

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, December 5, 2022

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

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

County Engineer Bryan Horesowsky presented bids for project L-(FU-8)—73-70, a twin 12' x 12' x 60 RCB Culvert on 135<sup>th</sup> Street as follows: Iowa Bridge & Culvert - \$488,827.58; Boomerang Corp.- \$567,761.20; and Brandt Construction Co.- \$728,118.95. Horesowsky requested to review the bids and report back to the Board with his recommendation.

On a motion by Saucedo, second by Holliday, the Board approved the following utility permit: Eastern Iowa Light and Power REC, Wilton, Iowa – relocate pole from intersection of 130<sup>th</sup> Street and Davis Avenue and install new poles and bore underground in 2-inch duct. Section 15, T78N, R-4W. Ayes: All.

Horesowsky reported that the delivery date for 2 CAT motor graders has been delayed from this month to late February or early March 2023.

Muscatine City Administrator Carol Webb and Park Maintenance Supervisor Nick Gow presented a request for a contribution commitment of \$400,000 from Muscatine County for a proposed design and construction of an indoor sports complex in Muscatine. Webb stated the estimated cost of designing and constructing the complex is \$4 million with proposed funding from private donations, local governments, a Destination Iowa grant and local grants. Discussion was held with the Board regarding the proposed design of the dome, the full size synthetic field, restrooms, seating and parking for the facility, proposed to be built at Soccer West location on Houser Street, Muscatine. Gow stated the multi-use facility aligns with the Muscatine County strategic goals of economic development, partnerships and quality of life. Webb stated the request for the \$400,000 contribution commitment from Muscatine County is part of the requirement to proceed with the application for a \$1 million Destination Iowa grant. The Board consensus was to review the requested funding commitment at their December 12, 2022 meeting and report the Board's decision to City of Muscatine.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas reviewed a special use permit granted by the Muscatine County Board of Adjustment at their December 2, 2022. Furnas stated the special permit is for Koch Angus Farms, LLC, Dennis & Susan Koch, to construct a seasonal recreational cottage on their property.

On a motion by Saucedo, second by Sorensen, the minutes of the November 28, 2022 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

All Supervisors received an email from the City of Muscatine regarding a funding request for the design and construction of a proposed indoor sports complex.

All Supervisors received an email from Clinton County Supervisor Jim Irwin regarding state changes to who can serve as the grant sub-recipient for the Mississippi Valley Workforce Area.

All Supervisors received an email from Muscatine Mayor, Brad Bark regarding an action taken by the Department of Natural Resources against a business on Pettibone Avenue.

All Supervisors received an email regarding the exit conferences with the State Auditors.

#### Committee & Meeting Reports:

Sorensen attended the Lower Cedar Watershed Authority Management Plan Open House event on November 29, 2022 at the West Branch Town Hall, West Branch, Iowa.

Sorensen attended a State Mental Health and Disability Services Board meeting on December 1, 2022.

Mather attended a Mississippi Valley Workforce Area Finance Committee meeting on November 30, 2022.

Saucedo attended a Public Health meeting on November 28, 2022.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board authorized the Chair to sign the Certification Statement for the Muscatine County FY21/22 Cost Allocation Plan. Ayes: All.

Horesowsky reported that he had reviewed the three bids received for mathematical accuracy and no deviations were found. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, the Board accepted the low bid from Iowa Bridge & Culvert, Washington, Iowa, in the amount of \$488,827.58 for project L-(FU-8)—73-70, a twin 12' x 12' x 60 RCB Culvert on 135<sup>th</sup> Street. Ayes: All.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas discussed the Lower Cedar Watershed Authority Management Plan Open House and presentation event on November 29, 2022 held at West Branch, Iowa stating he attended with Sorensen, Danny Chick, Jr. and Kurt Kirchner. Furnas stated the Lower Cedar Watershed Management Authority (WMA) Board meeting that followed the event included the roll out of the comprehensive watershed management plan. Furnas stated East Central Iowa Council of Governments will handle the administrative work and grant writing for WMA and Heartland Co-Op was contracted to serve as the watershed coordinator. Furnas stated the WMA Executive Board is scheduled to meet this week. Furnas stated the City of Durant has applied for an IDOLS grant for a wetland water filtration are to assist with treating storm water run-off to Mud Creek.

County Engineer Keith White thanked the Board for his 24 year of employment and acknowledged the entire Secondary Roads staff for their excellent work. White stated Dennis Michael has been an outstanding assistant through the years. White stated that Bryan Horesowsky is the best choice as the new County Engineer and encouraged the Board to support him as they have supported White.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 A.M.

ATTEST:

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Tibe Vander Linden  
County Auditor

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Scott Sauer, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors