

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, November 26, 2018

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. with Mather (via phone), Sauer and Sorensen present. Howard and Bonebrake were absent. Chairperson Sauer presiding.

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

Darryl Sywassink, 1924 Vale Avenue, asked the Board to be more transparent with their investigation of the slag issue.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board approved the hiring of Alex Anderson as an Assistant County Engineer at \$89,337.00 for the Secondary Roads Department. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Keith White updated the Board regarding snow removal on county roads during the current snow storm.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board approved the FY2018 Muscatine County Urban Renewal Annual Report for Muscatine County. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, minutes of the November 19, 2018 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Mather reported a complaint regarding a slag issue on 152nd Street.

Committee Reports:

Sauer attended a Riverbend Transit meeting November 21<sup>st</sup>.

Sorensen attended a West Liberty Economic Area Development meeting November 21<sup>st</sup>.

Mather attended an Eastern Iowa Mental Health Region meeting November 19<sup>th</sup>.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board approved a claim dated November 26, 2018 for Twin Bridges Truck City in the amount of \$94,028. Ayes: All.

Sorensen initiated a discussion regarding slag stating the Board needs to have a future discussion about the quality control process for slag received from Harsco, the issue regarding possible leeching and migration and the possible development of a tracking system for road complaints. Sauer stated he is not satisfied with the claim that the product is unhealthy and he still has no documentation or proof that slag is unhealthy. Sauer stated he cannot believe the State of Iowa would allow the use of slag if it is truly toxic as claimed. Sorensen stated the SDS sheet on road stone is identical to slag and the Board needs to hold further discussion with input from the County Engineer or a Harsco representative to explain the process so the Board can determine if there is a need to further test to figure out if the health hazards are true or not. Mather stated he is worried about trying to prove a negative. Mather stated, per Dr. Askew, there is no environmental risk. Mather stated he is all for getting more information, but the County does not

have the expertise to be its own DNR. Mather stated he would like to see a system developed to log road complaints. Sorensen stated the Department of Natural Resources considers anything over a level of 9ph in water an issue, but the average in Muscatine County is higher so somebody needs to clear the air for the County as to what is suitable as surface treatment versus road base. Sorensen stated there needs to be future Board discussion on the topic.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 A.M.

ATTEST:

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Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

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Scott Sauer, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors