

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, January 3, 2022

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. with Holliday, Mather, Sauer, Sorensen and Saucedo present. Muscatine County First Deputy Auditor Betty Wamback called the meeting to order. Wamback conducted nominations for Board Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, Scott Sauer was elected Chairperson and Nathan Mather was elected Vice-Chairperson. Ayes: All. Chairperson Sauer presided over the remainder of the meeting.

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

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Saucedo, the Board approved an ordinance redefining Muscatine County Supervisor Districts and Election Precincts on the second of three readings. Roll call vote: Ayes: Holliday, Sauer, Saucedo, Sorensen. Abstain: Mather.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Saucedo, the Board approved an ordinance adopting new floodplain management regulations on the second of three readings. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board approved Resolution #01-03-22-01 Authorizing the County Engineer to Sign For and Collect Disaster Relief Funds. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

RESOLUTION #01-03-22-01
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ENGINEER TO SIGN FOR AND COLLECT
FEDERAL DISASTER RELIEF FUNDS

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize the County Engineer for Muscatine County, Keith L. White, to sign for and collect Federal Disaster Relief funds on behalf of Muscatine County for any secondary road or bridge damage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 3rd day of January, 2022.

ATTEST: /s/Susan J. O'Donnell
Second Deputy Auditor

/s/Scott Sauer, Chairperson
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, the Board approved Resolution #01-03-22-02 Authorizing the County Engineer to Execute Certification of Completion and Final Acceptance on Farm-to-Market Construction Projects. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

RESOLUTION #01-03-22-02
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ENGINEER TO EXECUTE CERTIFICATION
OF COMPLETION AND FINAL ACCEPTANCE ON FARM-TO MARKET
CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Be it resolved by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors that Keith L. White, the County Engineer of Muscatine County, Iowa, is hereby designated, authorized and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of said County to execute the certification of completion of work and final acceptance thereof in accordance with plans and specifications therefore in connection with all Farm to Market construction projects in this county.

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Second Deputy Auditor

/s/Scott Sauer, Chairperson
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On a motion by Sorensen, second by Saucedo, the Board approved Resolution #01-03-22-03 Authorizing the County Engineer to Close Secondary Roads in Emergency Situations. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

RESOLUTION #01-03-22-03
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ENGINEER TO CLOSE SECONDARY
ROADS IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

Be it resolved by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors that Keith L. White, the County Engineer for Muscatine County, Iowa, is hereby authorized to close secondary roads or portions thereof in emergency situations to safeguard the traveling public. Such road closures shall be confirmed by the Board of Supervisors at its next regular meeting.

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ATTEST: /s/Susan J. O'Donnell
Second Deputy Auditor

/s/Scott Sauer, Chairperson
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Saucedo, the Board approved Resolution #01-03-22-04 Designating Official Newspapers In and For Muscatine County for 2022. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

RESOLUTION #01-03-22-04
RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS IN AND FOR MUSCATINE
COUNTY FOR 2022

Be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Muscatine County, Iowa that in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 349 of the Code of Iowa, the following newspapers be designated official newspapers in and for Muscatine County for 2022:

Muscatine Journal
Wilton-Durant Advocate News
West Liberty Index

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Second Deputy Auditor

/s/Scott Sauer, Chairperson
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, the Board approved Resolution #01-03-22-05 Construction Evaluation Resolution. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

RESOLUTION #01-03-22-05
CONSTRUCTION EVALUATION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Iowa Code section 459.304(3) (2003), sets out the procedure if a Board of Supervisors wishes to adopt a “construction evaluation resolution” relating to the construction of a confinement feeding operation structure; and

WHEREAS, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution can submit to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) an adopted recommendation to approve or disapprove a construction permit application regarding a proposed confinement feeding operation structure; and

WHEREAS, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution and submitted an adopted recommendation may contest the DNR’s decision regarding a specific application; and

WHEREAS, by adopting a construction evaluation resolution, the Board of Supervisors agrees to evaluate every construction permit application for a proposed confinement feeding operation structure received by the Board of Supervisors between February 1, 2022 and January 31, 2023 and submit an adopted recommendation regarding that application to the DNR; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors must conduct an evaluation of every construction permit application using the master matrix created in Iowa Code section 459.305, but the Board’s recommendation to the DNR may be based on the final score on the master matrix or may be based on reasons other than the final score on the master matrix.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUSCATINE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS to hereby adopt this construction evaluation resolution pursuant to Iowa Code section 459.304(3).

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Second Deputy Auditor

/s/Scott Sauer, Chairperson
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On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board accepted the Muscatine County Sheriff’s Office Report of Fees Collected for the quarter ending December 31, 2021 in the amount of \$20,158.83. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Saucedo, the Board reappointed Matt Shutt as the Muscatine County Weed Commissioner for a one-year term ending December 31, 2022. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Saucedo, the Board reappointed Jodi Hansen as the Eastern Iowa Tourism Association representative for a one-year term ending December 31, 2022. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board reappointed Mike Schulte to the Muscatine County Conservation Board for a five-year term ending December 31, 2026. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Saucedo, the Board reappointed Marsha Gerot to the Conesville Benefited Fire District for a three-year term ending December 31, 2024. (Subject to approval by the Louisa County Board of Supervisors). Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board reappointed Nate Orvis (private citizen) and Andrea Ryan (registered architect/engineer) to the Muscatine County Building Board of Appeals for three-year terms ending December 31, 2024. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, the Board reappointed Lynn Pruitt and Rebeckah Allgood to the Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission for three-year terms ending January 1, 2025. (One vacancy remaining). Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Saucedo, the Board reappointed Brandy Olson to the Muscatine County Board of Health for a three-year term ending December 31, 2024. Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed two applications received for a vacancy on the Muscatine County Board of Health – William Koellner and Chris Scholz. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board appointed Chris Scholz to the Muscatine County Board of Health for a three-year term ending December 31, 2024. Ayes: All. Board members also thanked William Koellner for his many years of previous service, having served on the Board of Health since 2007.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, the Board approved the minutes of the December 27, 2021 regular meeting. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

All Supervisors received an email regarding COVID-19 updates.

All Supervisors received an email from the Muscatine County Sheriff and staff regarding concerns with the OSHA vaccine mandate.

Saucedo received an email from Muscatine Power and Water regarding an ARP meeting.

Saucedo received an email regarding the Solid Waste Commission and the 28E agreement with the City of Muscatine.

Sauer received an email from a citizen concerning dust on 160th Street.

Committees and meetings:

Saucedo attended the West Liberty Economic Area Development meeting December 30, 2021.

Discussion was held regarding meeting dates and times for 2022. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board set regular meeting dates for Mondays at 9:00 A.M. with other meetings to be scheduled at the discretion of the Board. Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed appointments to Boards and Commissions for 2021. Board members will review the 2021 assignments individually, and take action on the 2022 assignments at the next regular Board meeting.

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

Discussion was held with Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber regarding budgeting personnel costs for the FY22/23 proposed budget. Schreiber provided a worksheet listing the estimated cost of a three percent wage increase for each county employment group as well as the estimated cost per each additional .5 percent increase. Sorensen, Holliday, Sauer and Mather all stated preference for a budgetary three percent raise in county employee wages. Saucedo stated preference for a four percent raise, taking into consideration the Cost of Living Index. Mather stated the actual wage increase amount could be revisited and changed during the 2022-23 budget discussions.

Gene Hammons of 1870 Elder Avenue, rural Nichols, in public discussion, asked the Board to consider adopting a resolution declaring Muscatine County to be a second amendment sanctuary county. Hammons presented a proposed sample resolution and stated there are, according to information provided by him from an Iowa Firearms Coalition document, 30 counties in Iowa which have been declared a second amendment sanctuary county.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 A.M.

ATTEST:

Tibe Vander Linden
County Auditor

Scott Sauer, Chairperson
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors