

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, July 15, 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 Sorensen, second by Saucedo, the agenda was approved as presented. Ayes: All.

Edward Askew, 2952 155th Street, stated he witnessed Iowa Department of Natural Resources collecting samples on a 131st Street. Askew stated 131st Street was supposed to be a control sample with no slag, but he found particles of slag on the road and there is a house at the end of the road with a private drive that was constructed with 100% slag. Askew stated the DNR did not follow their own Quality Assurance Project Plan as they only took 5 samples every 25 feet instead of 10 samples every 10 feet as they did for prior samplings. Askew stated his control sample is from Scott County which has no slag and he is also getting samples from other surrounding counties. Sorensen asked if the other counties were using the same quarries as Muscatine County. Askew stated he is asking that question of each County when he collects his samples. Sauer stated no one knows what independents are hauling that the County would not be aware of, nor what other products have been hauled on any given road. Askew stated it does not matter who hauled the slag, it should not be on the road. Askew stated the State is not taking this seriously because they are not following their own set of procedures. Darryl Sywassink, 1924 Vale Ave, stated he is concerned the State is intentionally not following their own Quality Assurance Project Plan.

Greg Cromer, aerial photographer, showed the Board an aerial picture of Muscatine County stating he is trying to photograph every County in Iowa.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, claims dated July 15, 2019 were approved in the amount of \$584,888.83. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, minutes of the July 8, 2019 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Mather, Sorensen and Saucedo attended the West Liberty Economic Area Development (WeLead) Grand Reopening July 13th.
Saucedo reported a contact stating the Courthouse clock was not working.

Committee Reports:

Holliday attended a Muscatine County Safety Committee meeting July 10th.
Holliday attended a Muscatine County Fair Board meeting July 11th.
Sauer and Sorensen attended a Region IX Transportation meeting July 11th.
Sorensen attended an Emergency Management Commission meeting July 11th.
Sorensen attended and E911 Service Board meeting July 11th.

In response to a request from Sorensen, Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas updated the Board on nuisance abatement efforts at 1070 Garfield Avenue just north of the West Liberty City limits.

Furnas stated the property has been deemed a nuisance by the District Court. Furnas stated the owner was fined and ordered by the Judge to bring the property into compliance by September 1st. Furnas stated the property was sold last week at a Sheriff's sale, so the person ordered to remedy the situation is no longer the owner of the property. Furnas stated he will update the Board after September 1st on this situation.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, a fireworks permit for Jessica Hamerlinck was approved. Ayes: Saucedo, Sorensen, Mather and Sauer. Nay: Holliday.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 A.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Jeff Sorensen, Vice-Chairperson
Board of Supervisors