

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, July 26, 2021

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

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

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, claims dated July 26, 2021 were approved in the amount of \$858,520.22. Ayes: All.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas discussed the Muscatine County Jail Booking Expansion Project change order #4 to install and fireproof new steel per ITC #3 Rev. 1 and change order #6R to remove and replace rusted and bondo'd sections of frame D8905 and D981 per River City Metalworks quote with replacement material to be stainless steel and modifications not to exceed 10" per jamb. Furnas stated the cost of painting the stainless steel is excluded from the proposal. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, the Board approved Change Order Numbers 4 and 6R for the Muscatine County Jail Booking Expansion Project in the amount of \$10,136.23 and \$4,933.62 and authorized an additional \$500 on Change Order #6R for painting the stainless steel jambs and extensions. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board authorized the Chairperson to execute a Memorandum of Understanding for the FY 2022 Justice Assistance Grant Direct Award in the amount of \$14,308.00. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #07-26-21-01 Abating Taxes: Building on Leased Land. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION # 07-26-21-01**  
**ABATING TAXES: BUILDING ON LEASED LAND**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Muscatine:

1. That pursuant to a request by the Muscatine County Treasurer, attached hereto and made a part hereof by this reference, taxes, interest, fees and costs accrued, due and owing on the property described on the request are hereby abated.
2. That the Treasurer is hereby directed to strike the amount due from the tax rolls.

Passed and approved this 26<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden  
Muscatine County Auditor

/s/Santos Saucedo, Chairperson  
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer the Board approved the Muscatine County Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report for the period of January 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Holliday, the Board approved the following utility permit: Lumen – buried 3 pair 24 gauge cable from the house to a pedestrian crossing under the road at 1643 North Isett Avenue, Section 2 and 3 – T77N – R02W. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Keith White updated the Board on secondary road projects. White stated the County Roadside Manager/Weed Commissioner will retire in two months. White stated that the Roadside Manager is an employee of the County Engineer Road Department however in other counties the position is divided as 50% Conservations Department and 50% Road Department. White requested recommendation from the Board on structuring the manager position. Board consensus was to hire a replacement Roadside Manager/Weed Commissioner from the County Engineer Road Department.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, Minutes of the July 19, 2021 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

#### Correspondence:

All Supervisors received an email advisory from Emergency Manager Brian Wright on heat and weather issues.

Saucedo received various calls with discussions about the Muscatine –Louisa Island Levee. Saucedo, Mather and Sorensen received various calls on the Washington Street Facility proposed property sale.

Saucedo received emails on the Muscatine Power and Water grant application for Broadband expansion funding.

Mather received a call from a Wilton resident with concerns on a zoning issue.

#### Committee & Meeting Reports:

Saucedo attended a meeting with Muscatine City and School District to discuss the American Rescue Plan Act.

Saucedo attended a walk-through at the Muscatine County Jail.

Sorensen attended the Eastern Iowa Mental Health Board meeting on July 19, 2021.

Sorensen attended the Muscatine County Joint Communications Commissions meeting on July 22, 2021.

Sorensen attended the Emergency Management (EMA) meeting on July 22, 2021.

Mather attended the Muscatine Community Health Association Task Force meeting for the establishment of the community mental health center on July 20, 2021.

Mather attended the Muscatine County Veterans Affairs Commission meeting on July 22, 2021.

Mather attended the Mississippi Valley Workforce Area Board CEO meeting on July 22, 2021.

Saucedo attended the Bi-State Regional Planning Commission meeting on July 22, 2021.

Saucedo attended the West Liberty Economic Area Development (WELEAD) meeting on July 22, 2021.

Saucedo attended the Greater Muscatine Chamber of Commerce and Industry meeting on July 23, 2021.

Sauer attended the Muscatine County Conservation Board meeting on July 19, 2021.

Sauer attended the Riverbend Transit Board meeting on July 21, 2021.

Sauer attended the Muscatine County Board of Health meeting on July 21, 2021.

Holliday stated the 2021 Muscatine County Fair was a success. Holliday thanked the community for their attendance and support. Holliday stated the next event at the fairgrounds is The Fiesta on August 7, 2021 with five bands scheduled to perform. Sauer thanked and recognized the Muscatine County Fair Board for their continued work on the fair grounds and buildings.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board approved Resolution #07-26-21-02 Concerning the Proposed Sale of County Real Property. Discussion was held regarding the multiple offers received for the property at 1300 Washington Street in Muscatine, Iowa. Further discussion ensued stating the Board has received a signed Real Estate Purchase Agreement dated July 21, 2021 in the amount of \$161,000.00, which includes a cash offer and the property being sold "as is" with no conditions or inspections. Mather stated that the approval of Resolution #07-26-21-02 will set a Public Hearing on August 2, 2021 as required by Iowa law for the sale pursuant to the terms of the Purchase agreement. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION #07-26-21-02**  
**A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE PROPOSED SALE OF COUNTY REAL**  
**PROPERTY**

**RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MUSCATINE COUNTY, IOWA, as follows:**

1. The Board of Supervisors of Muscatine County, Iowa intends to dispose of certain property, as was discussed and directed in public meeting on July 19, 2021, legally described as:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of Block 4 of the Mad Creek Addition to the City of Muscatine, Iowa, as per Auditor's Plat thereof, and running thence Northeasterly along the Southerly line of Washington Street 239.45 feet to the place of beginning, said place of beginning being the intersection of the Westerly face of the Easterly abutment of the bridge and the Southerly line of Washington Street; run thence East along the Southerly line of Washington street 171.67 feet; run thence South 14°21' East 80.58 feet; thence South 11°02'05" East on an arc as shown by the plat attached to Quit Claim Deed to Clarence F. Schmarje recorded in Book 227 of Lots, at page 707, of the real estate records of Muscatine County, Iowa, 106.22 feet; thence South 7°43'10" East 138.18 feet; thence South 63°56'40" West 65.92 feet; thence South 9°46' East on an arc as shown by aforesaid plat 125 feet; thence South 63°52' West 160 feet; thence North 3°49'20" West 465.7 feet to the place of beginning.

(The "Property").

2. Since July 19, 2021, the Board of Supervisors has received a signed Real Estate Purchase Agreement for the above described property, dated July 21, 2021, in the amount of \$161,000.00, which includes a “cash offer” and the property being sold “as-is” with no conditions or inspections.
3. The Purchase Agreement received is in accordance with the Board’s directives to County employees to list the property with Agent CJ Ryan, and then for the sum of \$130,000.00 based upon the market appraisals received beforehand from two (2) real estate agents.
4. Notice to the public of the Board’s intention to sell the real property and to formally accept the Purchase Agreement will be given by publication of the Public Notice attached as Exhibit A. The notice will be published once in the Muscatine Journal, a newspaper printed, published and of general circulation in the County and/or as may otherwise be required by County Policy.
5. As required by Iowa law, the sale pursuant to the terms of the Purchase agreement will be placed on the Board’s Agenda for public hearing, discussion and any final action on August 2, 2021.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 26th day of July, 2021.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden  
Muscatine County Auditor

/s/Santos Saucedo, Chairperson  
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holiday, the Board authorized the Chairperson to sign a letter of support for Muscatine Power and Water’s grant application for broadband expansion funding. Ayes: All.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas stated a plan to implement a County policy that no building permits will be issued if the property has delinquent taxes due are being discussed.

Furnas thanked the Muscatine County Fair Board for a successful and well run 2021 Fair. Furnas stated as an Iowa State Extension Outreach Council member and a parent/uncle of 4H children, the building improvements and the volunteers involved are to be commended on excellent work.

County Attorney Jim Barry stated the County has joined the Opioid Lawsuit with press releases stating a settlement has been reached with four of the defendants and a conference date is set for July 28, 2021. Barry stated more details from the State are expected on how the money will be handled and extended to the County.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 A.M.

ATTEST:

---

Susan J. O'Donnell  
Second Deputy Auditor

---

Santos Saucedo, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors