

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, December 18, 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 18, 2023, in the amount of \$206,542.93. Ayes: All.

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

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather the Board authorized the Chair to sign a General Accounting Expenditure funds request with Iowa Economic Development Authority in the amount of \$750.00 for grant administration expenses under the 2019 CDBG-DR grant. Ayes: All.

Furnas stated he received an email from a citizen inquiring how to approach the Board of Adjustment or the Zoning Commission on a proposed moratorium on wind energy projects. Furnas stated he will respond to the email to state the adopted county ordinance on wind energy projects addresses a moratorium proposal should come directly to the Board of Supervisors. Furnas stated the Durant newspaper has also requested information regarding the county wind energy ordinance related to a wind energy drop-in event held recently in West Liberty. Furnas stated the recent recommendations from the Infrastructure for Policy Development group regarding the county wind energy ordinance did not contain any major changes only a few areas to review.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board authorized the Chair to sign Statements of Election Costs for the November 7, 2023 Muscatine County City/School Elections, with County Auditor Tibe Vander Linden. Ayes: All.

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

Committee Reports and Meetings:

Chick attended a meeting with Greater Muscatine Chamber of  
Commerce and Industry on December 12, 2012.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board set a public hearing for Monday, January 15, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. on proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and cost estimate for the Muscatine County Jail Exterior Insulated Metal Panel Installation Project. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Chick, the Board set a public hearing for Monday, January 15, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. on proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and cost estimate for the Muscatine County Jail Mechanical Penthouse Access Panels and Platform Modification

Project. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board approved an appointment of Cory G. Garvin to the Muscatine County Board of Health to fill a vacant term ending December 31, 2024. Ayes: All. Sorensen thanked the applicants, Martha Peterson and Cory G. Garvin for their interest to serve.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the appointment of Carol Reynolds as a Board of Supervisors' representative to the Muscatine County Compensation Board. Ayes: All. Sorensen stated there is one more vacant seat to fill as a Board of Supervisor's representative to the Muscatine County Compensation Board if there is anyone interested. The Compensation Board typically meets one time per year in February.

Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber reminded the Board there will be no meeting next week due to the holiday. Then next Board meeting will be Tuesday, January 2, 2024, as the first non-holiday/business day of the year.

Mather thanked Veteran's Affairs Director Eric Sanders and Community Services Director Felicia Toppert for their recent work to help a veteran in a difficult situation with going above and beyond to assist the individual. Mather thanked all county departments in general for their work to make sure county residents are receiving the services they need.

The Board recessed at 9:15 A.M. The Board reconvened at 9:26 A.M.

Mike Nolan with Horizon Architecture presented a project scope to review and update the Muscatine County Facilities Master Plan. Nolan stated the goal of the study is to review the current master plan and update priorities for the next 5-10 years. This is an update to the original agreement and incorporates additional areas of study and possible courses of action that have arisen as the result of other portions of the study and new opportunities. The Board held discussion which included the value of using an architect for the master plan; the project scope presented is to evaluate all county offices; the updated master plan is intended to be completed in time for FY25 budget process; and the fee proposal of \$17,000 can be paid from Capital Project funds.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board approved a Muscatine County Master Plan Update-Design Services Proposal from Horizon Architecture for a lump sum fee of \$17,000. Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 A.M.

ATTEST:

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Tibe Vander Linden  
County Auditor

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Scott Sauer, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors