

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, August 8, 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.

On a motion by Saucedo, second by Sorensen, claims dated August 8, 2022, were approved in the amount \$2,100,137.45. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Keith White requested the Board authorize a price increase for a tandem truck. White stated the first of two trucks that were approved in the prior fiscal year is scheduled for delivery on August 12, 2022. White stated the original truck price was \$128,023.00 but the price has increased to \$132,023.00, due to supply chain delays. White stated the additional tandem truck has been ordered and is expected for delivery in the first half of 2023 at a cost of \$140,824.00, which is a 7% increase over the original budget for the equipment purchase. White stated the tandem truck expected in 2023 will have a pintle hitch installed which will allow two trucks in the fleet to be set up to pull the new trailer. White stated the current fiscal budget includes trucks that he anticipates will not be delivered within the fiscal year due to supply issues.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, the Board authorized the price increase for a tandem truck, expected for delivery in 2023, for the County Engineer Department at a cost of \$140,824.00. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board approved the following utility permit: Eastern Iowa Rural Electric Cooperative, Wilton, Iowa – take down overhead secondary line and bore under house number 3041-170<sup>th</sup> Street for a new secondary line. Section 4-77N-1W. Ayes: All.

Assistant County Engineer Brian Horesowsky updated the Board on secondary road projects.

Sorensen questioned County Engineer Keith White if he has received any updates regarding the Canadian Pacific proposed merger with Kansas City Southern and how this could impact the county with additional train traffic. Sorensen stated the City of Muscatine has held discussions regarding a potential overpass at Dick Drake Way. White stated he has not received updates. Sorensen stated he will forward a recent email update from Senator Mark Lofgren to White.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, minutes of the August 1, 2022 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Mather had a discussion with American Legion members regarding the veteran bronze grave markers at various cemeteries.

Mather had a discussion with several citizen regarding the proposed Canadian Pacific merger and stated the county is not involved with this merger at this time.

Committee & Meeting Reports:

Mather stated the Muscatine Community Health Association meeting was scheduled for August 3, 2022 but no meeting was held due to no quorum present.

Sauer attended the Bi-State Regional Planning Commission meeting on July 27, 2022.

Saucedo attended the West Liberty Economic Area Development meeting on July 28, 2022.

Holliday worked the West Liberty Raceway stock car races on August 6, 2022.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Saucedo, the Board approved Resolution #08-08-22-01 Transferring Funds in the amount of \$1,299,295.55 from the Debt Repayment Fund to the Debt Service Fund. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION # 08-08-22-01**

**TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE DEBT REPAYMENT FUND (2010) TO THE DEBT SERVICE FUND (2000)**

WHEREAS, it is desired to authorize the Auditor to transfer from the Debt Repayment Fund to the Debt Service Fund to pay off the 19/20 General Obligation County Building Improvements Note; and

WHEREAS, said transfers must be in accordance with Section 331.429 and 331.432 of the Code of Iowa.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors that the Auditor is authorized to transfer \$1,299,295.55 from the Debt Repayment Fund to the Debt Service Fund.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 8th day of August, 2022.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden  
Muscatine County Auditor

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

Mike Nolan with Horizon Architecture reviewed the proposed Administration Building Feasibility Study proposal with the Board stating the scope of work will involve interviewing staff, survey, document existing conditions and develop recommendations for possible renovations to the building for efficient use and probable costs for renovations and improvements.

On a motion by Saucedo, second by Mather, the Board authorized the Chair to sign an Administration Building Feasibility Study proposal with Horizon Architecture at a not to exceed fee of \$7,500.00. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held regarding the American Rescue Plan Act fund requests for Round Two. The Board tabled the request forms until more information is obtained on several funding requests. The Board requested that Conservation Director Curt Weiss attend the next meeting to discuss the Deep Lakes Water and Sewer Connection Projects.

County Auditor Tibe Vander Linden stated the real estate digitizing project contract will be signed today with Cott Systems to meet the proposal deadline.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 A.M.

ATTEST:

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Tibe Vander Linden  
County Auditor

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Scott Sauer, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors