

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, November 23, 2020

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

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

Discussion was held regarding a proposed ordinance allowing the use of all-terrain and off-road utility vehicles on portions of County roads. Sorensen stated Board members had received an email from Laura Curtis Cramer expressing concern on the language in the document relating to the section on trailer use with ATVs. Mather reviewed the pertinent section with the Board. Mather asked County Attorney Jim Barry to clarify the language in this section to show that a trailer may not be used to carry people, but an ATV may be used to carry passengers. Mather stated Curtis Cramer lives on a restricted road and asked for clarification on using a restricted road to reach an unrestricted road. Barry stated the intent of the ordinance is to use the shortest distance on a restricted road to reach one that is unrestricted. Barry stated child restraint language has been added to the proposed ordinance. On a motion by Saucedo, second by Mather, the Board approved an ordinance allowing the use of all-terrain and off-road utility vehicles on portions of County roads on the second of three readings. Roll call vote: Ayes: All. The second reading had been tabled at the November 16, 2020 regular meeting.

The Board reviewed three variances granted by the Muscatine County Board of Adjustment on Friday, November 6, 2020. Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas stated Case #20-11-01 had been tabled by the Board of Adjustment so it will not be reviewed. Case #20-11-02 is an application filed by Jason R. or Kimmy J. Jones, Record Owners. This property is located in Sweetland Township, in the NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Sec. 36-T77N-R1W, 3311 Hwy. 22, North of Hwy. 22, containing approximately 1.00 acre and is zoned R-1 Residential District. This request, if approved, would allow the Zoning Administrator to issue a Variance in order to place a detached outbuilding in front of the existing dwelling and only 10 feet from the front lot line, instead of the required 50 foot setback. Furnas stated this variance request is typical of several of the lots in this older subdivision because of the bluff and this Variance had been approved. Case #20-11-03 is an application filed by David B. or Melody E. Carstens, Record Owners. This property is located in Seventy-Six Township, in the NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Sec. 34-T76N-R3W, Hillside Addition, Lot 9 & Parcel I, 1960 Hwy. 61, containing approximately 1.97 acres and is zoned R-1 Residential District. This request, if approved, would allow the Zoning Administrator to issue a Variance in order to allow the homeowners to place a 42' x 48' outbuilding in their side yard that would only be 28 feet from the rear lot line, instead of the required 40 foot setback. Furnas stated the lot shape is triangular and it narrows significantly along the rear. Furnas stated there is agricultural ground behind this lot and the Variance had been approved. On a motion by Sauer, second by Mather, the Board accepted the two Variances reviewed. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, the Board set a public hearing for Monday, December 14, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. on a request from Barton J. Howard to rezone approximately 3 acres in Bloomington Township from R-1 Residential District to C-2 Commercial District. Ayes: All.

The Board met as a Board of Canvassers to canvass the recount of the U.S. Representative District 2 race for the November 3, 2020 General Election. County Auditor Leslie Soule reviewed the recount tally. Soule stated the Recount Board made a few changes to the tally. The Board of Supervisors certified the following to be a true and correct abstract of the recount of votes of the U.S. Representative District 2 race for the November 3, 2020 General Election. There were a total of 20,813 votes cast. Rita Hart received 9,731 votes, Marianne Miller-Meeks received 10,279 votes and there was a scattering of 37 write-in votes, 764 under-votes and 2 over-votes.

On a motion by Holliday, second by Saucedo, minutes of the November 16, 2020 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

#### Correspondence:

All Supervisors received an email from Conservation Director Curt Weiss updating the Board on the cabins and road at Deep Lakes Park.

All Supervisors received an email from Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas with an update on the Sheriff's Office Addition Project.

All Supervisors received an email from Laura Curtis Kramer requesting clarification on portions of the proposed ATV/UTV ordinance.

Saucedo received emails from Dave Popp regarding the City of Muscatine landfill.

Mather received a contact from a citizen who had gone to Community Services to find it unexpectedly closed.

Mather reported communicating with all of the School Districts in Muscatine County, except Durant CSD, regarding possible CARES Act funding through the Mental Health Region.

Holliday reported a call from a citizen concerning a Zoning question on Bayfield Road.

#### Committee Reports:

Holliday attended an electronic Wilton Development meeting November 18<sup>th</sup>.

Holliday attended a Muscatine County Safety Committee meeting November 18<sup>th</sup>.

Holliday attended an electronic Fair Board meeting November 19<sup>th</sup>.

Sauer attended a Conservation Board meeting November 16<sup>th</sup>.

Sauer attended a River Bend Transit meeting November 18<sup>th</sup>.

Sauer attended an electronic Board of Health meeting November 18<sup>th</sup>.

Sorensen attended an electronic Eastern Iowa Mental Health Region Board meeting November 16<sup>th</sup>

Sorensen attended electronic Mississippi Valley Workforce Area Board and CEO meetings November 16<sup>th</sup>.

Sorensen and Saucedo attended an electronic Bi-State Commission meeting November 18<sup>th</sup>.

Mather attended a Veteran's Affairs Commission meeting November 17<sup>th</sup>.

Saucedo attended a West Liberty Economic Area Development (WELEAD) meeting November 19<sup>th</sup>.

Emergency Manager Brian Wright updated the Board on COVID-19 in Muscatine County.

County Engineer Keith White updated the Board on the G-28 road project.

In response to questions from Saucedo and Sauer, Building and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas updated the Board on a furnace issue with the Sheriff's Office Addition Project.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 A.M.

ATTEST:

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Betty L. Wamback  
First Deputy Auditor

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Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors