

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, May 23, 2022

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

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

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Saucedo, the Board approved the following utility permits: Daniel Dipple, 1992 Vanatta Avenue, Muscatine, Iowa – run water line to bore under Vanatta Avenue for livestock water with minimum depth of 5 feet and must place with locate wire; Eastern Iowa Light & Power, Lone Tree, Iowa – bore 180th Street East of Bancroft Avenue with cable to innerduct all the way and install poles and overhead electric on 180th Street and Bancroft Avenue, Section 8 & 17- T77N-R04W; Eastern Iowa Light & Power, Wilton, Iowa – overhead secondary across Kelly Avenue, approximately south of F70 with crossing 25’ in the air, approximately 325’ south of house at 1560 Kelly Avenue, Section 34 & 35 – T78N-R03W. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the contracts, bonds and certificates of insurance for two bridge replacement projects: L-(GO-3)--73-70 a triple 12’X8’X48’ Reinforced Concrete Box on Holly Avenue and L-(WI-4)--73-70 a triple 10’X6’X48’ Reinforced Concrete Box on 150th Street. Ayes: All.

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

On a motion by Saucedo, second by Mather, the Board approved the minutes of the May 16, 2022 regular meeting. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Mather received a letter announcing the grand re-opening of Rhonda’s House, a Peer-Run Respite Center located at 924 11th Street in DeWitt, Iowa on May 31, 2022.
Saucedo received an email invitation to attend a housing summit on June 7, 2022.

Committees and meetings:

All Supervisors attended the Eastern Iowa Mental Health and Disability Services meeting with all Supervisors meeting electronically on May 16, 2022.
Sorensen attended the Eastern Iowa Mental Health and Disability Services Region Governing Board meeting on May 16, 2022.
Sorensen attended the State Mental Health and Disability Services Region Joint meeting with the Iowa Mental Health Planning Advisory Council on May 18, 2022.
Sorensen attended the State Mental Health and Disability Services Board meeting on May 19, 2022.
Mather attended the Mississippi Valley Workforce Area Quarterly CEO Board meeting on May 16, 2022.
Sauer attended the River Bend Transit Board of Directors meeting on May 18, 2022.
Sauer attended the Board of Health meeting on May 18, 2022.

Holliday attended the Wilton Development Corporation meeting on May 18, 2022.
Holliday attending the Muscatine County Fair Board meeting on May 19, 2022. Holliday stated the West Liberty Raceway Late Model Races is scheduled for May 30, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. and Iowa Harness Horse races is scheduled for June 4, 2022.
Sauer and Sorensen toured the Scott County Emergency Operations Center on May 16, 2022.

County Attorney Jim Barry reviewed the draft American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grant Agreements between Muscatine County and (1) Political Subdivisions; (2) Non-Profit Organizations; (3) For Profit Governments; and (4) Muscatine Power and Water. Barry stated the improvements from the grant funds that may generate revenue should be reviewed before the funds are allocated, such as out of county service areas that may occur with Wilton Telephone Company and Muscatine Power and Water. The Board consensus was to request additional information from the entities that may generate revenue with the improvements as the agreement states "If the Grantee is authorized or allowed by law to charge customers for the services created using the funds provided by the County hereunder, Grantee agrees that it shall repay the county the total amount of the Grant award or any part thereof it collects over any period these services are provided and the customer(s) actually pay their bill".

Barry reviewed the revised Public Records and Information Policy stating the policy is meant to be fair and reasonable to the requestors and to make all the departments consistent in providing documents. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board adopted a revised Public Records and Information Policy. Ayes: All.

Community Services Director Felicia Toppert reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding for Reimbursement from the Eastern Iowa Mental Health Disability Services Region for County Employees regarding reimbursement by the region to the individual county regarding wages, benefits and direct administrative expenses to identify the individual county employee(s) and their position(s), and the portion of the employee's wages and benefits. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Saucedo, the Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding for Reimbursement from the Eastern Iowa Mental Health Disability Services Region for County Employees. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Saucedo, the Board affirmed the appointment of Julia Hilbert as a Medical Examiner Investigator for Muscatine County. Ayes: All.

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

Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber stated the Board received a notice from the City of Muscatine to amend their consolidated Urban Renewal Area Plan with a meeting scheduled for June 3, 2022 at 1:00 P.M. at the City Administrators office and a Public Hearing scheduled for June 9, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas updated the Board regarding the County Attorney's Remodel Project and the recent office furniture delivery and installation was missing 25-50% of the furniture parts to complete the project. Furnas stated the installation of the reception area desk is scheduled for today and the installation of the data power is on hold until additional parts arrive.

Furnas stated the Muscatine County Jail Booking Expansion Project has one salvage door that is not fitting correctly and the delivery of an overlay panel is delayed. Furnas stated the sally port doors are operational and functioning correctly.

The Board recessed at 9:50 A.M. Reconvened at 10:02 A.M.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather the Board went into closed session at 10:02 A.M. pursuant to chapter 21.5.1(i), Code of Iowa, to discuss candidates for the County Engineer position. Roll call vote: Ayes: All. On a motion by Saucedo, second by Sorensen, the Board returned to open session at 10:39 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:39 A.M.

ATTEST:

Tibe Vander Linden
County Auditor

Scott Sauer, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors