

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, October 2, 2023

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

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the agenda was approved with an amendment to correct Agenda Item #2, claims amount to \$726,994.88. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, claims dated October 2, 2023, were approved in the amount of \$726,994.88. Ayes: All.

Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber stated the proposed Resolution #10-02-23-01 Naming Depositories-Treasurer's Office amends the current county named depositories list to name Midwest One Bank, as the former approved list includes First National Bank of Muscatine which has been sold to Midwest One Bank.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board approved Resolution #10-02-23-01 Naming Depositories-Treasurer's Office as amended. Roll Call vote: Ayes: All.

RESOLUTION #10-02-23-01
RESOLUTION NAMING DEPOSITORIES - TREASURER'S OFFICE

It is hereby resolved that the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors approves the following list of financial institutions to be depositories for Muscatine County funds held by the Muscatine County Treasurer, in conformance with applicable provisions of Chapter 12C, Code of Iowa. All previous actions by the Board of Supervisors naming depositories and setting maximum limits for the Treasurer's Office are hereby null and void.

DEPOSITORY	LOCATION	MAXIMUM FUND BALANCE
CBI Bank	Muscatine, IA	\$ 40,000,000
Community Bank	Muscatine, IA	\$ 5,000,000
Farmers & Merchants Bank	Nichols, IA	\$ 2,000,000
IPAIT	Des Moines IA	\$ 40,000,000
Midwest One Bank	Muscatine, IA	\$ 40,000,000
South Ottumwa Savings Bank	West Liberty, IA	\$ 5,000,000

Passed and approved this 2nd day of October, 2023.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden
Muscatine County Auditor

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

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board approved and authorized the Chair to sign a Statement of Election Costs for Louisa-Muscatine Community School District Special Election that was held on September 12, 2023 in the amount of \$4,408.71. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board approved a renewal application for a Class C (Carryout Beer), Class E Liquor License (LE) and Sunday Sales Permit for Reif Oil Company, dba Stewart Road Fast Break, 2418 Steward Road, Muscatine, Iowa. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, the Board approved a renewal application and ownership change for a Class C Native Wine, Sunday Sales and Outdoor Service Permit for Ardon Creek Vineyard & Winery, LLC, dba Ardon Creek Vineyard & Winery, 2391 Independence Ave., Letts, Iowa. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Chick, the minutes of the September 25, 2023 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

All Supervisors received an email from Rhonda Staley regarding wind and solar ordinances. Sorensen and Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas stated they reviewed the email and confirmed the current county ordinance addresses the concerns stated in the email.

Sauer received an email from a resident containing information about a Worth County Ordinance regarding wind turbines. The email was forwarded to Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas.

Sauer and Check received an email from Mark Hanson of Renodry USA, regarding an assessment of the courthouse. Schreiber stated she has reviewed the offer with General Services Director Oscar Alvarez who contacted Mike Nolan of Horizon Architecture and Mike stated we have no issues at the courthouse so the offer is not worth pursuing.

Chick and Kirchner received an email from Molly Vagle regarding a Clean Grid Alliance Solar 101 event scheduled for October 4, 2023 at West Liberty Community Center.

Chick received a call from Chad Healey regarding extra gravel on 41st Street. Chick has reviewed the situation with County Engineer Bryan Horesowsky.

Chick received an email from Mardell McConnaha regarding the proposed law enforcement shooting range.

Chick received a call from Jeff Hackett regarding a tax statement on his son's property. Chick stated he has reviewed the information with County Assessor Randy Spies and informed Hackett to contact the County Assessor's office.

Chick received an email from William Patterson regarding a solar study on October 6, 2023.

Chick received several calls and emails from Josh Bremer regarding a proposed poultry facility.

Chick received an email from Michelle McNertney regarding a press release from

Governor Reynolds regarding the State and Local Workforce Development Boards and Commissions Review Committee final recommendations.

Committee & Meeting Reports:

Sorensen attended a county-wide Emergency Management Services meeting on September 20, 2023.

Sorensen attended an Eastern Iowa Mental Health Region meeting on September 18, 2023. Sorensen stated there was discussion about legislation regarding changes in funding for emergency services for townships. Sorensen recommended a sample resolution be drafted to address the proposed changes and how the possible funding changes may affect future taxes should be reviewed by the Board.

Mather attended a Housing Summit meeting on September 26, 2023. Sorensen stated there is a county-wide housing survey available on-line and urged citizens to complete the survey.

Sauer attended a Muscatine County Conservation Board meeting on September 25, 2023.

Sauer attended a Bi-State Regional Planning Commission meeting on September 27, 2023.

Chick attended a Greater Muscatine Chamber of Commerce and Industry Business After Hours event on September 19, 2023.

Chick attended a Mississippi Valley Workforce Area Finance meeting on September 27, 2023.

Kirchner attended the West Liberty Economic Area Development (WELEAD) meeting on September, 28, 2023.

Chick stated the on-line video recording of the past board meeting was hard to hear speakers when they address the board from the board room seating area and it is also difficult to hear speakers when using the microphone at the podium. Schreiber stated she will contact the video team to see if this can be improved.

County Engineer Bryan Horesowsky reviewed a hiring request for the proposed Assistant County Engineer position, which has been open for quite some time and stated his recommendation to hire Lee Gourley. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board approved a hiring request for the County Engineer's Office for Assistant County Engineer for Lee Gourley, at Grade 17, Step 13 at \$107,682 with a proposed start date of December 1, 2023. Ayes: All.

Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber reviewed a hiring request, promotion recommendation for Budget Coordinator Kala Naber stating Naber is being recommended for a promotion to Budget Administrator based on her demonstration of proficiency in all aspects of the job. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, the Board approved a request to promote Kala Naber from Budget Coordinator, Step 2 to Budget Administrator, Step 2, effective October 7, 2023. Ayes: All.

Schreiber stated she has located 15 firms who conduct compensation and benefit studies and recommends to solicit proposals for a county study. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Chick, the Board approved and authorized issuance of a proposed Request for Proposal for a compensation and benefit study. Ayes: All.

Schreiber stated the Muscatine Community School District (MCSD) secretary contacted her to see if a Joint Meeting with MCSD, City of Muscatine and the Board of Supervisors, is being considered with the Board to host the meeting. The Board consensus was to schedule a joint meeting at the Environmental Learning/Discovery Center and topics for the agenda will be determined at next week's meeting. Schreiber stated no one from the city or county has contacted her with agenda topics. Sorensen suggested the following topics: housing study update, levee improvement updates, and Muscatine County Conservation Board updates.

County Engineer Bryan Horesowsky updated the Board on secondary road projects.

Kristine Schroeder, 2400 155th Street, Muscatine, Iowa, addressed the Board stating she opposes the proposed law enforcement facility and shooting range. Schroeder stated she lives behind the current Isaac Walton shooting range and on Saturday, September 30, 2023 she heard continuous non-stop shooting from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at which time, she left her property. Schroeder stated the hours of operation on the Isaac Walton website states Tuesday and Wednesday from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 pm. and Saturday's from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Schroeder asked the Board if the new range is approved, what will be the hours of shooting practice and if outside lighting at the facility for night time training will be installed. Schroeder stated she considers the Isaac Walton shooting range to be a noise and lighting nuisance. Schroeder asked if there will be scheduled shooting time guidelines or if there will be a noise ordinance for the proposed shooting range and who will they call if the guidelines are not followed. Sauer stated the Wilton Trap team held a meet with Davenport schools at Isaac Walton on Saturday, September 30, 2023. Schroeder stated she has lived on her property since 1990 and she was not notified seven years later when the Isaac Walton range was being built and asked how close in proximity the neighbors would need to be to receive notice. Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas stated there is no current noise ordinance in place. Sorensen stated the final decision on the real estate offer to purchase for the law enforcement facility will be made by the Zoning Commission. Mather stated the decisions and details regarding the facility specifics in regards to shooting times and lighting will be decisions by the law enforcement. Sauer reviewed the Isaac Walton shooting range hours as Tuesday's are League Night, Wednesday's are for Wilton Trap team and Saturday is for open shooting or meets.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 A.M.

ATTEST:

Tibe Vander Linden
County Auditor

Scott Sauer, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors