

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, August 30, 2021

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

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

Discussion was held with Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas, regarding a change order for the Muscatine County Jail Booking Expansion Project. Furnas stated the change order was necessary to add a column and beam to address a concealed condition that removes the existing bearing point at the exterior wall, additional steel for a section of an existing roof deck and to apply fireproofing to building elements. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, the Board approved Change Order #10 Rev.1 for the Muscatine County Jail Booking Expansion Project in the amount of \$5,120.39. Ayes: All.

Furnas updated the Board on the Muscatine County Attorney office remodel project scheduled to start with Spectra Build on August 30, 2021.

Sheriff Quinn Riess reviewed the revised quote from Frigo Custom Designs of Brewerton, New York, to replace/retrofit the shower units in the original 1996 County Jail Facility at a cost of \$208,402. Riess stated the revised bid from Frigo Custom Designs is substantially lower than the first bid presented to the Board in July 2021 as the company has completed the field measurements. Riess reviewed an additional bid from Continental Fire Sprinkler Company, Davenport, Iowa, to modify two sprinkler heads located in two shower stalls at the Muscatine County Jail at a cost of \$1,335. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, the Board authorized the Chair to accept proposals from Frigo Custom Designs for expenditures up to \$208,402 and Continental Fire Sprinkler Company for expenditures up to \$1,335. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with County Attorney Jim Barry regarding tax assessment/tax collection for buildings on leased land. Barry stated a two-step legal process is recommended to pursue delinquent taxes and notify the property owners. Barry stated the first step would be to assess the buildings on leased land to the property owner rather than the building owner and the second step would be to send a notice to the building owner and the land owner. Barry stated after January 1, 2022, only the land owner will be notified unless the building owner notifies the County. Barry stated current delinquent amounts before January 1, 2022, will continue to be pursued with driver registration limitations and confessions of judgement for people who want to make payments. Barry stated if an owner submits a transfer of documents with the Recorder the owner will be required to provide a tax clearance from the Treasurer's office and building permits will only be issued if the taxes are current. Board consensus was to allow the two step process for tax assessment/tax collection for buildings on leased land.

Jim Barry reviewed the possible action to waive a conflict of interest in the ongoing Opioid Lawsuit. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, the Board approved to waive a conflict of interest in the ongoing opioid litigation. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, the Board approved the following three Eastern Iowa Light and Power of Wilton, Iowa utility permits:— bore new underground along new right-of-way on Holly Avenue for culvert replacement and relocation for future bridge number 151 replacement in Sec. 19-T78N-R03W; — bore 200th Street with 2” duct from location one to location two at 77N-4W-21; — on 180th Street, plowing underground cable four feet from rear right-of-way as cable runs from private easement to private easement in Sec 9-T77N-R02W; and one Alliant Energy of Lisbon, Iowa permit: — electric distribution on Moscow Road 122nd Street to 132nd Street and along 132nd Street to 1401 North Isett Road to replace overhead facilities along Moscow Road with underground facilities in 10’ easement on west side of Moscow Road and replace overhead facilities with underground facilities along 132nd Street to 1401 North Isett Road in Sec 16 and 21-T78N-R02@ and Sec 22-T78N-R02W. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, the Board approved Resolution #08-30-21-01 Awarding a Bid for Project BROS-SWAP-C070(68)—SE-70 (Douglas Avenue CCS Bridge Replacement) and authorizing the County Engineer to Electronically Execute the Contract Documents. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

RESOLUTION # 08-30-21-01
AWARDING A BID FOR PROJECT BROS-SWAP-C070(68)--SE-70 (DOUGLAS AVENUE CCS BRIDGE REPLACEMENT) AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ENGINEER TO ELECTRONICALLY EXECUTE THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, hereafter referred to as “the Board”, believes that the Douglas Avenue CCS Bridge Replacement, hereafter referred to as “the project” is in the best interest of Muscatine County, Iowa, and the residents thereof. The project is defined as a Continuous Concrete Slab bridge on Douglas Avenue in Section 3 of Pike Township; and

WHEREAS, the Board has sought appropriate professional guidance for the concept and planning for the project and followed the steps as required by the Code of Iowa for notifications, hearings, and bidding/letting; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Muscatine County, Iowa, to accept the bid from Jim Schroeder Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$539,637.54 and awards the associated contract to the same; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that after receiving the necessary contract documents, including but not limited to, the contractor’s bond and certificate of insurance, that Keith L. White, PE, the Muscatine County Engineer for Muscatine County, Iowa, is hereby designated, authorized, and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of said County to electronically execute the contracts in connection with the afore awarded construction project let through the DOT for this county.

Passed and approved this 30th day of August, 2021.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden
Muscatine County Auditor

/s/Scott Sauer, Vice-Chair
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, the Board approved Resolution #08-30-21-02 Awarding a Bid for Project FM-C070(55)--55-70 (171st Street PCC Overlay) and authorizing the County Engineer to Electronically Execute the Contract Documents. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

RESOLUTION # 08-30-21-02
AWARDING A BID FOR PROJECT FM-C070(55)--55-70 (171ST STREET PCC
OVERLAY) AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ENGINEER TO
ELECTRONICALLY EXECUTE THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, hereafter referred to as “the Board”, believes that the 171st Street PCC overlay, hereafter referred to as “the project” is in the best interest of Muscatine County, Iowa, and the residents thereof. The project is defined as a PCC Overlay on 171st Street from Bill Sharpe Boulevard to Zachary Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Board has sought appropriate professional guidance for the concept and planning for the project and followed the steps as required by the Code of Iowa for notifications, hearings, and bidding/letting; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Muscatine County, Iowa, to accept the bid from Heuer Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$1,535,301.32 and awards the associated contract to the same; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that after receiving the necessary contract documents, including but not limited to, the contractor’s bond and certificate of insurance, that Keith L. White, PE, the Muscatine County Engineer for Muscatine County, Iowa, is hereby designated, authorized, and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of said County to electronically execute the contracts in connection with the afore awarded construction project let through the DOT for this county.

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

White reviewed with the Board the Region 9 Transportation Technical Committee meeting and federal highway fund recommendations discussed at the meeting.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, minutes of the August 23, 2021 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

All Supervisors received an email from Cheryl Plank to set a date to tour Crossroads, Inc.

All Supervisors received emails from Unity Public Health Director Christy Roby Williams with COVID updates.

All Supervisors received an email from Sheriff Quinn Riess regarding the Muscatine County Jail Shower installation bids.

All Supervisors received emails from Saucedo and Muscatine County Assessor Randy Spies regarding questions on how property taxes are calculated.

Committee & Meeting Reports:

Sauer attended a Conservation Board meeting on August 23, 2021.

Sauer attended a Bi-State Regional Planning Commission meeting on August 25, 2021 with no quorum present.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, the Board approved the Paul Coverdell Grant application to cover the full cost of tuition for medicolegal death investigation training for a yet-to-hired Medical Examiner Investigator. Ayes: All.

County Attorney Jim Barry stated Drainage District #13 Trustees met on Friday August 27, 2021 and approved the engineers report in regards to repairs and improvements to the drainage pump at the existing pumping facility. Barry stated Drainage District #13 agreed to set a Public Hearing on October 15, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. regarding pump improvement repairs. Barry stated the time table is for the Muscatine County and Louisa County Auditor's offices to mail a notice to all property owners in Drainage District #13 regarding improvements to the pump by September 3, 2021. Barry stated the District will meet again on September 17, 2021 to set the warrant and levy. Barry stated a second mailed notice to drainage district property owners will be sent out by September 24, 2021. Barry stated he is working on a Resolution for Board approval to fund the warrant for the improvements to the pump and costs for publications and mailings prepared by the Auditor's office will be submitted to Drainage District #13.

Barry stated he currently has a vacancy for an Assistant Attorney in the Muscatine County Attorney's office he is conducting interviews for.

Treasurer Amy Zybarth stated property tax statements were mailed to property owners on or about August 13, 2021. Zybarth stated she is publishing a notice with deadline information and to encourage residents to utilize the drop box on the front of the Administration Building for their tax payments. Zybarth stated the tax statements include an e-notice flyer to encourage property owners to pay their taxes on-line which saves costs to the county and owners receive notices and reminders electronically.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 A.M.

ATTEST:

Tibe Vander Linden
County Auditor

Santos Saucedo, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors