

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, January 31, 2022

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

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

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, the Board approved the following utility permit: MidAmerican Energy Company - relocate 1500 ft of a two (2) inch steel gas main for an IDOT (Iowa Department of Transportation) project on Noble Ave section 8-T78N-R02W. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the Muscatine County Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report for July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 for publication. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Saucedo, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the minutes of the January 24, 2022 regular meeting. Ayes: All.

#### Correspondence:

All Supervisors received an email from Public Health Director Christy Roby regarding Covid-19 updates.

All Supervisors received an email from Don and Debbie Paulson of 76 Township regarding the Second Amendment Sanctuary County ongoing discussion stating their opposition to the proposed resolution.

All Supervisors received an email from Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas as a follow-up to Board questions regarding a recent change order for the Jail Booking Expansion project.

Saucedo received an email from Information Services Director Bill Riley in response to a question regarding penetration testing.

Saucedo received an email regarding the bridge on 245<sup>th</sup> Street over Pike Creek between Blue Heron Avenue and Edgewater Road.

Holliday received an email from Tom Hillyer about flood plain maps.

#### Committees and meetings:

Mather attended the Mississippi Valley Workforce Authority Finance Committee meeting on January 26, 2022.

Sorensen attended the Eastern Iowa MH/DS Region meeting on January 24, 2022.

Sauer & Sorensen attended the Assessor's Conference Board meeting on January 25, 2022.

Holliday attended the Cattlemen's Association dinner/meeting on Saturday January 29, 2022.

Saucedo attended a WELEAD (West Liberty Economic Area Development) meeting on January 27, 2022.

Sauer attended the Greater Muscatine Chamber of Commerce and Industry meeting on January 26, 2022.

Sauer attended the Bi-State Regional Planning Commission meeting on January 26, 2022.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board approved a request from Muscatine County Treasurer, Amy Zybarth to hire Joyce Busher as a Treasurer Clerk II at Step 5. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Saucedo, second by Mather, the Board authorized the Chair to execute a revised agreement to serve as employer of record for the Mississippi Valley Workforce Area Board's Executive Director, Associate Director and Executive Assistant positions, for a 3% administration fee. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Saucedo, the Board approved the January 2022 payroll claims. Ayes: All.

Budget Administrator Sherry Seright discussed the proposed FY22/23 budget. Seright stated the Mental Health levy was reduced by \$0.62 because of the change in the State's administration of this program. Seright discussed additional reductions in the debt levy which results in a total levy rate reduction of \$0.73. Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber reminded the Board that there will be two public hearings before final adoption of the FY22/23 budget.

Muscatine County Engineer Keith White reported that there is a bill in the State Senate which proposes divert a portion of local option sales tax dollars from counties to the Iowa DNR. Sorensen stated this would negatively affect rural services such as secondary roads.

Gene Hammons, 1870 Elder Avenue, Nichols, Iowa addressed the Board in regard to the proposed resolution to declare Muscatine County a Second Amendment sanctuary county. Mather stated the resolution will be on the February 7<sup>th</sup> agenda. Saucedo asked Hammons if any other counties had approved the resolution since the last Board meeting. Hammons stated 33 counties have approved it but no additional counties since last week. Muscatine County Attorney Jim Barry stated that adoption of the resolution is a symbolic gesture only and carries no legal weight.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 A.M.

ATTEST:

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Tibe Vander Linden  
County Auditor

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Scott Sauer, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors