

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, February 19, 2024

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

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

On a motion by Chick, second by Kirchner, the Board approved claims dated February 19, 2024, in the amount of \$296,255.71. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kirchner, second by Chick, the Board approved the minutes of the February 12, 2024 regular meeting. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Kirchner received calls from City of West Liberty Mayor, Mark Smith regarding an announcement from West Liberty Foods of a major employee lay off.  
Chick received a call from Sorensen regarding the West Liberty Foods employee lay off announcement. Chick contacted Miranda Swafford at Iowa Workforce.  
Chick sent an email to the Muscatine Community School District, Police Chief, Sheriff and Muscatine Mayor inquiring if the group would be willing to meet to discuss placing resource officers in all our schools. There has been no response to email.  
All Board members received an email from Rhonda Staley Meredith regarding her concern with Iowa Senate Study Bill #3169 proposing wind turbines as a state mandate.

Committee & Meeting Reports:

Kirchner attended a Lower Cedar Watershed Management Authority (LCWMA) meeting on February 13, 2024.  
Kirchner attended a Muscatine County Fair Board meeting on February 15, 2024.  
Chick attended a Community Conversations meeting on February 12, 2024. The focus of the meeting was security in our schools.  
Chick attended a Greater Muscatine Chamber of Commerce Industry (GMCCI) Economic Development meeting and tour of White Distribution & Supply, LLC on February 13, 2024.  
Sorensen attended a GMCCI Advocacy Committee meeting on February 13, 2024.  
Sorensen attended a Muscatine County Emergency Management Commission and Muscatine County 911 Service Board meeting on February 14, 2024.

On a motion by Chick, second by Kirchner, the Board authorized the Chair to execute a contract with Spectra Build in the amount of \$38,280.00 for the Muscatine County Jail Access Panel Installation Project. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Chick, second by Kirchner, the Board authorized the Chair to execute a contract with The Henley Group in the amount of \$495,000.00 for the Muscatine County Jail Insulated Panel Extension Project. Ayes: All.

Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber stated she received an email from John L. Murphy, CEO of Community Action of Eastern Iowa (CAE), stating CAE has accepted a resignation of a Board member. Murphy stated the resignation requires the Board of Supervisors to appoint an elected official or a designee to serve on the CAE Board of Directors. The Board of Supervisors consensus was to review the CAE responsibilities before deciding if a Board member will serve or if they will request to have CAE appoint a designee to serve.

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

Horesowsky stated Region 9 Regional Planning Affiliations (RPA) grant funding submissions are due by March 2, 2024. Horesowsky stated he is proposing to request additional funding for the F-58 resurfacing project and funding for North Mulberry Road.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas updated the Board on Iowa Study Bill 674 in regards to watershed management authorities. Furnas stated the County Zoning for Pipelines bill has passed in the Iowa House, which appears to be proposed amendments to the eminent domain language.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 A.M.

ATTEST:

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Tibe Vander Linden  
County Auditor

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Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors