

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, January 28, 2019

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

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

On a motion by Sauer, second by Saucedo, claims dated January 28, 2019 were approved in the amount of \$350,348.36. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Keith White presented bids from the Iowa Department of Transportation for BRIS-SWAP-CO70(65)--FE-70 for a bridge replacement on 155th Street (F70) just west of Elder Avenue as follows: Iowa Bridge & Culvert –\$288,289.70; Boomerang Corp. - \$293,596.30; Brandt Construction Co. –\$388,479.75; McCulley Culvert, Inc. – \$403,763.50; and Tschiggfrie Excavating Co. - \$422,815.00. On a motion by Sauer, second by Holliday, the Board accepted the bid from Iowa Bridge and Culvert in the amount of \$288,289.70. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Keith White updated the Board on secondary road projects and snow removal.

Community Services Director Kathie Anderson-Noel updated the Board on Community Services departmental activity. Anderson-Noel stated as of the end of December, year-to-date Mental Health expenditures are \$638,086.48 which is 37.67% of the total budget. Anderson-Noel stated Muscatine County has received three of the four payments from the Region in the amount of \$192,202 each. Anderson-Noel stated as of the end of December, year-to-date General Assistance expenditures are \$210,731.00 which is 46.04% of the total budget. Anderson-Noel provided a legislative update stating there is currently no long term funding solution for Mental Health, but it is a legislative priority. Anderson-Noel stated there were 19 Mental Health commitments in December. Anderson-Noel stated they are servicing 234 active cases under the trust program as of the end of December. Anderson-Noel stated a third managed care company is coming into Iowa. Anderson-Noel stated utility assistance was provided to 14 households and 33 food pantry sacks were provided in December. Anderson-Noel stated an Emergency Food and Shelter grant awarded \$10,000 to be split between the Food Pantry, Muscatine Center for Strategic Action and Muscatine County Community Services. Anderson-Noel distributed a draft business plan for the Trust program.

The quarterly update from Eastern Iowa MH/DD Region CEO Lori Elam was postponed due to weather.

The Board canvassed the Drainage District #1 Election held on January 19, 2019. Results were as follows: For the office of Trustee for a three-year term beginning January 26, 2019 – 4 votes were cast. Russ VanAcker received 4 votes. Russ VanAcker was elected.

The Board canvassed the Drainage District #4 Election held on January 19, 2019. Results were as follows: For the office of Trustee for a three-year term beginning January 26, 2019 – 2 votes were cast. Mike Meyers received 2 votes. Mike Meyers was elected.

The Board canvassed the Drainage District #5 Election held on January 19, 2019. Results were as follows: For the office of Trustee for a three-year term beginning January 26, 2019 – 2 votes were cast. Russ VanAcker received 2 votes. Russ VanAcker was elected.

The Board canvassed the Drainage District #9 Election held on January 19, 2019. Results were as follows: For the office of Trustee for a three-year term beginning January 26, 2019 – 3 votes were cast. Richard Lovetinsky received 3 votes. Richard Lovetinsky was elected.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Holliday, minutes of the January 21, 2019 regular meeting, January 22, 2019 special meeting and January 23, 2019 special meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence

Saucedo reported a call from West Liberty requesting how it is decided to asphalt rather than gravel a County road. County Engineer Keith White stated budget constraints has kept the County from deciding to asphalt any additional gravel roads over the years, but the Iowa Department of Transportation prefers a road have a minimum count of 300 vehicles per day before being asphalted.

Saucedo participated as a speaker at a meeting in Des Moines of the Iowa Department of Human Rights and the Iowa Commission of Latino Affairs on January 25th.

Committee Reports:

Sorensen attended a Bi-State Regional meeting January 23rd.

Sauer attended a Muscatine County Conservation Board meeting January 21st.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Saucedo, the Board accepted the January 2019 payroll claims. Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed the health/dental fund balance as of December 31, 2018.

The Board reviewed the proposed FY19/20 Muscatine County Budget. Budget Coordinator Sherry Seright provided updated proposed levy rates as follows: General Basic - \$3.76; General Supplemental - \$2.77; MH/DD - \$.65; Debt Service - \$.63; and Rural Services - \$2.79 for a total urban levy of \$7.81 and a total rural levy of \$10.60. Sorensen stated the levy reduction of the MH/DD levy last year to drawn down funds from the Region is being reinstated as planned this year causing an overall increase to the FY19/20 proposed levy rates.

Budget Coordinator Sherry Seright provided information regarding the proposed Mental Health fund balance through FY22/23 which shows, without any payments from the Region, the Muscatine County MH fund balance will be negative by the end of FY20/21. Seright stated in order to maintain a 20% fund balance of \$309,750, the County would need annual payments from the Eastern Iowa MH/DD Region.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 A.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Nathan Mather, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors