

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, December 6, 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.

A Public Hearing was called to order by Chairperson Sorensen at 9:01 A.M. on a request from Bret or Briana Simon, Record Owners, to rezone approximately 3.44 acres in Wapsi Township, 1070 Garfield Avenue, in the SE ¼ of Sec. 1-T78N-R4W, Parcel C, from A-1 Agricultural District Zoning Classification to R-1 Residential District Zoning Classification. Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas stated the property is currently zoned A-1 Agricultural District with, until recently a very dilapidated single-family dwelling, that had been deemed a nuisance and has been torn down. Furnas stated the new owners are requesting to rezone to R-1 Residential in order to build a new single-family dwelling. Sorensen stated the City of West Liberty sent a letter recommending the request to rezone the property to R-1 Residential District Zoning Classification be approved. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the public hearing was closed at 9:03 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, the Board approved an ordinance rezoning approximately 3.44 acres in Wapsi Township from A-1 Agricultural District to R-1 Residential District on the first of three readings. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: All.

Michael Nolan of Horizon Architecture reviewed Change Order #23 in the amount of \$10,031.72 for the Muscatine County Jail Booking Expansion Project. Nolan stated Change Order #23 addresses modification of the new booking casework area to lower the center portion of the booking desk to enhance visibility between officers and detainees. Nolan stated the casework was designed based on conversations with staff but after viewing the in-place arrangement, staff determined a modification is required to maintain operational safety and security. Nolan stated the modification will be done on-site which adds to the cost. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved Change Order #23 in the amount of \$10,031.72 for the Muscatine County Jail Booking Expansion project. Ayes: All.

Nolan reviewed Change Order #24 in the amount of \$6,199.91 for the Muscatine County Jail Booking Expansion Project stating the change order addresses additional sprinkler heads and replacement heads that will be required to adapt to the original system. Nolan stated the original sprinkler heads cannot be reused due to National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) requirements. Nolan stated the modification will interface with the new ceiling in a few locations to remain within code requirements and should address all remaining sprinkler system work required to complete Phase 2. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved Change Order #24 in the amount of \$6,199.91 for the Muscatine County Jail Booking Expansion Project. Ayes: All.

Saucedo requested an exit interview at the completion of the Muscatine County Jail Booking Expansion Project with Horizon Architecture, Swanson Construction Company and Tri-State Fire

Protection. Nolan stated the project is approximately six weeks behind schedule and an exit interview will be scheduled at the completion of the project.

Jeff Chown, Chairperson of the Temporary Redistricting Commission presented a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Muscatine and Muscatine County to establish a joint city/county precinct. Chown stated the City of Muscatine plan for redistricting requiring that the City and County work collaboratively to address a territory annexed by the city in February 2020 for the Colorado Senior Lofts project. Chown stated state regulations do not allow for individual census blocks to be split amongst multiple precincts, however the census block boundaries used for the 2020 Census are based on City of Muscatine (the under-construction Colorado Senior Lofts at 400 Colorado Street) and territory (parcels fronting University Drive between Colorado Street and Highway 22) that remains within unincorporated Muscatine County. Chown stated when a census block is split such as this, state regulations require an agreement between the City and County to place the entire census block in a joint City/County precinct. Chown presented maps of the area and stated the Memorandum of Understanding agreement would place nine persons residing in the unincorporated portion of Census Block 5072000 in the Muscatine Ninth Precinct. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, the Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding between City of Muscatine and Muscatine County to establish a joint Muscatine Ninth Precinct composed of an incorporated population of 2,386 persons who are residents of the City and an unincorporated population of 9 persons who are residents of Sweetland Township, in the County. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved the minutes of the November 29, 2021 regular meeting minutes. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

All Supervisors received COVID updates from Public Health Director Christy Roby-Williams.

All Supervisors received an email from Don Briggs requesting the County review and lift the road restrictions.

Saucedo contacted the City of Muscatine Waste Manager, City of Muscatine Attorney and County Attorney regarding the 28E Agreement requirement to be updated by January 2022.

Saucedo received an email from Curt Weiss regarding the potential Deep Lakes sewer route and the possibility of using American Rescue Plan Act funds.

Saucedo received an email from Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber regarding a meeting on December 13, 2021 to discuss American Rescue Plan Act funds.

Saucedo received an email from Planning & Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas regarding follow up on recent change orders with current projects.

Holliday received a call regarding Keokuk Avenue locked gates.

Committee & Meeting Reports:

Saucedo attended a meeting with West Liberty Economic Area Development (WELEAD) and was nominated and elected as WELEAD President.

In discussion with the Board, Furnas stated the remapping progress with FEMA and DNR on updating the Floodplain Management Ordinance has continued and recommends the Board to readopt the ordinance. On a motion by Holliday, second by Sorensen, the Board set a public hearing for Monday, December 27, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. on proposed amendments to the Muscatine County Floodplain Management Ordinance.

Conservation Administrator Curt Weiss presented a map of proposed sewer lines to Deep Lakes Park. Saucedo requested Weiss report the footage of the sewer lines.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 A.M.

ATTEST:

Tibe Vander Linden
County Auditor

Santos Saucedo, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors