

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, December 14, 2020

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

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

On a motion by Sauer, second by Holliday, claims dated December 14, 2020 were approved in the amount of \$401,315.43. Ayes: All.

A Public Hearing was called to order by Chairperson Sorensen at 9:01 A.M. on a request from Barton J. Howard, Record Owner, to rezone approximately 3 acres located in Bloomington Township, 3812 Park Avenue West, East of Park Avenue West, in the SW¹/₄ of Section 13-T77N-R2W from R-1 Residential District to C-2 Commercial District. Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas stated the Zoning Commission held a public hearing and approved the rezoning on November 6, 2020. Furnas stated the area will be used for a pole building and office for Mr. Howard to store equipment for his tree service business. No one spoke against the rezoning. On a motion by Saucedo, second by Mather, the public hearing was closed at 9:05 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, the Board approved an ordinance rezoning approximately 3 acres in Bloomington Township from R-1 Residential District to C-2 Commercial District on the first of three readings. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed two variances granted by the Muscatine County Board of Adjustment on Friday, December 4, 2020. Case #20-12-01 is an application filed by Francis S. and Diane M. Bouchard, Record Owners. This property is located in Montpelier Township, in the SE¹/₄ of Sec. 22-T77N-R1E, Tract Between the Railroad and River, Government Lot #1, 3776 Midway Beach Road, containing approximately .36 acres, and is zoned R-2 Residential District. This request, if approved, would allow the Zoning Administrator to issue a Variance in order to replace the existing detached garage with a new 1,250 square foot detached garage in the front yard space, located only 25 feet from the front lot line instead of the required 35 foot setback, and with a waiver of the elevation requirements for detached accessory structures over 600 square feet. Furnas stated the floor of the garage will be at adjacent grade, but the walls will be of concrete construction up to the flood elevation level before starting frame construction. Case #20-12-02 is an application filed by Gavin L. or Courtney M. Curtis, Record Owners. This property is located in Lake Township in the SW¹/₄ of Section 8-T77N-R2W, Tract A, 2335 Nye Avenue, containing approximately 4.33 acres and is zoned A-1 Agricultural District. This request, if approved, would allow the Zoning Administrator to issue a Variance in order to build an addition onto the dwelling only 32 feet from the front lot line, instead of the required 50 foot setback. On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, the Board accepted the Variances. Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed a Special Use Permit approved by the Muscatine County Board of Adjustment on Friday, December 4, 2020. Case #20-12-03 is an application filed by Kirk and Kim Latta, Record Owners, and Mr. and Mrs. Jordan Graham, Applicants. This property is located in Moscow

Township in the SE¼ of Sec. 10-T78N-R2W, West of N. Isett Avenue, 1172 N. Isett Avenue, containing approximately 36.79 acres, and is zoned A-1 Agricultural District. This request, if approved, would allow the Zoning Administrator to issue a Special Use Permit in order for their daughter and son-in-law to build a one family dwelling on approximately 4.92 acres after it has been split from the property. The Board of Adjustment approved this request.

On a motion by Saucedo, second by Sauer, the Board accepted completion of the Muscatine County Jail Partial Roof Replacement Project. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Mike Nolan, Horizon Architecture, regarding COR#23 for the Muscatine County Maintenance Facility Project. Nolan stated the change order is needed to modify the acoustical ceiling grids for better ERV access. On a motion by Saucedo, second by Holliday, the Board affirmed COR#23 Ceiling Grid Modifications in the amount of \$644.78. Ayes: All.

Nolan updated the Board on the building projects.

On a motion by Saucedo, second by Mather, the Board approved 2020 Business Property Tax Credit applications, with the exception of 1 application on a parcel that was split and part sold on contract after the application was filed, as recommended by the Auditor's Office. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Saucedo, minutes of the December 7, 2020 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

All Supervisors received an email from County Treasurer Amy Zybarth regarding fund balance.

All Supervisors received an update from Christy Roby-Williams regarding COVID-19.

All Supervisors received an update from Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas on the Sheriff's Quarters Addition.

Saucedo met with the West Liberty Economic Area Development (WeLead) Economic Development Director regarding an upcoming zoom meeting January 20th.

All Supervisors received an email from Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber regarding an invitation to an upcoming Quad Cities First meeting in December.

Sorensen attended a Muscatine Power and Water virtual breakfast December 10th.

No committee reports were noted.

Discussion was held regarding a class specification and grade placement for Transport Officer II position. Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber stated they believe the position belongs in the Correction Officers Teamsters union and they attempted to negotiate a salary with the union, but were unable to do so. Schreiber stated at the advice of the County's labor law attorney, the County is moving forward to create the position outside of the union. Schreiber stated if the union believes the position should be in the unit, then they will file with PERB and the County will work with PERB and the union to set a salary for the position. Captain Matthew McCleary stated the position will transport to and from hospital visits and other Correctional duties when there are no transports available. On a motion by Saucedo, second by Holliday, the Board

approved the class specification and authorized the hiring of four Transport Officer II positions.
Ayes: All.

Emergency Manager Brian Wright updated the Board on COVID-19 in Muscatine County. Saucedo suggested communication of long term efforts and how citizens will know when and where to get vaccinated. Wright stated that communication will be coming from Trinity Muscatine Public Health.

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

Don Briggs, Fruitland, asked when the new UTV Ordinance will go into effect. Schreiber stated she believes the Ordinance has been published, but she is waiting for the proof of publication before she can change the website to approved status and provide copies to the Recorder's Office to give out with future UTV registrations.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 A.M.

ATTEST:

Susan J. O'Donnell
Second Deputy Auditor

Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors