

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, October 24, 2022

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

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

Emergency Management/911 Director Chris Jasper stated the Muscatine County Joint Communications Commission approved to switch the communication system from the Illinois system to the Iowa system. Jasper stated a portion of the project due to the addition of a tower located at 1884 Wildcat Den Road which will improve coverage.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Saucedo, the Board approved a disposal agreement between the Iowa Department of Administrative Services, on behalf of the Iowa Department of Public Safety, and Muscatine County re: a radio communications tower located at 1884 Wildcat Den Road, Muscatine, Iowa. Ayes: All.

Jasper reviewed a management agreement between the State of Iowa, acting through the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, and Muscatine County. Jasper stated the 25-year agreement is required the tower located at 1884 Wildcat Den Road that will be located on Iowa Department of Natural Resources property.

On a motion by Saucedo, second by Sorensen, the Board approved a management agreement between the State of Iowa, acting through the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, and Muscatine County re: the real property on which the radio communication tower in agenda item 3(a) is located. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, the Board approved the 2022 Weed Commissioner's Report. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Brian Horesowsky presented quotes for two 2023 Caterpillar 150-15 Motor Graders in the amount of \$425,945.00 each with guaranteed potential trade in amounts of \$90,000.00 each, for a total amount (two motor graders with two net trades) of \$671,890.00. Horesowsky stated the estimated delivery time for the motor graders is 52 weeks.

On a motion by Saucedo, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the purchase of two 2023 150-15 Motor Graders in the amount of \$425,945.00 each with net trades of \$90,000 each for a total amount of \$671,890.00. Ayes: All.

Horesowsky updated the Board on secondary road projects.

On a motion by Saucedo, second by Sorensen, the minutes of the October 17, 2022 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Saucedo received updated bike and trail maps with working with City of Muscatine.

Saucedo received a call from a resident with questions in regards to the Nature Conservancy property and operations.

Holliday stated the Muscatine County Fair Board Annual meeting is scheduled for October 25, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the county fairgrounds.

Committee & Meeting Reports:

Sorensen attended an Eastern Iowa Mental Health meeting on October 17, 2022

Sauer attended a Riverbend Transit Board meeting on October 19, 2022.

Holliday attended a Wilton Development Board meeting on October 19, 2022. Holliday stated the Wilton Chamber of Commerce has merged with Wilton Development and is now called Wilton Chamber Development Alliance. Holliday stated United Way of Wilton has merged with United Way of Muscatine.

Discussion was held with Conservation Director Curt Weiss and Klinger & Associates representative, Joshua Leyh regarding the potential for borrow sand from Deep Lakes County Park (southeast corner) to be used on the Muscatine Island Levee District Improvement Project. Weiss stated the project will require approximately 90,000 cubic yards of fill sand to be placed on the backside slope of the levee to both widen and increase the profile of the levee to increase the factor safety provided by the levee. The report presented by Leyh stated the project will be beneficial to many, including the district, county, residents, and businesses protected by the levee, along with increased recreation opportunities at Deep Lakes County Park with potential fishing area or wetlands. Weiss stated the area for borrow sand is approximately 5 to 6 acres with no development planned for the southeast area of the park. Weiss stated the Muscatine County Conservation Board voted to recommend to the Board to approve this project. Leyh stated the project would start late summer 2023, depending on the river water level.

On a motion by Saucedo, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the request from Klinger & Associates to use approximately 90,000 cubic yards of fill sand from Deep Lakes Park for the Muscatine Island Levee Improvement Project. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Saucedo, the Board approved the hiring of Cody Franklin as Building, Zoning & Environmental Inspector for the Zoning/Environmental Services Department at \$26.58/hour (Grade 12, Step 8) with a proposed start date of October 26, 2022.

Administration Services Director Nancy Schreiber reviewed the Engineering Office Administrator position, stating the position has assumed additional duties and responsibilities since the position was reviewed in 2015. Schreiber stated she recommends the position be revised and moved from Grade 10 to Grade 12.

On a motion by Saucedo, second by Sorensen, the Board approved a revised class specification and grade recommendation for the Engineering Office Administrator position; action to approve placement of current incumbent on Step 9 of the new grade. Ayes: All.

Schreiber stated the project to evaluate the Administration Building is being conducted by Michael Nolan from Horizon Architecture has sent a space planning questionnaire to all department heads with a request to return the questionnaire by November 18, 2022.

Sheriff Quinn Riess updated the Board regarding a complaint approximately a month ago about heavy truck traffic on the city streets of Montpelier. Reiss stated the truck owner was contacted and at that time the problem subsided but complaints confirm the problem has started again. Reiss stated he has contacted the Department of Transportation regarding embargoed roads. Reiss stated the county embargoed roads ordinance and the state embargoed roads ordinance have a conflict. Reiss stated he will be contacting County Attorney Jim Barry, County Engineer Brian Horesowsky and the Board to review the current county embargoed roads ordinance.

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

ATTEST:

Tibe Vander Linden
County Auditor

Scott Sauer, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors