

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, December 11, 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 Sorensen, second by Kirchner, the Board approved claims dated December 11, 2023, in the amount of \$477,765.47. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the minutes of the December 4, 2023 regular meeting. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

All Supervisors received a letter regarding a drop-in event hosted by Liberty Power Company scheduled for December 13, 2023 at Muscatine County Fairgrounds from 2:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. to discuss wind power.

Committee Reports and Meetings:

Sorensen attended a meeting on December 4, 2023 to discuss the Corn Belt Ports and an initiative to establish federal maritime funding. Sorensen stated a sample resolution will be sent for review in order to aggregate all the ports and activity in the county.

Sorensen, Mather and Chick attended a Housing Council meeting on December 6, 2023. Mather attended a housing study presentation at Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine on December 5, 2023.

County Assessor Randy Spies held discussion with the Board regarding a property located at 1410 Mulberry Avenue, Muscatine, acquired by City of Muscatine in September 2021. According to The City of Muscatine, they purchased the property for the Muscatine Art Center to be used for storage space. The Board received a letter dated December 7, 2023, from The City of Muscatine requesting to remove back taxes (for tax year 2022 in the amount of \$6,427.00). Spies stated in September 2021, the property was acquired and titled in the name of Muscatine Art Center which prompted the Assessor's office to send a notice (in 2021) to state the property was listed as a residential property on the tax rolls and a tax exemption would need to be filed, if applicable. The Assessor's office did not receive any notice or correspondence from the City of Muscatine or the Muscatine Art Center until September 2023 which was a request to abate 2022 taxes (to be paid September 2023 and March 2024). Spies stated he has since received an exemption request from The City of Muscatine to abate the 2023-year taxes (payable September 2024 and March 2025), which has been approved. Board discussion was held regarding the history of the property taxes accrued since September 2021 and the negligence to file the required tax exemption paperwork.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board moved to consider Resolution #12-11-23-01 Abating Taxes on a Parcel Owned by the City of Muscatine (Parcel ID 0835130031).

Roll call vote: Nay: Kirchner, Chick, Sauer, Mather and Sorensen. The Board disallowed abating taxes on Parcel ID 0835130031, owned by the City of Muscatine.

Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber announced the two applicants who have filed applications to fill a vacancy on the Muscatine County Board of Health as Martha Peterson and Cory Garvin. The Board will review the applications and take action to appoint to Muscatine County Board of Health at the next Board meeting.

The Board recessed at 9:13 A.M. and reconvened at 9:18 A.M.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Chick, the Board went into closed session at 9:18 A.M. pursuant to Chapter 21.5.1 (i). Code of Iowa, to discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for the property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for the property. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board returned to open session at 9:40 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 A.M.

ATTEST:

Tibe Vander Linden
County Auditor

Scott Sauer, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors