

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, October 28, 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.

A Public Hearing was called to order by Chairperson Mather at 9:00 A.M. on a request from Judith Anne Neelson, Record Owner, and Bill and Jodi Simon, Proposed Buyers, to rezone approximately 20.53 acres located in Wapsinonoc Township, East of Garfield Avenue, 1051 Garfield Avenue, in the SE¼ of Section 1-T78N-R4W from A-1 Agricultural District to R-1 Residential District. Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas stated the Zoning Commission held a public hearing and approved the rezoning on October 4, 2019. Furnas stated the area lies within an area that the County expects to see residential development adjacent to the City of West Liberty. No one spoke against the rezoning. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the public hearing was closed at 9:07 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Saucedo, second by Sauer, the Board approved an ordinance rezoning approximately 20.53 acres in Wapsinonoc Township from A-1 Agricultural District to R-1 Residential District on the first of three readings. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Historic Preservation Commissioner Becky Allgood regarding a possible Letter of Agreement between Tallgrass Archaeology LLC and Muscatine County to perform consultation work in Wilton and West Liberty for potential National Register of Historic Places eligibility. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, the Chairperson was authorized to execute a Letter of Agreement between Tallgrass Archaeology LLC and Muscatine County to perform consultation work through the Field Services Program, associated with Historic Resources Development (HRDP) in conjunction with an evaluation of residential areas in Wilton and West Liberty for potential National Register of Historic Places eligibility. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Saucedo, the Board approved a Contract, Bond and Certificate of Insurance for Saulsbury Flood Repairs 2019 with the apparent low bidder Brauns Excavating, LLC in the amount of \$39,025.00. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, the Board approved the following utility permit: Mid-American Energy Co. – removing the casing from a natural gas transmission pipeline across Tombstone Trail at the entrance to Clark’s Ferry Campground. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Chairperson was authorized to execute the 2019 Weed Commissioner’s Report. Ayes: All.

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

Discussion was held regarding continued participation in the Eastern Iowa Mental Health-Disability Services Region. Community Services Director Felicia Toppert stated the SEAL Region

utilizes County Directors to manage the crisis services in the Region and already has one of the Directors serving as the Child Mental Health Coordinator. Toppert provided information regarding maintaining the Trust Program through the County budget by moving salaries into the General Basic Fund and benefits into the General Supplemental Fund which relieves \$286,170 from the Mental Health Fund. Budget Coordinator Sherry Seright stated moving the Trust Program from Mental Health Fund would increase the County levy by 14 cents. Seright stated neither Region is going to fund the Trust Program in the future. Toppert stated if the Board decides to change Regions, she would begin contracting similar to how the SEAL Region contracts so that there is not a lag with transition of services on July 1, 2020. Sorensen stated Muscatine County lines up well with the SEAL Region philosophically and the SEAL Region is supportive of Muscatine County joining their Region. Toppert stated the SEAL Region has the same kind of conservative fiscal outlook as Muscatine County. In response to a question from Saucedo, Toppert stated she will have a conversation with the CEO of the SEAL Region regarding the Coordinators for crisis services that are currently provided by Robert Young and how that changes if we move to a new Region. Sorensen stated the current Region has a management problem and he is ready to leave the Region. In response to a question from Mather, Toppert stated when she meets with the CEO from the SEAL Region this week, she will discuss what services might be at risk or limited by moving to their Region. Toppert stated she will provide the Board with a summary of her meeting with the SEAL Region CEO by the end of the week in order to provide the Supervisors with as much information as possible before making their decision next Monday. Sauer stated he sees nothing that is going to get better or keep costs down in the County's current Region and the County would be moving to a Region that has half the population so lower overall management costs. Sauer stated the history of the current Region does not convince him they are going in the right direction.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, minutes of the October 21, 2019 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

All Supervisors received a request from Ed Askew for updated slag analysis from Harsco. Saucedo met with Muscatine Power & Water October 21st regarding looking at a cost analysis for extending their water main to Fruitland.

Saucedo attended a Latino Political Network Conference October 26th.

Sorensen and Holliday attended a meeting October 24th regarding the proposed high voltage line north of Muscatine.

Sorensen had contact with the Trustees for the Hickory Hills Subdivision regarding water line issues.

Mather reported conversations with Jim Irwin regarding mental health region issues.

Mather reported a contact regarding the proposed Muscatine Power & Water high voltage power line.

Mather attended a Senior Resources Open House October 24th.

Holliday reported a contact regarding an issue on Iron City Avenue.

Committee Reports:

Holliday and Sauer attended the Muscatine County Fair Board Annual Meeting October 22nd.

Holliday attended a Muscatine County Fair Board meeting October 22nd.
Sauer and Sorensen attended a Levee Stakeholders meeting October 23rd.
Mather attended an Eastern Iowa Mental Health Region meeting October 21st.
Sorensen attended a Regional Workforce Development meeting October 23rd.
Sorensen attended a Bi-State Regional meeting October 23rd.
Saucedo attended a West Liberty Economic Area Development meeting October 24th.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas stated the Lower Cedar Watershed Management Authority will once again be asking for \$500 from each County to facilitate grant applications. Furnas stated he will have the Watershed Management Coordinator come to a Board meeting to explain what was done with the County's contribution in the past.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Saucedo, the Board approved Resolution #10-28-19-01 Transferring \$40,355 from the General Basic Fund to the GIS Fund. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION #10-28-19-01
TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL BASIC FUND TO THE
GIS FUND**

WHEREAS, it is desired to authorize the Auditor annually to transfer from the General Basic Fund to the GIS Fund; and

WHEREAS, said transfers must be in accordance with Sections 331.429 and 331.432 of the Code of Iowa.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors that the Auditor is authorized to transfer \$40,355 from the General Basic Fund to the GIS Fund.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 28th day of October, 2019.

ATTEST:

/s/Leslie A. Soule
Muscatine County Auditor

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

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, the Board approved Resolution #10-28-19-02 Transferring \$40,355 from the Rural Services Fund to the GIS Fund. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION #10-28-19-02
TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE RURAL SERVICES FUND TO THE
GIS FUND**

WHEREAS, it is desired to authorize the Auditor annually to transfer from the Rural Services Fund to the GIS Fund; and

WHEREAS, said transfers must be in accordance with Sections 331.429 and 331.432 of the Code of Iowa.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors that the Auditor is authorized to transfer \$40,355 from the Rural Services Fund to the GIS Fund.

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ATTEST:

/s/Leslie A. Soule

Muscatine County Auditor

/s/Nathan Mather, Chairperson

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Saucedo, the Board approved Resolution #10-28-19-03 Transferring \$4,000 from the General Basic Fund to the Historic Preservation Commission Fund. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION #10-28-19-03
TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL BASIC FUND TO THE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION FUND**

WHEREAS, it is desired by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors to support the efforts of the Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission; and

WHEREAS, said transfers must be in accordance with Section 331.429 and 331.432 of the Code of Iowa.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors that the Auditor is authorized to transfer \$4,000 from the General Basic Fund to the Historic Preservation Commission Fund.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 28th day of October, 2019.

ATTEST:

/s/Leslie Soule

Muscatine County Auditor

/s/Nathan Mather, Chairperson

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Saucedo, the Board approved Resolution #10-28-19-04 Transferring \$1,060,000 from the Rural Services Fund to the Secondary Roads Fund. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION #10-28-19-04
TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE RURAL SERVICES FUND TO THE
SECONDARY ROADS FUND**

WHEREAS, it is desired to authorize the Auditor periodically to transfer sums from the Rural Services Fund to the Secondary Roads Fund; and

WHEREAS, said transfers must be in accordance with Sections 331.429 and 331.432 of the Code of Iowa.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors that the Auditor is authorized to transfer \$1,060,000 from the Rural Services Fund to the Secondary Roads Fund.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 28th day of October, 2019.

ATTEST:

/s/Leslie A. Soule
Muscatine County Auditor

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

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Saucedo, the Board approved Resolution #10-28-19-05 Transferring \$40,000 from the General Basic Fund to the Conservation Equipment Reserve Fund. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION #10-28-19-05
TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL BASIC FUND TO THE
CONSERVATION EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND**

WHEREAS, it is desired to authorize the Auditor to transfer the FY18/19 budgeted amount from the General Basic Fund to the Conservation Equipment Reserve Fund; and

WHEREAS, said transfers must be in accordance with Section 331.429 and 331.432 of the Code of Iowa.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors that the Auditor is authorized to transfer \$40,000 from the General Basic Fund to the Conservation Equipment Reserve Fund.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 28th day of October, 2019.

ATTEST:

/s/Leslie A. Soule
Muscatine County Auditor

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

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Saucedo, the Board approved Resolution #10-28-19-06 Transferring \$300,000 from the General Basic Fund to the Secondary Roads Fund. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION #10-28-19-06
TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL BASIC FUND TO THE
SECONDARY ROADS FUND**

WHEREAS, it is desired to authorize the Auditor periodically to transfer sums from the General Basic Fund to the Secondary Roads Fund; and

WHEREAS, said transfers must be in accordance with Sections 331.429 and 331.432 of the Code of Iowa.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors that the Auditor is authorized to transfer \$300,000 from the General Basic Fund to the Secondary Roads Fund.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 28th day of October, 2019.

ATTEST:

/s/Leslie A. Soule
Muscatine County Auditor

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

On a motion by Saucedo, second by Sorensen, the Board adopted the following 2020 Holiday Schedule for Muscatine County. Ayes: All.

HOLIDAY	DAY OF OBSERVANCE
New Year's Day	Tuesday, January 1, 2020
Memorial Day	Monday, May 25, 2020
Independence Day	Friday, July 3, 2020
Labor Day	Monday, September 7, 2020
Veterans' Day	Wednesday, November 11, 2020
Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 26, 2020
Day after Thanksgiving	Friday, November 27, 2020
Christmas Eve	Thursday, December 24, 2020
Christmas	Friday, December 25, 2020

In addition to the holidays enumerated above, staff is granted two unscheduled holiday (personal days) to be used in 2020.

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

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

ATTEST:

Betty L. Wamback
First Deputy Auditor

Nathan Mather, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors