

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, September 13, 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 Sauer, second by Sorensen, claims dated September 13, 2021 were approved in the amount of \$331,340.60. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, the Board approved an Iowa Historical Marker grant application for the Muscatine County Historic Jail in the amount of \$2,000.00, Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, the Board approved a CLG grant application to fund an engineer to create a project plan for stabilizing the Grandstands at the Muscatine County Fairgrounds in the amount of \$9,600.00, Ayes: All.

Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission member Lynn Pruitt reviewed the work of country schools and country church properties study. Pruitt stated 25 copies of the study at a cost of \$25 each have been ordered and will be available to the public. Pruitt stated the public is encouraged to offer feedback so a 2<sup>nd</sup> edition book maybe offered if more information is received.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board authorized the Chair to sign a GTSB State and Community Highway Safety Grant contract in the amount of \$43,893.00. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board authorized the chair to sign a Memo of Agreement with Bi-State Regional Commission to provide grant administration services for a Community Development Block Grant for Disaster Recovery (BDBG-DR) grant. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board authorized the Chair to sign an updated 28E agreement between Muscatine County, the Muscatine County Board of Health and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for the permitting of private wells in Muscatine County. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the following utility permit: Interstate Power and Light – install property line manifold to feed new gas service for 2709 265<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Letts, Iowa. Ayes: All.

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

White reviewed the Region 9 Transportation Technical Committee meeting and federal highway fund recommendations for the proposed TASA funding split between the Long Grove and Wilton, Iowa projects.

Muscatine County Auditor Tibe Vander Linden requested authorization to fill a Real Estate Administrator position in the Auditor's Office immediately. Vander Linden stated the current Real Estate Administrator, Betty Wambach has announced her retirement date of April 1, 2022. Vander Linden requested starting the hiring process so a replacement can be hired by November 1, 2021 to allow training to begin with the current Real Estate Administrator. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board authorized Vander Linden to fill a Real Estate Administrator position in the Auditor's office with an internal and external job posting to allow for interviews and selection of a replacement with a hire date by November 1, 2022. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, minutes of the August 30, 2021 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

All Supervisors received an email from Emergency Management Commission regarding the Commissioner's retirement and the vacancy for this position.

All Supervisors received an email from Wilton Telephone Company regarding broadband. Saucedo received several emails from West Liberty Economic Area Development (WELEAD) regarding selection of a new leader.

Saucedo received emails regarding the American Rescue Plan funds and proposals regarding Deep Lakes Park for water and sewer projects.

Saucedo received an email regarding grant writer request from Community Foundation with joint work with City of Muscatine.

Mather received several emails from citizens opposing vaccine mandates.

Committee & Meeting Reports:

All Supervisors attended the Wilton Iowa Freedom Rock event on September 6, 2021.

Sorensen attended the Emergency Management Commission Meetings on September 2 and September 8, 2021. Sorensen stated an Interim Director, Bret Becker, was appointed effective September 20, 2021 due to the retirement of Brian Wright.

Sorensen attended the Lower Cedar Watershed Management Authority meeting in August 2021 and discussion on funding will be placed on next week's meeting agenda.

Mather attended the Muscatine County Health Association Meeting on September 1, 2021.

Saucedo and Sauer attended the Conference Board Meeting on September 7, 2021.

Saucedo attended the Iowa Economic Development Authority Meeting on September 10, 2021.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved Proclamation #09-13-21-01 National Voter Registration Month. Ayes: All.

**PROCLAMATION #09-13-21-01**  
**NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION MONTH – SEPTEMBER 2021**

WHEREAS, registering to vote empowers eligible citizen to exercise their right to vote on Election Day; and

WHEREAS, Iowa consistently ranks among the top 10 states in the nation for voter registration and voter participation, with more than two-million residents currently registered to vote; and

WHEREAS, 17-year-olds are now eligible to register to vote in Iowa; and

WHEREAS, Iowa's voter registration process is easier and more convenient than ever before, with online voter registration, Election Day registration, and applications available through government agencies across the state; and

WHEREAS, the State of Iowa's online voter registration system enables citizens to register to vote and update their registration status quickly and easily, any time of day; and

WHEREAS, we encourage all interested citizens and all appropriate media outlets and civic organizations to participate in this non-partisan voter registration awareness campaign to encourage the maximum participation of qualified voters in Iowa.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim September 2021 as National Voter Registration Month and Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021, as National Voter Registration Day.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden  
Muscatine County Auditor

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

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, the Board approved Resolution #09-13-21-01 Transferring Funds from the General Basic Fund to the Historic Preservation Commission Fund. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION # 09-13-21-01**

**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 satisfy the August 9, 2021 Programmatic Agreement between the US Army Corps of Engineers, the Iowa Department of Transportation, the Iowa State Historic Preservation Office, the Muscatine County Engineer and the Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission regarding the replacement of the York Ave, Trolley Ave and North Isett Road bridges; 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 \$12,750 from the General Basic Fund to the Historic Preservation Commission Fund.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 13th day of September, 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 Resolution #09-13-21-02 Suspending the Collection of Taxes. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION #09-13-21-02  
RESOLUTION SUSPENDING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES**

WHEREAS, notice from the Director of Human Services has been received regarding the eligibility of Deborah Crossley (Terrill), Muscatine, Iowa, (the 'recipient') for medical and facility care; and

WHEREAS, as such recipient of such assistance is deemed to be unable to contribute to the public revenue pursuant to Section 427.9, Code of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, the recipient is the owner of property described as follows:

Address: 1441 270<sup>th</sup> St, Letts, Ia 52754  
Parcel No: CELMT 1126300006  
Legal Description: 26-76-4W Parcel A SE SW 2001-07043

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors:

1. That the County Treasurer is hereby ordered to suspend the collection of all taxes, including special assessments, rates or charges, interest, fees and costs for the current year and those unpaid from prior years. As long as the petitioner is authorized by DHS no interest accrues during suspension but payments can be made.
2. If the parcel is sold, passes by bequest or inheritance to any person other than the spouse or minor child of the petitioner, all taxes and special assessments become due and payable by the next semi-annual installment date. Interest at the rate of 1 ½% per month will start on the next delinquency date after the suspended taxes become due.

Passed and approved this 13th day of September, 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 moved to approve Change Order #11 for the Muscatine County Jail Booking Expansion Project in the amount of an \$832.00 credit. Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas stated the credit occurred due to product availability and the decision to change to 18 gauge steel in the security access panel area resulted in lower cost. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board accepted the August 2021 payroll claims. Ayes: All.

Muscatine County Attorney Jim Barry stated the County Attorney's office is under construction and the front and rear entrance areas will be impacted this week. Barry stated interviews to replace an Assistant County Attorney have been conducted and extending an offer is expected by September 15, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 A.M.

ATTEST:

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Tibe Vander Linden  
County Auditor

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Santos Saucedo, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors