

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, February 21, 2022

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. with Sauer, Holliday, Mather, Saucedo and Sorensen 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 Mather, claims dated February 21, 2022 were approved in the amount of \$484,309.57. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, the Board approved a Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau (GTSB) LE Highway Safety Grant application in the amount of \$46,802.50. Ayes: All.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas presented change orders for the Muscatine County Jail Booking Expansion project. Furnas stated Change Order #3R2 is the reconciliation of the time and materials work authorized in Change Order 3R for temporary shoring and Change Order #32 is for electrical work associated with the county requested addition of photo eye sensors for the overhead door. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Saucedo, the Board affirmed Change Order #3R2 in the amount of \$6,996.94 and Change Order #32 in the amount of \$851.64 for the Muscatine County Jail Booking Expansion Project. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Saucedo, minutes of the February 14, 2022 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

#### Correspondence:

All Supervisors received information from the Muscatine County Compensation Board.

All Supervisors received an email from Greater Muscatine Chamber of Commerce & Industry regarding the Annual Meeting Recognition Night to be held March 24, 2022

Saucedo received emails regarding the geothermal system for the county buildings.

All Supervisors received an email from Iowa State University engineering group regarding a possible bridge project near Edgewater Road.

Mather had several informal conversations with residents regarding tax levies.

#### Committee & Meeting Reports:

Sorensen, Saucedo and Sauer attended the Muscatine County Compensation Board meeting on February 16, 2022.

Sorensen and Saucedo attended a meeting on February 17, 2022 with City of Muscatine Mayor Brad Bark regarding Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine and a possible revolving housing loan fund for residents in Muscatine County.

Saucedo attended the West Liberty Economic Area Development meeting on February 14, 2022.

Sauer attended the River Bend Transit Board meeting on February 16, 2022.

Holliday attended the Wilton Development Corporation meeting on February 16, 2022.

Holliday attended the Muscatine County Fair Board meeting on February 17, 2022.

Discussion was held with Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber regarding the Muscatine County Compensation Board FY22/23 salary recommendations for elected officials. A letter from the Muscatine County Compensation Board recommended an 8% increase for Sheriff and a 4% increase for the Supervisors and the other elected officials effective July 1, 2022. Sorensen recommended the Board consider a reduction of 25% of the percentage increase for County Sheriff, Auditor, Treasurer, Recorder and Attorney. Sorensen stated he also recommends a reduction to 1.5% for Supervisors compensation increase. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board approved a 3% increase for the Attorney, Auditor, Treasurer and Recorder; 6% increase for the Sheriff and 1.5% increase for Supervisors. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Holliday, Sauer, Mather and Sorensen; Nay: Saucedo

County Attorney Jim Barry reviewed Resolution #02-21-22-01 Concerning Drainage District #13 Warrant – Pump Repair stating the Resolution changes the repayment of the stamped warrant over the period of ten (10) years from the previous Resolution which stated a repayment period of 20 years. On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board approved Resolution #02-21-22-01 Concerning Drainage District #13 Warrant – Pump Repairs. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION #02-21-22-01  
CONCERNING DRAINAGE DISTRICT #13 WARRANT – PUMP REPAIRS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Muscatine County, Iowa has been requested by the Trustees of Drainage District #13, serving both Muscatine and Louisa Counties, to use “public funds” to fund a Warrant, in an amount of up to \$650,000.00, with said funds being used to repair an existing 60” diesel pump that has been in service since approximately the 1930’s; and

WHEREAS, Muscatine County has heretofore passed an Investment Policy, as required by Iowa Code Section 12B.10, which allows for the investment of County public funds in Drainage Warrants or Improvement Certificates of a Levee or Drainage District; and

WHEREAS, the pump and Pump house in question serve to help “dewater” the Muscatine Island and it is in the best interests of the residents of Muscatine County to assure that the Drainage District #13 pump house continues to operate and avoid flooding on the Muscatine Island for the citizens, businesses, public utilities and farmers/producers; and

WHEREAS, as the public funds are intended to be used to fund a “Drainage District Warrant”, they are otherwise exempt from the requirements of Iowa Code, more specifically, pursuant to Iowa Code Section 12B.10C (3); and

WHEREAS, despite being exempt, the funds will be loaned pursuant to both the proper passage of a Resolution by the Drainage District #13 complying with the requirements of Iowa Code Section 468 and be accompanied by a “legal opinion” from the Drainage

District’s counsel stating that all the requirements of the Iowa Code 468 have been met and that the Warrant is “fully enforceable”; and

WHEREAS, the contractual terms/agreement of the Drainage District Warrant and Muscatine County are contained within the body of the Warrant itself and are thereby placed into writing as is otherwise required by Iowa Code and the Muscatine County Investment Policy; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, having considered using a “fixed interest rate” and an adjustable interest rate finds the rate fixed at 2% and repayment over the period of ten (10) years and then from funds specifically assessed for these purposes is in the best interest of Muscatine County.

WHEREAS, as required by the Muscatine County Investment Policy, the warrant does not provide for the compensation of an agent or fiduciary based upon the investment performance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That Resolution #11-08-22-01, which previously set the repayment period for twenty (20) years is hereby repealed.
2. That the Board of Supervisors authorizes the Muscatine Treasurer and Auditor to accept the Warrant provided by the Drainage District, so long as the legal opinion mentioned herein accompanies the Warrant.
3. That the Muscatine County Treasurer is authorized to use “public funds” to fund the requested warrant so long as all Iowa Code requirements are met as well as the additional conditions outlined herein. Once approved, the Muscatine County Auditor and Treasurer shall work to receive, pay all invoices and apply all payments as required and then in a written format.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 21st day of February, 2022.

ATTEST :

/s/Tibe Vander Linden  
Muscatine County Auditor

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

Budget Administrator Sherry Seright reviewed the request to eliminate one part-time Custodian position and authorize one additional full-time Custodian position in General Services due to a resignation of a part-time General Services employee and the necessity of four full time custodians. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Saucedo, the Board approved to eliminate one part-time Custodian position and authorized one additional full-time Custodian position in General Services. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board appointed Alicia Wada as a Medical Examiner Investigator for Muscatine County. Ayes: All.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas reviewed the Lower Cedar Watershed Hiring Committee meeting held on February 17, 2022. Furnas stated the Committee has identified the requirements for hiring a full-time Coordinator and asked if Muscatine County would serve as the employer of record. Furnas stated there would be logistics issues as geographically Muscatine County is located in the lower section of the Lower Cedar Watershed. Furnas stated the Committee is conferring contracting the services out to a Council of Government (COG).

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 A.M.

ATTEST:

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Tibe Vander Linden  
County Auditor

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Scott Sauer, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors