

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, December 19, 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 December 12, 2022, were approved in the amount \$373,120.76. Ayes: All.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas reviewed the proposed updated fee schedule for the Muscatine County Building, Zoning and Environmental Office. Furnas stated the proposed fee changes include to increase the fees to \$50.00 each for Residential HVAC fee, Re-wiring or additional wiring fee, New 100-amp or 200-amp electrical service panel and Permit Extension fees in order to bring consistency to the fee schedule and more accurately reflect actual staff time and travel. Furnas reviewed a New Residential Solar Arrays fee stating a proposed change from the current \$80.00 fee to a new \$200.00 fee, due to the recent increase in the number of permits. Furnas stated the solar array installations require a minimum of two separate site visit inspections plus significant staff time for the plan review process. Furnas proposed a fee change for the Permitting of Stand-alone Generator fee to change from the current \$80.00 fee to a new \$150.00 fee, due to increases in permits that has revealed the current (minimum two inspections) fee of \$80.00 is not adequate to cover staff time and travel.

Saucedo expressed his concern regarding the heavy metal in solar array systems that may contaminate the ground and water sources if dumped in our county landfills in the next 20 to 25 years. Furnas stated the Iowa Electrical Code does not address recycling costs of solar array systems. Furnas stated the Muscatine County Building, Zoning and Environmental Office can review to add a disclaimer on the permit and inspection process to state the proper U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) disposal of the system.

On a motion by Saucedo, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the updated fee schedule for the Muscatine County Building, Zoning and Environmental Office, effective immediately. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Saucedo, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the following utility permit: Alliant Energy, Cedar Rapids, Iowa – install pole at 1022 Bancroft Avenue, West Liberty, Iowa and install anchors on existing poles across Bancroft Avenue. Section 6, T78N, R-4W. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Bryan Horesowsky reminded county residents of the forecasted snow, cold temperatures and high winds for later this week. Horesowsky stated the secondary roads department winter maintenance and snow removal policy runs during normal working hours and not 24 hours per day, seven days a week. Horesowsky stated the potential high winds of 25-35 miles per hour, may cause the crew to cease work due to visibility and their safety.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, minutes of the December 12, 2022 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

All Supervisors received an email from Sheriff Quinn Riess regarding the county road closures for all-terrain vehicles (ATV/s). Mather recommended reviewing the City of Muscatine and Muscatine County ATV policy at the next Joint City/School District/County meeting to compare the policies.

Committee & Meeting Reports:

Mather and Saucedo attended a 3D Print Housing Demonstration on December 13, 2022. Muscatine County is partnering with local housing organizations, nonprofits and Muscatine Community College and will be one of the first locations in the state with 3-D printed homes when completed.

Sorensen attended a Region 9 Transportation Policy Board meeting on December 15, 2022.

Sorensen and Sauer attended a Mississippi Valley Workforce Area Board meeting on December 16, 2022.

Saucedo attended a Trails meeting on December 13, 2022.

Saucedo attended an Early Childhood meeting at Muscatine Community College on December 15, 2022.

Holliday attended the Muscatine County Fair Board meeting on December 15, 2022.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board approved Resolution #12-19-22-01 2022 Utility Values Payable FY23/24. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION #12-19-22-01
2022 UTILITY VALUES PAYABLE FY 2023-2024**

BE IT HEREBY ORDERED by the Board of Supervisors of Muscatine, County, Iowa that the lengths of the mileage of the several railroads, electric and gas companies in Muscatine, County, Iowa, and the assessed value and taxable value thereof, fixed according to the following schedule, be spread upon the tax books of the Muscatine County Auditor for the valuation year 2022, payable in the fiscal year 2023/2024.

| UTILITY COMPANY | RATE | MILES | ASSESSED VALUATION | TAXABLE VALUATION | TAXABLE W/ROLLBACK |
|---------------------------------|------|-------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Central Iowa Power Cooperative | | | 22,912,684 | 10,048,110 | 10,048,110 |
| City of Geneseo Munc. | | | 15,594 | 3,857 | 3,857 |
| CMA Ventures Inc | | | 1,996,143 | 52,580 | 52,580 |
| Eastern Iowa Light & Power | | | 16,536,184 | 1,029,723 | 1,029,723 |
| Eldridge Municipal Utilities | | | 1,341 | 967 | 967 |
| Harlan Municipal Electric | | | 313,969 | 197,209 | 197,209 |
| Interstate Power & Light Co. | | | 14,171,385 | 2,332,412 | 2,332,412 |
| ITC Midwest LLC | | | 14,276,050 | 1,035,997 | 1,035,997 |
| Mid American Energy | | | 29,437,396 | 10,339,675 | 10,339,675 |
| Muscatine Power & Light | | | 3,324,298 | 2,384,610 | 2,384,610 |
| Tipton Municipal Electric | | | 110,940 | 74,001 | 74,001 |
| Waverly Municipal Electric | | | 345,537 | 281,336 | 281,336 |
| West Liberty Municipal Electric | | | 6,042 | 13,264 | 13,264 |
| TOTAL ELECTRIC COMPANIES | | | 103,447,563 | 27,793,741 | 27,793,741 |

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| Interstate Power & Light Co. (Gas) | | | 30,088,203 | 5,959,344 | 5,959,344 |
| Mid American Energy (Gas) | | | 9,722,199 | 2,756,047 | 2,756,047 |
| Western Minnesota Munc. Gas | | | 0 | 21,925 | 21,925 |
| Natural Gas Pipeline of America | | | 17,826,850 | 17,826,850 | 17,826,850 |
| Northern Border | | | 7,194,287 | 7,194,287 | 7,194,287 |
| TOTAL GAS & PIPELINE COMPANIES | | | 64,831,539 | 33,758,453 | 33,758,453 |
| Iowa Interstate | 289,640.7166 | 25.00 | 7,241,018 | 7,241,018 | 6,466,654 |
| D M & E FKA I C & E | 281,219.9926 | 22.77 | 6,403,379 | 6,403,379 | 5,712,781 |
| TOTAL RAILROADS | | 47.77 | 13,644,397 | 13,644,397 | 12,179,435 |
| TOTAL MUSCATINE COUNTY UTILITIES | | | 181,923,499 | 75,196,591 | 73,731,629 |

PASSED and APPROVED this 19th day of December, 2022.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden
Muscatine County Auditor

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

On a motion by Saucedo, second by Sorensen, the Board approved Resolution #12-19-22-02 Encumbering American Rescue Plan Act Funds. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION # 12-19-22-02
ENCUMBERING AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS**

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the 1.9 trillion-dollar American Rescue Plan Act to speed up recovery from the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and,

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan allocated \$8,286,982.00 to Muscatine County and on May 21, 2021 the first half of funds totaling \$4,143,491.00 was received and on June 9, 2022 the second half of the funds totaling \$4,143,491.00 was received and,

WHEREAS, the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors chooses the standard revenue loss allowance of up to \$10,000,000 for government services and,

WHEREAS, the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors has held public meetings to review requests and has determined which best qualify for the American Rescue Plan Act and,

WHEREAS, based on the distribution guidelines from the US Department of Treasury, the following projects have been approved for the use of said funds:

- City of Muscatine Indoor Sports Complex in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 from a combination of ARPA funds and interest earned on ARPA funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors encumbers American Rescue Plan Act Funds for the items listed.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 19th day of December, 2022.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden
Muscatine County Auditor

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

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Saucedo, the Board set a public hearing for Monday, January 9, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. on a request from Community Grant Foundation of Greater Muscatine for ongoing unbudgeted expenditures for a Community Grant Writer position. Ayes: All.

Administrative Director Nancy Schreiber stated this is the last Board meeting for calendar year 2022. Schreiber stated the first meeting in 2023 will be Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 9:00 A.M. due to the New Year holiday on Monday, January 2, 2023.

Schreiber stated the swearing in for County Officials is set for Thursday, December 29, 2022 at 8:00 A.M. at the Muscatine County Courthouse.

Sheriff Quinn Riess questioned if the ATV policy will be reviewed with the City of Muscatine. Mather stated he recommended reviewing the policy at the next Joint City/Community School District/County Quarterly meeting that is scheduled for March 2023.

Sauer thanked Saucedo and Holliday for their service to the County and the Board the past four years and presented a plaque to each of them.

Sauer thanked retiring County Engineer Keith White for his service for the past 24 years and presented White with a plaque.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 A.M.

ATTEST:

Tibe Vander Linden
County Auditor

Scott Sauer, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors