

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, September 27, 2021

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

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

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #09-27-21-01 Abating Taxes on a Parcel Owned by the City of Muscatine. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION #09-27-21-01**  
**ABATING TAXES ON A PARCEL OWNED BY THE CITY OF MUSCATINE**

WHEREAS, the City of Muscatine recently acquired Parcel #08-36-179-007 in order to demolish the vacant, collapsed and hazardous structure(s) located on the property and remarket it; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of taxes, interest, and penalties owing is \$3,083.00; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, pursuant to Section 445.63, Code of Iowa, has the authority to abate prior-owing taxes on the parcels acquired by a political subdivision of the state.

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

1. That the taxes shown as owing against the parcel listed above are hereby abated provided, however, that the City will render to the County any proceeds of the eventual sale of the property in excess of the demolition costs plus the accrual cost incurred to acquire title to and to sell the property.
2. That the Treasurer is hereby directed to enter this action upon the appropriate records maintained in the office of the Treasurer.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 27 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 Holliday, the Board approved Resolution #09-27-21-02 Approval of the Combined Preliminary and Final Plat of Hetzler Corner 17. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION #09-27-21-02**  
**APPROVAL OF THE COMBINED PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT OF**  
**HETZLER CORNER 17 SUBDIVISION**

WHEREAS, there has been presented before the Board of Supervisors of Muscatine County, Iowa, a dedication and plat of the proposed subdivision “Hetzler Corner 17”; and

WHEREAS, said plat has heretofore been approved by the Zoning Commission of Muscatine County, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, said dedication and plat fully conform with all laws of the State of Iowa and all ordinances of Muscatine County, Iowa, applicable thereto; and

WHEREAS, the platting of said subdivision is conducive to orderly development within Muscatine County, Iowa, is not in conflict with any extensions of the established road systems of Muscatine County, Iowa, and is in harmony with the comprehensive plan of zoning now in effect within Muscatine County, Iowa.

WHEREAS, the subdivision of said real estate and the plat thereof were accepted and approved by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors following a public meeting on September 27, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Muscatine County, Iowa, as follows:

- Section 1. The said subdivision is hereby designated as “Hetzler Corner 17”, a subdivision in Muscatine County, Iowa, and that the descriptions of lots and parcels of land located therein shall be according to the number and designation thereof as set forth on said plat.
- Section 2. The Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors and the Auditor of Muscatine County, Iowa, are hereby authorized and directed to certify this Resolution in order that the same and all other matters material to said subdivision may be recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Muscatine County, Iowa.

PASSED and APPROVED this 27<sup>th</sup> 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 #09-27-21-03 Approval of the Combined Preliminary and Final Plat of David W. Johnson Trust Subdivision.  
Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION #09-27-21-03**  
**APPROVAL OF THE COMBINED PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT OF**  
**DAVID W. JOHNSON TRUST SUBDIVISION**

WHEREAS, there has been presented before the Board of Supervisors of Muscatine County, Iowa, a dedication and plat of the proposed subdivision “David W. Johnson Trust Subdivision”; and

WHEREAS, said plat has heretofore been approved by the Zoning Commission of Muscatine County, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, said dedication and plat fully conform with all laws of the State of Iowa and all ordinances of Muscatine County, Iowa, applicable thereto; and

WHEREAS, the platting of said subdivision is conducive to orderly development within Muscatine County, Iowa, is not in conflict with any extensions of the established road systems of Muscatine County, Iowa, and is in harmony with the comprehensive plan of zoning now in effect within Muscatine County, Iowa.

WHEREAS, the subdivision of said real estate and the plat thereof were accepted and approved by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors following a public meeting on September 27, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Muscatine County, Iowa, as follows:

- Section 1. The said subdivision is hereby designated as “David W. Johnson Trust Subdivision”, a subdivision in Muscatine County, Iowa, and that the descriptions of lots and parcels of land located therein shall be according to the number and designation thereof as set forth on said plat.
- Section 2. The Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors and the Auditor of Muscatine County, Iowa, are hereby authorized and directed to certify this Resolution in order that the same and all other matters material to said subdivision may be recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Muscatine County, Iowa.

PASSED and APPROVED this 27<sup>th</sup> 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 Holliday, the Board approved Resolution #09-27-21-04 Approval of the Combined Preliminary and Final Plat of Ochiltree’s Subdivision. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION #09-27-21-04**  
**APPROVAL OF THE COMBINED PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT OF**  
**OCHILTREE’S SUBDIVISION**

WHEREAS, there has been presented before the Board of Supervisors of Muscatine County, Iowa, a dedication and plat of the proposed subdivision “Ochiltree’s Subdivision”; and

WHEREAS, said plat has heretofore been approved by the Zoning Commission of Muscatine County, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, said dedication and plat fully conform with all laws of the State of Iowa and all ordinances of Muscatine County, Iowa, applicable thereto; and

WHEREAS, the platting of said subdivision is conducive to orderly development within Muscatine County, Iowa, is not in conflict with any extensions of the established road systems of Muscatine County, Iowa, and is in harmony with the comprehensive plan of zoning now in effect within Muscatine County, Iowa.

WHEREAS, the subdivision of said real estate and the plat thereof were accepted and approved by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors following a public meeting on September 27, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Muscatine County, Iowa, as follows:

- Section 1. The said subdivision is hereby designated as “Ochiltree’s Subdivision”, a subdivision in Muscatine County, Iowa, and that the descriptions of lots and parcels of land located therein shall be according to the number and designation thereof as set forth on said plat.
- Section 2. The Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors and the Auditor of Muscatine County, Iowa, are hereby authorized and directed to certify this Resolution in order that the same and all other matters material to said subdivision may be recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Muscatine County, Iowa.

PASSED and APPROVED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021.

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/s/Tibe Vander Linden  
Muscatine County Auditor

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

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the following utility permits: Muscatine Power and Water– fiber to be installed by direct bury vibratory plow or HDD bored per Muscatine County Engineer’s request on 200<sup>th</sup> Street, Section 20-T77N-R02W; and install 1-2” HDPE orange conduit for MPW Communications starting at the intersection of Sunflower Ridge along the east side of Mulberry Avenue, then north to intersection of Bayfield Road. Ayes: All. Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas updated the Board on the Muscatine County Jail Booking Expansion Project and the Muscatine County Attorney’s Office Remodel Project.

County Engineer Keith White updated the Board on secondary road projects. Saucedo inquired about the current road salt inventory. White stated the salt contract is set and the current amount of salt in the dome will be sufficient to start the winter season. Saucedo requested a report with a tally showing the cost of cleaning the secondary roads ditches for the upcoming September 29, 2021 Joint Meeting with Muscatine School Board and Muscatine City Council. White stated he will present a report to the Board.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved the renewal for a Class C (Carryout Beer), Class E (LE) and Sunday Sales Permit for Reif Oil Company, dba Stewart Road Fast Break, 2418 Stewart Road, Muscatine, IA. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the renewal application for a Class C Native Wines, Sunday Sales Permit and Outdoor Service Permit for Ardon Creek Vineyard & Winery, LLC, dba Ardon Creek Vineyard & Winery, 2391 Independence Avenue, Letts, Iowa (pending dram shop approval). Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, minutes of the September 20, 2021 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

#### Correspondence:

All Supervisors received an email COVID update from Public Health Director Christy Roby-Williams.

All Supervisors received an email from Emergency Medical Association.

Saucedo received an email from Trustee in West Liberty Iowa regarding new legislation approved at the State of Iowa in regards to funds that may be allocated for the Emergency Medical Association.

Saucedo received an email from local restaurant employer regarding the challenges with Iowa Workforce Development with hiring and unemployment issues.

Saucedo received an email on a new grant approved for Muscatine Power and Water to install fiber optic cable in the county.

#### Committee & Meeting Reports:

Sauer attended the Muscatine County Conservation Board meeting on September 20, 2021.

Sauer attended the Bi-State Regional Planning Commission meeting on September 22, 2021.

Saucedo attended the Aligned Impact Muscatine (AIM) meeting on September 21, 2021.

Sorensen attended the Eastern Iowa Mental Health Region Board meeting on September 20, 2021.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday the Board authorized the Chair to execute a FY21/22 Methamphetamine Drug Hot Spots Grant Program contract in the amount of \$9,000.00. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer the Board set a public hearing for Monday, October 4, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. on a proposed agreement for a collaborative partnership to establish a

Community Grant Writer position between the City of Muscatine, Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine and Muscatine County. Ayes: All.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas and Sorensen discussed with the Board a funding request from the Lower Cedar Watershed Management Authority to hire a Coordinator to comprise a comprehensive management plan to identify flood control and water quality that will allow for possible future federal funding. Sorensen stated he will continue the discussions with the Lower Cedar Watershed Management Authority to review options and budgeting for a Coordinator.

County Treasurer Amy Zybarth stated property taxes are due by September 30, 2021. Zybarth stated there has been an inconsistency throughout the year on the time of day the mail has been delivered to the Administration Building. Zybarth stated she has contacted the Muscatine Post Office and was informed the mail route does not have a full-time postal delivery person. Zybarth stated she is researching the cost to have their own post office box or a box in conjunction with other departments at the post office that would require daily pick up from an employee.

Jail Administrator Matt McCleary stated Muscatine County Courthouse, County Administration Building, County Jail and Muscatine City Hall were visited last week by a Public Auditor known as "Grandma" from Flex Your Freedoms who was filming on YouTube Live. McCleary stated it was disruptive and resulted in an arrest for trespassing at Muscatine City Hall. McCleary stated the Public Auditor dressed in an orange jumpsuit, gray wig and red lipstick which created numerous calls to MUSCOM and the Muscatine County Jail from citizens and workers with concern of his visits to the various public buildings. Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber stated she is working with County Attorney Jim Barry to identify departments where signage is needed to state non-public areas in county buildings.

County Conservation Director Curt Weiss announced an Open House will be held on October 2 & 3, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Deep Lakes Cabins. Weiss stated a drawing for a free two night stay as incentive to attend the Open House. Weiss stated the internet service for the cabins is on delay due to back order of devices. Weiss stated the Conservation Board approved updating the Master Plan to define where additional cabins and a campground could be placed on the north side of Deep Lakes Park.

Virgil Eichelberger, 1972 231<sup>st</sup> Street, Muscatine, Iowa stated he lives in Section 36 of Lake Township with a minimum maintenance road to the far Southwest corner. Eichelberger requested that the Secondary Road Department continue to grade the dead end road between two farm properties.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 A.M.

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Tibe Vander Linden  
County Auditor

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Santos Saucedo, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors