

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, August 19, 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 present.

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

Seventh Judicial District Chief Judge Marlita Greve, District Court Administrator Kathy Gaylord and Muscatine County Clerk of Court Heidi McDonough addressed the Board regarding judicial branch updates. Greve expressed excitement about the courtroom remodel and appreciates the help and support of the Board of Supervisors in getting it completed. Greve also stated she appreciates the presence of daily armed security in the courthouse. Greve offered condolences to the family of Magistrate Neva Rettig-Baker on her recent passing. Greve stated the Iowa Supreme Court will be coming to Muscatine County on the evening of September 10th as part of their Court On The Road Program.

Mike Nolan, Horizon Architecture, presented a change order from Wolfe Contracting, Inc. for a modification to the recorder's desk in the Third Floor Courtroom Remodel Project in the amount of \$2,226.40. Mather stated this project went through a thorough detailed process and he feels the people using it should have some responsibility for the cost of the change. Chairperson Mather declared this an emergency agenda item due to the lateness of the request and an urgency to get this modification completed this week. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved CAR #6 from Wolfe Contracting, Inc. to modify the recorder's desk for the Third Floor Courtroom Remodel Project in the amount of \$2,226.40. Ayes: Holliday, Sauer, Sorensen and Saucedo. Nay: Mather.

A Public Hearing was called to order by Chairperson Mather at 9:18 A.M. on the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated cost for the Muscatine County General Services Maintenance Building Project. Nolan stated the City of Muscatine will have ownership of the twenty parking spaces along Walnut. Nolan stated the primary flow on and off the site will be through the alley off Walnut Street with ample room to turn around and one pull through bay off 5th Street. Mather expressed concern about the adequacy of the capacity of the geothermal at the Jail and Courthouse. Nolan stated they are planning a capacity study for the geothermal field, but it does not need to be completed prior to the construction of the General Services Maintenance Building. Sorensen expressed concern that City contractors are parking in the alley at the end of the County parking lot. Sorensen stated he would want to see that alley vacated. Nolan stated he will clarify the vacation with the City and also suggested installing a curb cutting off the access to the grass as part of the Historic Jail Project. In response to a question from Sauer, Nolan stated the plans and specifications call for 12 foot doors. Saucedo expressed concern about weight load on the concrete, Nolan stated the plans call for six inch concrete which he feels is sufficient for the equipment utilizing the building. Nolan stated the 7,000 square foot building will cost approximately \$205 per square foot for an estimated total cost of \$1,423,547.29. No one spoke for or against the proposed building. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Saucedo, the public hearing was closed at 10:13 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Saucedo, the Board approved Resolution #08-19-19-01 Approving Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract and Cost Estimate for the Muscatine County General Services Maintenance Building Project. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION #08-19-19-01
APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CONTRACT AND ESTIMATED
COST FOR THE MUSCATINE COUNTY GENERAL SERVICES MAINTENANCE
BUILDING**

WHEREAS, the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors has retained Horizon Architecture to provide consulting architectural/engineering services for the Muscatine County General Services Maintenance Building; and

WHEREAS, Horizon Architecture has prepared plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated cost for the project, which documents have been on file and available for public inspection in the Muscatine County Administration Office since Friday, August 9, 2019; and

WHEREAS, following notice of public hearing published in accordance with the law, a public hearing was held on Monday, August 19, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Muscatine County Administration Building at which members of the public were allowed to be heard on the issue of the Muscatine County General Services Maintenance Building, and on the documents prepared in connection therewith.

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

1. That the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated cost of the Muscatine County General Services Maintenance Building are hereby approved.
2. That the Muscatine County Administration Office shall advertise for sealed bids for the proposed improvement by publishing notice in accordance with the law.
3. That bids must be received in the Muscatine County Administration Office on or before 10:00 a.m. on the 12th day of September, 2019.
4. That bids shall be publically announced at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, September 16, 2019 at the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors meeting.
5. That the sealed bids must be accompanied by a bid security equal to ten (10) percent of the bid.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 19th day of August, 2019.

ATTEST:

/s/Leslie A. Soule
Muscatine County Auditor

/s/Nathan Mather, Chairperson
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

Discussion was held with Deputy Assessor Delaine Clark, Muscatine County Assessor's Office, regarding 2019 homestead tax credits and/or military tax exemptions. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Saucedo, the Board disallowed 2019 homestead tax credits and military tax exemptions

originally approved in a prior year, but no longer qualified as recommended by the Assessor. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Saucedo, second by Sauer, the Board disallowed two 2019 homestead/military applications as recommended by the Assessor. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved nine 2019 Disabled Veteran's Homestead Tax Credit applications as recommended by the County Assessor's Office for James Fulcher, Donald Janish, Aaron Layne, Danny Meier, Jerry Messer, Richard Neipert, Kirt Sickels, George Simons and Robert Stepanek. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, minutes of the August 12, 2019 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Saucedo attended a Quad Cities CASA event on August 16th for at risk kids in foster care.
Saucedo reported an email asking for an update on recycling containers in the County.
Saucedo reported a contact regarding a trail needing maintenance by Lutheran Living.

Committee Reports:

Holliday attended Muscatine County Fair Board meetings August 5th and 9th.
Holliday attended a Muscatine County Safety Committee meeting August 7th.

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

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Saucedo, the Board affirmed a FY19/20 application to the Iowa Department of Public Health to continue the Iowa Grants to Counties Program for well testing, well plugging and well reconstruction activities in the amount of \$30,927.00. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board accepted a FY19/20 Chronic Disease Prevention grant contract between the Iowa Department of Public Health and the Muscatine County Board of Health for intervention implementation to target populations in the amount of \$9,900. Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed the health/dental fund balance as of June 30, 2019

The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 A.M.

ATTEST:

Betty L. Wamback
First Deputy Auditor

Nathan Mather, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors