

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, April 25, 2022

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

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

County Engineer Keith White presented bids for tied projects L-(GO-3)--73-70 a triple 12'x 8'x 48' Reinforced Concrete Box (RCB) on Holly Avenue as follows: Iowa Bridge & Culvert, LC, Washington, Iowa - \$365,080.82, and tied project L-(WI-4)--73-70 a triple 10'x 6'x 48' RCB on 150th Street as follows: Iowa Bridge & Culvert, LC, Washington, Iowa - \$320,808.50. White stated the bids will be fully reviewed for accuracy.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Saucedo, the Board approved the following utility permits: Eastern Iowa Light & Power REC, Wilton, Iowa – bore 3-2" duct across 170th Street at 2704 170th Street, Muscatine Substation; bore 7200V primary under Burlington Road to provide power for new house at Section 1-76N-3W; bore 7200V primary under Burlington Road and remove overhead secondary over Burlington Road, house number 2650 at Section 27-76N-3W. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with County Engineer Keith White regarding an equipment purchase. White presented a Pop-Up LD Traffic Signal available from OMJC Signal of Waterloo, Iowa at a purchase price of \$51,900.00. White stated the traffic signal is designed to control a single lane closure with dual power options of battery charged by solar power or connect to an existing infrastructure. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Saucedo, the Board approved the purchase of a Pop-Up LD Traffic Signal in the amount of \$51,900.00. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Keith White updated the Board on secondary road projects.

Discussion was held Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas regarding the policy for building permits on properties and buildings on leased land where property taxes are delinquent. Furnas requested direction on the time frame to allow a building permit if there are delinquent property taxes. The consensus with the Board was to deny a building permit if the owner was more than one due date of delinquent property taxes. Furnas stated the new language will be added to the code to deny a building permit if an owner is more than one due date delinquent and will present the amended code at a future board meeting.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the minutes of the April 18, 2022 regular meeting. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

All Supervisors received an email regarding a survey from ITR Foundation for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

Saucedo contacted the Johnson Control Systems sales department by phone and email regarding the system issues at the jail.

Committees and meetings:

Saucedo met with the new West Liberty Chamber of Commerce Director Charles Brooke and Muscatine County Fair Director Kelsey Meyers. Meyers presented information on the Great Eastern Iowa Tractorcade to be held on the Muscatine County Fairgrounds on June 12-15, 2022.

Saucedo attended the West Liberty Economic Area Development (WELEAD) Executive Board meeting on April 21, 2022.

Sorensen attended the Eastern Iowa MH/DS Region meeting on April 18, 2022.

Sauer attended the Muscatine County Conservation Board meeting on April 18, 2022.

Sauer attended the River Bend Transit Board of Directors meeting on April 20, 2022.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board authorized the Chair to execute a FY20-22 Methamphetamine Drug Hot Spots Grant Program (CAMP) contract increasing the amount from \$9,000 to \$12,000. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board approved the FY22/23 Salary Schedule (2.5% adjustment to scale) and authorize one-time payments to employees at the maximum step for their grade (0.5%). Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Saucedo, the Board set the County Engineer's FY22/23 salary at \$151,219 (3% increase). Ayes: All.

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

Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber stated the Eastern Iowa Mental Health Region has scheduled an all supervisor meeting on May 16, 2022, 6:00 p.m. Schreiber requested the Board members contact her to indicate if they will be attending in person or electronically by Zoom.

Schreiber reviewed the timetable for the County Engineer search process. Schreiber stated the deadline to receive applications for County Engineer was April 22, 2022, with three applications being received. In consensus with the Board, the interview process will not include narrowing the search to semi-finalists, instead the three applicants will be interviewed by a team led by County Engineer Keith White, to determine the applicant's technical skills. The Board will conduct formal interviews after the technical skills of the applicants are reviewed.

White recommended the board accept the bids from Iowa Bridge & Culvert, LC, Washington, Iowa for tied projects previously presented in today's meeting. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board approved bids for tied project L-(GO-3)--73-70 a triple 12'x 8'x 48' Reinforced Concrete Box (RCB) on Holly Avenue from Iowa Bridge & Culvert, LC, Washington, Iowa - \$365,080.82 and tied project L-(WI-4)--73-70 a triple 10'x 6'x 48' RCB on 150th Street from Iowa Bridge & Culvert, LC, Washington, Iowa \$320,808.50. Ayes: All.

White stated he attended a RP9 Bi-State Regional Technical Committee meeting on April 20, 2022. White stated Bi-State has proposed a new ranking program for the region funding process. White stated most regions sub-allocate funds. White stated attendees at the committee meeting requested Bi-State re-evaluate their proposed ranking program for further discussion at the May 2022 meeting.

Furnas updated the Board on the system control issues with Johnson Control Systems at the Muscatine County Jail. Furnas stated Johnson Control Systems has been on site within the past week and has conducted troubleshooting, addressed the major system issues and reported their findings. Johnson Control Systems is expected to meet with General Services Supervisor Oscar Alvarez on April 26, 2022 to install a replacement door within the new construction area and review their diagnosis of the system issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 A.M.

ATTEST:

Tibe Vander Linden
County Auditor

Scott Sauer, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors