that the City will render to the County any proceeds of the eventual sale of the property in excess of the demolition costs plus the accrual cost incurred to acquire title to and to sell the property.

2. That the Treasurer is hereby directed to enter this action upon the appropriate records maintained in the office of the Treasurer.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 19th day of September, 2022.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden  
Muscatine County Auditor

/s/Scott Sauer, Chair  
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, the Board approved Resolution #09-19-22-02 Abating Taxes on a Parcel Owned by the City of Muscatine, 629 Hope Street, Muscatine, Iowa, Parcel ID 08-26-454-008. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION #09-19-22-02**  
**ABATING TAXES ON A PARCEL OWNED BY THE CITY OF MUSCATINE**

WHEREAS, the City of Muscatine recently acquired Parcel #08-26-454-008 in order to demolish the vacant, collapsed and hazardous structure(s) located on the property and remarket it; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of taxes, interest, and penalties owing is \$3599.00; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, pursuant to Section 445.63, Code of Iowa, has the authority to abate prior-owing taxes on the parcels acquired by a political subdivision of the state.

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

3. That the taxes shown as owing against the parcel listed above are hereby abated provided, however, that the City will render to the County any proceeds of the eventual sale of the property in excess of the demolition costs plus the accrual cost incurred to acquire title to and to sell the property.
4. That the Treasurer is hereby directed to enter this action upon the appropriate records maintained in the office of the Treasurer.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 19th day of September, 2022.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden  
Muscatine County Auditor

/s/Scott Sauer, Chair  
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, minutes of the August 29, 2022 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

No correspondence was reported.

Committee & Meeting Reports:

No meetings were reported.

Mather joined the meeting at 9:04 A.M.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, the Board approved Resolution #09-19-22-03 Encumbering American Rescue Plan Act Funds. Roll Call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION # 09-19-22-03  
ENCUMBERING AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS**

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the 1.9 trillion-dollar American Rescue Plan Act to speed up recovery from the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and,

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan allocated \$8,286,982.00 to Muscatine County and on May 21, 2021 the first half of funds totaling \$4,143,491.00 was received and on June 9, 2022 the second half of the funds totaling \$4,143,491.00 was received and,

WHEREAS, the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors chooses the standard revenue loss allowance of up to \$10,000,000 for government services and,

WHEREAS, the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors has held public meetings to review requests and has determined which best qualify for the American Rescue Plan Act and,

WHEREAS, based on the distribution guidelines from the US Department of Treasury, the following projects have been approved for the use of said funds:

- Conservation Deep Lakes Park Water Connection in an amount not to exceed \$876,475
- Conservation Deep Lakes Park Sewer Connection in an amount not to exceed \$614,375
- Courthouse Roof Replacement in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000
- Secondary Roads Holly Avenue Bridge Replacement in an amount not to exceed \$365,081
- Secondary Roads 150<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Replacement in an amount not to exceed \$320,809
- Muscatine County Drug Task Force Sustainability in an amount not to exceed \$75,000
- Liberty Communications rural fiber to home in an amount not to exceed \$100,000
- Community Foundation new physicians' clinic in an amount not to exceed \$625,000

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors encumbers American Rescue Plan Act Funds for the items listed.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 19th day of September, 2022.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden  
Muscatine County Auditor

/s/Scott Sauer, Chair  
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board approved a renewal agreement for HIPAA compliance services with Carosh Compliance Solutions in the amount of \$14,580.00. Ayes: All.

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

Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas updated the Board on the Jail Systems Control Project.

County Attorney Jim Barry reviewed information regarding a trailer that is currently owned by the County and the City of Muscatine. Barry stated the trailer shell was purchased with fine collection funds at a cost to the county of \$10,500 as a joint purchase between the County and the City. Barry stated the trailer is registered and insured by the County. Barry stated the City of Muscatine has made improvements to the trailer and the city is the only entity using the trailer at public events for law enforcement education. Barry recommended signing over the trailer to the City and asked the Board if further discussion or action was required. The Board consensus was to sign over the trailer to the City of Muscatine with formal action to be taken at the next Board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 A.M.

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Cathy Ribbink  
Elections/Real Estate Administrator

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Scott Sauer, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors