

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, April 11, 2022

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

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

The Board reviewed a variance granted by the Muscatine County Board of Adjustment on April 1, 2022. Case #22-04-02 is an application filed by Ashton F. or Michael J. Phillips, Record Owners. This property is located in Seventy-Six Township, in the NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Sec. 27-T76N-R3W, 2626 Burlington Road, containing approximately 3.31 acres and is zoned A-1 Agricultural District. This request, if approved, would allow the Zoning Administrator to issue a Variance in order to build a detached accessory structure in front of their dwelling, but it would be at least 50 feet back from the front line. The Muscatine County Board of Adjustment felt there are unique property limitations on this property, such as topography, that make strict application of the setback requirements a hardship. They also noted that the proposed outbuilding would be approximately 130 feet from the front lot line, instead of the required 50 feet. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, the Board accepted the Variance. Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed a Special Use Permit granted by the Muscatine County Board of Adjustment on April 1, 2022. Case #22-04-01 is an application filed by Heather R. Kahl, Record Owner. This property is located in Cedar Township, in the NE <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Sec. 1-T76N-R4W, East of Estle Avenue, 2239 Estle Avenue, containing approximately 4.79 acres and is zoned A-1 Agricultural District. The Muscatine County Board of Adjustment stated the reasons for allowing the request include the proposed dwelling would be slightly closer than the minimum of 750 feet to two residences, however it was noted that the vegetation and the topography is such that this residence would be screened from sight and it would be at least 750 feet from the Confined Animal Feed Operation that was constructed in 1999, which is the minimum State of Iowa requirement from this facility. This request, if approved, would allow the Zoning Administrator to issue a special use permit in order for Ms. Kahl to build a one family dwelling on this property for herself to live in. On a motion by Saucedo, second by Sorensen, the Board accepted the Special Use Permit. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board set a public hearing for Monday, May 2, 2022 at 9:00 A.M. on a request from Michael J. Birkinbine of Simply-Lean Enterprises Inc., to rezone 6 acres in Fulton Township from A-1 Agricultural District to C-2 Commercial District. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, the Board approved the Muscatine County Auditor's Report of Fees collected for the quarter ending March 31, 2022 in the amount of \$1,583.75. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Saucedo, the Board approved the Muscatine County Treasurer's Report of Fees collected for the quarter ending March 31, 2021 in the amount of \$137,378.55. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Saucedo, the Board approved the Muscatine County Recorder's Report of Fees collected for the quarter ending March 31, 2022 in the amount of \$69,837.82. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Saucedo, the Board approved the 8-month application for a Class C Liquor, Sunday Sales and Outdoor Service Permit for The Chart House, Inc. dba The Lighthouse, 2142 Water Street, Muscatine, Iowa. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Saucedo, the Board approved the minutes of the April 4, 2022 regular meeting. Ayes: All.

#### Correspondence:

All Supervisors received a letter from Gene Hammons with questions on the emergency management services for cities and townships.

All Supervisors received an email from County Engineer Keith White regarding Iowa House File 2536 regarding an act allowing vehicles transporting certain agricultural commodities on non-interstate highways to exceed maximum gross weight limits.

All Supervisors received an email from Saucedo regarding the final edit of the new West Liberty athletic complex on the current West Liberty High School campus.

Mather received several calls from residents regarding the 2022 Muscatine County Assessment Notice.

Sorensen received a letter from a resident in support of the new Muscatine health care clinic.

Saucedo received an email from the City of Muscatine regarding a grant for Kraft Heinz Company to upgrade the property. Saucedo contacted Kraft Heinz Company with the grant information.

Holliday received a call from a resident regarding a culvert at Keokuk and Bayfield Road. Holliday contacted County Engineer Keith White.

#### Committee & Meeting Reports:

Saucedo attended a meeting with Muscatine Mayor Brad Bark regarding county residents having allowed access to the transfer station to dispose of oil and grass clippings on April 8, 2022.

Saucedo attended a Habitat for Humanity Groundbreaking Ceremony on April 10, 2022.

Saucedo and Sorensen attended a Housing meeting on April 5, 2022.

Holliday attended the Muscatine County Fairgrounds Clean Up Day on April 9, 2022.

Mather attended the Muscatine Community Health Association meeting on April 6, 2022.

Mather attended the Mississippi Valley Workforce Area Board meeting on April 7, 2022.

Mather attended the Seventh Judicial District Department of Correctional Services Board on April 8, 2022.

Sorensen attended the Eastern Iowa Mental Health and Disability Service Region meeting on April 4, 2022.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Saucedo, the Board approved Resolution #04-11-22-01 Endorsing "Ignite Vitality Through Workforce Housing" as the County's housing plan. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION #04-11-22-01**  
**ENDORISING *IGNITE VITALITY THROUGH WORKFORCE HOUSING AS***  
**MUSCATINE COUNTY’S HOUSING PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors recognizes the significant impact a healthy housing market has on the economic and social conditions of the county; and

WHEREAS, the County can impact housing conditions through the adoption of policies; and

WHEREAS, *Ignite Vitality Through Workforce Housing* identifies an array of strategies to support housing development within the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors:

1. Endorses *Ignite Vitality Through Workforce Housing* to address housing conditions within the County.
2. Appoints Board members Jeff Sorensen and Santos Saucedo to represent the County on the Housing Council.
3. Commits to identify and take steps to support implementation of appropriate strategies to further the plan.

Passed and approved this 11th day of April, 2022.

ATTEST :

/s/Tibe Vander Linden  
Muscatine County Auditor

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

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board authorized the Chair to sign a letter of support for a Community Project Funding proposal to replace the Mulberry Health Clinic building.  
Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 A.M.

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Tibe Vander Linden  
County Auditor

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Scott Sauer, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors