

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, September 18, 2023

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

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

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, the Board approved claims dated September 18, 2023 in the amount of \$830,015.28. Ayes: All.

Muscatine County Sheriff Quinn Riess requested the Board approve a contract for a Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau (GTSB) Safety Grant in the amount of \$61,080.00. Riess stated he did increase the number of hours by 50 over the prior year's contract as well as some additional equipment. Sorensen thanked Riess, stating he knew it was quite a bit of work to obtain grants.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board approved a Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau (GTSB) Safety Grant contract in the amount of \$61,080.00. Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed a variance granted by the Muscatine County Board of Adjustment on September 8, 2023. Case #23-09-02 is an application filed by James Proctor, Record Owner. This property is located in Moscow Township, in parts of NE ¼ of Section 9-T78N-R2W, 1605 Washington St containing approximately 0.83 acres and is zoned R-2 Residential District. This request, if approved, would allow the Zoning Administrator to issue a Variance in order to allow a detached accessory building to be placed 25" from the front property line and 17" from the side property line.

The Board reviewed a variance granted by the Muscatine County Board of Adjustment on September 8, 2023. Case #23-09-03 is an application filed by Scott Strauss, Record Owner. This property is located in Fulton Township, in parts of SE ¼ of Section 33-T78N-R1E, 1535 Wildlife Drive, containing approximately 0.76 acres and is zoned R-1 Residential District. This request, if approved, would allow the Zoning Administrator to issue a Variance in order to allow a single-family dwelling to be placed approximately 15' from the property line. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Chick, the Board accepted the variances granted by the Muscatine County Board of Adjustment on September 8, 2023. Ayes: All.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas reviewed a Special Use Permit granted by the Muscatine County Board of Adjustment on September 8, 2023. Case #23-09-01 is an application filed by Debra Saylor, Record Owners and Pat Saylor, Applicant. This property is located in Moscow Township, in parts of the NW ¼ of Section 33-T78N-R2W, 1524 Moscow Rd, containing approximately 8.85 acres and is zoned A-1 Agricultural District. This request, if approved, would allow the Zoning Administrator to issue a Special use Permit in order to allow the construction of a rural residence on the southeast portion of the parcel. The Board of Adjustment approved this request.

Furnas requested the Board schedule a public hearing for Monday, October 16, 2023 at 9:00am on a request to rezone approximately 30.17 acres in Sweetland Township, in parts of the SW ¼ of

Section 20-T77N-R1E, adjacent to 3553 Highway 22 from present A-1 Agricultural District to R-1 Residential District.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board approved scheduling a public hearing on Monday, October 16, 2023 to discuss the rezoning of 30.17 acres in Sweetland Township. Ayes: All.

Muscatine County Engineer Brian Horesowky updated the Board on secondary road projects.

Elections Administrator Cathy Ribbink presented the abstract of votes for the first tier of the September 12, 2023 Louisa-Muscatine Community School District Special Election. The Board canvassed the results as follows: For the Louisa-Muscatine Community School District Public Measure A: 133 votes were cast. Yes received 97 votes. No received 36 votes. For the Louisa-Muscatine Community School District Public Measure B: 133 votes were cast. Yes received 90 votes. No received 40 votes. There were three (3) under votes.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Chick, the Board approved the minutes of the September 11, 2023, regular meeting. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Chick, the Board approved an amendment to the May 22, 2023 Board of Supervisor minutes to replace the 4th sentence of the 3rd paragraph with the following: “Kies stated that the Board of Supervisors and the Muscatine City Council had previously agreed to split the cost, not-to-exceed \$75,000, to hire MSA to conduct a search for suitable parcels and develop a concept design for a law enforcement training facility and shooting range; Kies further stated that the final cost of the study and concept drawing was \$43,000.” Ayes: All.

Correspondence.

All Supervisors received a letter from Laura Kramer & Cody Curtis and several emails from residents regarding the proposed law enforcement training facility and shooting range.

Chick and Kirchner also received calls regarding the proposed law enforcement training facility and shooting range.

Committee & Meeting Reports:

Sorensen provided an update to the Eastern Iowa Mental Health Region committee. He stated the State of Iowa is looking at taking over this committee in the near future.

Chick attended a Public Housing Vision Session for Wilton on September 12, 2023 and a Public Housing Vision Session for West Liberty on September 14, 2023.

Mather attended a Seventh Judicial District Department of Correctional Services Advisory Board meeting on September 15, 2023.

Horizon Architecture Mike Norton discussed the proposed Courthouse Roof Replacement Project with the Board. Norton suggested the Board replace the gutters, steep slope slate roof,

low slope roof and the clock tower copper roof all at the same time so completed work does not get damaged and because setting up the vast scaffolding is expensive to erect multiple times. Since the clock tower roof was left off a previous quote, the price of the project would be higher than originally quoted by approximately \$1,062,900. The Board consensus was to fund the cost of the clock tower roof replacement from the Building Maintenance & Repair fund and the Debt Repayment Balance.

Conservation Director Curt Weiss discussed the Deep Lakes sewer/water line project with the Board. There were several proposed routes for the water & sewer lines, but the least expensive route, which stayed within State code, was to route the sewer line down Pettibone and the water line down Stewart Road. Due to having to increase the size of the water line, from 8 inches to 12 inches, the estimated price of the project increased by approximately \$131,000. The Board consensus was to fund the overage from the Conservation fund and Interest Income fund.

Administrative Director Nancy Schreiber requested the Board renew the Muscatine County Flexible Benefit Plan for 2024 and set the open enrollment period for October 2, 2023 to November 3, 2023.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Chick, the Board approved renewing the Muscatine County Flexible Benefit Plan for 2024. Ayes: All

Schreiber presented a draft copy of the 2024 Holiday Schedule for Muscatine County to the Board. Schreiber proposed Christmas Eve be added as a scheduled holiday off for the County due to the Holiday falling during the week. Instead of three (3) personal days employees received in the past, they would receive two (2) which keeps the days off as eleven, which is what employees have received in the past.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, the Board approved the Muscatine County Holiday Schedule for 2024. Ayes: All

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 A.M.

ATTEST:

Cathy Ribbink
Elections Administrator

Scott Sauer, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors