

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, January 29, 2024

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

On a motion by Sauer, second by Mather, the agenda was approved as presented. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Bryan Horesowsky presented bids for Project L-(M24-1) – 73-70, Pavement Markings on various roads throughout the county as follows: Vogel Traffic Services, Orange City, Iowa - \$399,855.37; Weikert Contracting, Inc, Cedar Falls, Iowa - \$432,807.89; Iowa Plains Signing, Slater, Iowa - \$718,734.25. Horesowsky recommended to award the bid to Vogel Traffic Services, Orange City, Iowa.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, the Board approved to award a bid for L-(M24-1) - 73-70, Pavement Markings on various roads throughout the county to Vogel Traffic Services, Orange City, Iowa, in the amount of \$399,855.37. Ayes: All.

Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commissioners Becky Furlong, Lynn Pruitt and Bill Koellner presented the Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission's 2023 Work Plan with Accomplishments and the 2024 Work Plan. Furlong stated the Commission is an 11-member board with two vacancies to fill. Furlong stated the vacancy notice has been published and the Commission will strive to fill the seats with individuals who represent the entire county and with gender equity. Furlong stated the meetings are held in the Board of Supervisors room at 12:00 P.M. on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. On a motion by Chick, second by Mather, the Board accepted the Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission's 2023 Work Plan with Accomplishments and the 2024 Work Plan. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, the Board authorized the Chair to sign the Iowa Certified Local Government 2023 Annual Report. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, the Board approved the corrected minutes of the January 22, 2024 regular meeting and January 23, 2024 special meeting. Ayes: All.

Correspondence.

All Supervisors received two emails from citizens stating their support for wind energy.

All Supervisors received an email from Larry Salemink stating his concern of Board discussions of possible no future budget funding for Muscatine County Fair.

Committee Reports.

Chick attended a Mississippi Valley Workforce Area Finance committee meeting on January 24, 2024.

Sorensen attended an Eastern Iowa Mental Health Region meeting on January 22,

2024.

Sorensen attended a Bi-State Regional Planning Commission meeting on January 24, 2024.

Sauer attended an Annual Courthouse Security meeting on January 26, 2024.

Sauer stated the southside courthouse doors are currently locked to allow for a better view of the flow of people entering the building at the northside doors. Sauer stated the Sheriff Quinn Riess is planning to analyze the building for possible key card access to various offices for added security and will present his recommendations to the Board in the near future.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Mather, the Board accepted the January 2024 payroll claims.
Ayes: All.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas stated he held a meeting on January 25, 2024 with Duke Energy, a renewable energy company. Furnas stated Duke Energy introduced themselves and expressed interest in potential wind energy projects in the county.

Furnas stated a kick off meeting for the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee was held on January 25, 2024. The Steering Committee had considerable discussion on the West Liberty area, as it has had significant development and recent interest in wind energy companies. The committee felt it would be appropriate for at least one of the public input sessions to be held in the West Liberty area. Furnas stated the contract with Bi-State has a limited number of input sessions scheduled however they have agreed at no additional cost, to add an additional public input session. Sorensen stated the public input sessions held in 2014 were not well attended and stated the importance of municipalities, officials and the public to attend and participate in the process.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 A.M

ATTEST:

Tibe Vander Linden
County Auditor

Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors