

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, November 27, 2023

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. with Kirchner, Chick, Sauer, Mather 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 Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board approved claims dated November 27, 2023, in the amount of \$796,076.84. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Chick, the Board approved the FY2023 Muscatine County Urban Renewal Report. Ayes: All.

Sheriff Quinn Riess held discussion with the Board regarding direction for a proposal for a temporary overtime incentive rate adjustment program. Riess stated over the course of the last year, the sheriff and jail division departments have experienced numerous challenges in attracting and retaining seasoned correctional officers. Riess stated the last couple of months, the jail has been operating with almost a 20% reduction in staff which has created the need for four or five officers to be forced in or over for several hours outside their normal shift times. Jail administration, uniformed deputies and patrol division command staff have also been utilized to fill or supplement the voids. Riess requested the Board's consensus to discuss with the union the potential options for recruiting new staff and incentive measures for the current staff to work additional hours when needed. Riess stated Scott County Board of Supervisors approved a resolution entering into a side letter/agreement with their correctional officers to adjust the overtime rate for represented staff for the remainder of the contract. The Board discussion included concerns to name the incentive program different than the proposal being presented and to pay the incentive pay within a short time to the employee. The Board consensus was to allow Riess to discuss employee incentive and retention options that may have been set in place with other departments with the union steward and the discussions should be with the understanding that any negotiations that may occur outside the contract, to be for only this type of option for recruiting, incentive and retention.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, the minutes of the November 20, 2023 regular meeting was approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Mather received an email from a veteran thanking Veteran's Affairs Director Eric Sanders for his work.

Chick had a discussion with a veteran who thanked Veteran's Affairs Director Eric Sanders for his work.

Committee & Meeting Reports:

Sorensen attended an Eastern Iowa Mental Health and Disability Board meeting on November 20, 2023.

Sauer attended a Muscatine County Conservation Board meeting on November 20, 2023.
Chick attended a Mississippi Valley Workforce Area Board meeting on November 20,
2023 by Zoom.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board approved Resolution #11-27-23-01
Suspending the Collection of Taxes. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

RESOLUTION #11-27-23-01
SUSPENDING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES

WHEREAS, notice from the Director of Human Services has been received regarding the
eligibility of Gina Cunningham, Muscatine, Iowa, (the ‘recipient’) for medical and facility care;
and

WHEREAS, as such recipient of such assistance is deemed to be unable to contribute to the public
revenue pursuant to Section 427.9, Code of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, the recipient is the owner of property described as follows:

Address: 1105 Newell Ave, Muscatine, IA 52761
Parcel No: 0834376003
Legal Description: 34-77-2W
Lot 1 Westlawn Add

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Muscatine County Board of
Supervisors:

1. That the County Treasurer is hereby ordered to suspend the collection of all taxes,
including special assessments, rates or charges, interest, fees and costs for the current
year and those unpaid from prior years. As long as the petitioner is authorized by
DHS no interest accrues during suspension but payments can be made.
2. If the parcel is sold, passes by bequest or inheritance to any person other than the
spouse or minor child of the petitioner, all taxes and special assessments become due
and payable by the next semi-annual installment date. Interest at the rate of 1 ½%
per month will start on the next delinquency date after the suspended taxes become
due.

Passed and approved this 27th day of November, 2023.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden
Muscatine County Auditor

Scott Sauer, Chairperson
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber reminded the Board of interview sessions scheduled for the Community Services Director/Disability Services Director position to be held on Tuesday, November 28, 2023 starting at 12:00 P.M.

Conservation Director Curt Weiss announced his official final day as November 30, 2023. Weiss thanked the Board for their support through the years and a good career. Weiss stated a good Director replacement (Katherine Hammond) will continue to carry on the work that is being done. Sauer stated he has been a member of the Conservation Board for several years and thanked Weiss for his outstanding work and progress/growth made for the county.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 A.M.

ATTEST:

Tibe Vander Linden
County Auditor

Scott Sauer, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors