

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, February 5, 2024

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

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

On a motion by Sauer, second by Kirchner, the Board approved claims dated February 5, 2024, in the amount of \$289,158.90. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, the Board moved to accept Felicia Toppert's retirement effective February 16, 2024 and to affirm Board of Supervisor action on December 4, 2023 to hire Jessica Bopes as Community Services Director/ Disability Services Coordinator effective January 2, 2024. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Kirchner, the Board moved to affirm Board of Supervisor action on January 2, 2024 to hire Kate Froelich-Cawiezell as a Trust Social Worker effective January 8, 2024. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, the Board moved authorized Bopes and Froelich-Cawiezell access to all CBI online banking for Community Services business. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Kirchner, the Board authorized to remove Jenifer Watkins-Schoenig due to resignation, remove Felicia Toppert due to retirement and to grant Community Services Director Jessica Bopes full access to burial CD's at Midwest One Bank. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Mather, the Board moved to affirm Community Services' authorization for a credit card through Midwest One Bank and increasing the credit limit to \$7,500.00. Ayes: All.

Community Services Director Felicia Toppert updated the Board on the transition of directors to Director Jessica Bopes.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Mather, the Board approved the minutes of the January 29, 2024 regular meeting.

Correspondence:

Sauer received a phone call from a resident stating concerns with rock and dirt in road ditches due to snow removal. Sauer stated county residents are urged to have patience and understanding with this secondary road issue.

Mather received an email from a resident regarding a Department of Labor Urban Development Career Training event. Mather forwarded the email to Chick to inform Mississippi Area Workforce Area Board of the event.

Chick received calls from Dusty Buffington regarding road maintenance on 245th Street, Conesville, Iowa. Chick contacted County Engineer Bryan Horesowsky.

Chick received a call from Mike Dean with questions about land parcels throughout the county. Chick contacted County Attorney Jim Barry.

Committee & Meeting Reports:

Kirchner attended a West Liberty Economic Area Development (WELEAD) meeting on January 25, 2024.

Sorensen, Mather, Sauer attended a Conference Board meeting on January 30, 2024.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #02-05-24-04 Granting Extension for Filing the Final Plat of Braun Subdivision. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

RESOLUTION #02-05-24-01
RESOLUTION GRANTING EXTENSION FOR FILING THE FINAL PLAT OF
BRAUN SUBDIVISION

WHEREAS, the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors approved the preliminary and final plat of the Next Gen Subdivision on August 24, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 1.7 of the Muscatine County Subdivision Ordinance requires recording of the final plat within 90 days of its approval; and

WHEREAS, the final plat was not recorded within the 90-day window and an application for an extension of time was not made to the Board of Supervisors under the provisions of Section 1.7; and

WHEREAS, owing to an additional period of time being needed to file the final plat; and

WHEREAS, the attorney representing the owners has submitted a written request for an extension after the 90-day filing period has expired and has paid the \$100 fee, as required by Section 1.7.

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

1. That Steven Kundel, attorney for the Braun Subdivision owners, is granted an additional 90 days to file the final plat and otherwise comply with the subdivision ordinance.

Passed and approved this 5th day of February, 2024.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden
Muscatine County Auditor

/s/Jeff Sorensen, Chairman
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Chick, second by Mather the Board affirmed the County Attorney's ongoing

authorization to act on behalf of the County in matters related to the County's participation in the opioid litigation. Ayes: All.

Sheriff Quinn Riess stated during a recent Courthouse Security meeting, a redesign of the panic button system was discussed. Riess stated he will apply for a grant to cover the redesign cost and will have more information in the next few weeks.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas stated the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee has determined the updated Comprehensive Plan will not be completed in this fiscal year. Furnas stated the budgeted amount of \$25,222.00 will be removed from the FY24 budget and moved to the FY25 budget. Furnas stated the proposed additional Comprehensive Plan public hearing to be held in West Liberty area will be no additional charge in the contract with Bi-State.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 A.M.

ATTEST:

Cathy Ribbink
2nd Deputy Auditor

Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors