

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, February 11, 2019

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

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

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Saucedo, claims dated February 11, 2019 were approved in the amount of \$252,764.20. Ayes: All.

A quarterly update on the Eastern Iowa MH/DD Region was provided by Region CEO Lori Elam and Community Services Director Kathie Anderson-Noel. Anderson-Noel stated the region is working on a strategic plan and the annual service and budget plan. Anderson-Noel stated the concern is maintaining sustainable mental health funding. Elam stated Senate File 504 passed in 2017 altering levy authority and creating fund balance requirements. Elam stated there may be a bill introduced this week that increases the allowable fund balance to 30% and extends the years to spend down to the 30% fund balance to 5 years rather than 3 years. Elam stated the legislators have not addressed increasing or removing the cap on the maximum levy and counties should communicate that need to their legislators. Elam stated the FY19 Budget is 14.7 million dollars with budgeted revenue of 4.1 million dollars. Elam stated if all counties levy the maximum \$30.78 per capita for FY20, 9.2 million dollars of revenue will be generated, but the FY20 proposed budget is 13 million dollars. Elam stated if legislators don't increase or remove the cap, the region will have to cut services or disband in FY21. Sorensen suggested the Board get local legislators from the region together to put some more pressure on the funding shortfall issue. Budget Coordinator Sherry Seright informed Elam that the \$311,275 payment to the region for crisis services is not included in the FY20 Muscatine County proposed budget due to the County's fund balance being under 20%. Elam stated the transfer dollars are needed from all 5 counties in order to fund crisis services suggesting the County submit a negative budget. Seright stated the County cannot submit a budget with a negative fund balance without affecting grants. Mather and Sorensen suggested the region consider submitting a negative budget to demonstrate to the legislators the issues with the current levy cap.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Saucedo, the Board approved the Muscatine County Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report for the period of July 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018 for publication. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, minutes of the February 4, 2019 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

All Supervisors received notice of a slag committee public meeting to be held on February 26th at the Wilton Community Center.

Committee Reports:

Holliday, Sauer, Sorensen and Saucedo attended a Conference Board meeting
February 5th.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 A.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Nathan Mather, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors