

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, October 30, 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 as presented. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, the Board approved claims dated October 30, 2023, in the amount of \$928,399.71. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Bryan Horesowsky reviewed Resolution #10-30-23-01 To Vacate Unused Secondary Roads Right-Of-Way Adjacent in Montpelier Township stating the right-of-way has not been used in a long time and is of no use for secondary road purposes. Horesowsky stated the adjacent parcel owner has initiated the change.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Chick, the Board approved Resolution #10-30-23-01 To Vacate Unused Secondary Roads Right-Of-Way Adjacent in Montpelier Township. Roll call vote. Ayes: All.

RESOLUTION # 10-30-23-01
RESOLUTION TO VACATE UNUSED SECONDARY ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY
ADJACENT TO WARD AVENUE IN MONTPELIER TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors recognizes that certain road right-of-way easements are no longer used for Secondary Roads purposes; and

WHEREAS, Section 306.10 of the Code of Iowa provides that the agency which has control and jurisdiction over a highway system, shall have power, on its own motion, to alter or vacate and close any such highway: and

WHEREAS, Section 306.11 of the Code of Iowa provides that a hearing is not required if the proposed vacation is of part of a road right-of-way held by easement and will not change the existing traveled portion of the road or deny access to the road by adjoining landowners; and

WHEREAS, the following described section of road right-of-way is no longer used or needed:

A PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 77 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST OF THE 5TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN IN MUSCATINE COUNTY, IOWA.

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 16; THENCE SOUTH 89°32'40" EAST 1027.83 FEET ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER AND THE CENTERLINE OF WARD AVENUE TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF WARD AVENUE; THENCE SOUTH

00°27'20" WEST 33.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND THE BEGINNING OF A 319.39 FOOT RADIUS CURVE CONCAVE NORTHWESTERLY WHOSE 450.03 FOOT CHORD BEARS NORTH 45°39'56" EAST; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID CURVE AN ARC DISTANCE OF 499.36 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00°52'33" WEST 317.06 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89°32'40" WEST 317.06 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.49 ACRES.

SEE ATTACHED RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENT VACATION PLAT

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Muscatine County, Iowa, that the above described sections of road be ordered vacated and closed.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 30th day of October, 2023.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden
Auditor

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

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

Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas reviewed the process of the Comprehensive Plan update stating the last update adopted was in 2014. Furnas stated Bi-State Regional Planning Commission has begun work with the data gathering. Furnas stated each time the Comprehensive Plan is updated a Steering Committee is appointed. The Steering Committee are the front-line members who will review the survey data to provide a draft plan, hold a public input meeting and make reports to the Zoning Commission. Furnas stated the Iowa Code does not state where the Steering Committee must live however the Iowa Code states the Zoning Commission members must reside in unincorporated areas of the county, so the members being requested for appointment reside in unincorporated areas.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board appointed members; Brad Akers, Virginia Cooper, Carol Schlueter, Mike Deahr, Brian Fargo, Curt Weiss and Michelle Ross to serve on the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee for the 23/24 Comprehensive Plan update. Ayes: All.

Sorensen thanked the appointed Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee for their willingness to serve.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the minutes of the October 23, 2023 regular meeting and the typographical changes made to the October 25, 2023 special meeting. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

All Supervisors received an email from Matt Storm regarding the Special Board meeting held on October 25, 2023.

Sorensen had conversations with a couple residents interested in a road vacation.

Sorensen stated he has had conversations with a group regarding Emergency Management Services (EMS) and the proposed legislation changes for ambulance services and how it may affect our rural services. Tom Summitt is leading the group and it is suggested Emergency Management/911 Director, Chris Jasper present to the Board over the next few months the proposed changes. Sauer had a conversation with an individual regarding EMS. Chick received an email with Sara Carlson regarding questions on a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) request. Sorensen stated there is a meeting set with Carlson, Chick and Sorensen to review her request. Mather had a discussion with Budget Administrator Kala Naber and a grant writer.

Committee & Meeting Reports:

All Supervisors attended a Special Board meeting on October 25, 2023.
Sorensen attended a Bi-State Regional Planning Commission meeting on October 25, 2023.
Chick attended a Mississippi Valley Workforce Area finance meeting on October 25, 2023.
Kirchner attended a Muscatine County Fair Board meeting on October 24, 2023.
Kirchner attended a West Liberty Economic Area Development (WELEAD) meeting on October 26, 2023.

Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber reviewed a proposed transport officer hiring request for the Sheriff's Office/Jail department as board approval is required to hire at Step 4 for this position. Schreiber stated the proposed hire has experience as a former city police officer.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board approved a hiring request for the Sheriff's Office/Jail for Jason Williams as Transport Officer II at Step 4, \$21.09 per hour with proposed start date of November 6, 2023. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board accepted October 2023 payroll claims. Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 A.M.

ATTEST:

Tibe Vander Linden
County Auditor

Scott Sauer, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors