

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, May 6, 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.

Muscatine Police Department Lt. Ryan Buss held discussion with the Board to request to use county property (parking lot and grass lot on Mulberry Avenue between East 4th Street and East 5th Street) on August 6, 2024 for a National Night Out event. The set-up, the event itself, and the tear down will take place from 4:00 P.M. until approximately 10:00 P.M. The use of the property will help accomplish the goal of creating community partnerships. Administrative Services Directory Nancy Schreiber stated she has already received the Certificate of Insurance from the City of Muscatine.

On a motion by Chick, second by Kirchner, the Board approved a request by Muscatine Police Department to use county property, the parking lot and grass lot, located on Mulberry Avenue between East 4th Street and East 5th Street on August 6, 2024 for a National Night Out event. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Bryan Horesowsky recommended to the Board to approve selling Muscatine County Bridge #221, over Crane Creek on Jasper Avenue, north of 215th Street for the sum of \$1.00 to Lysle "Skip" Hitchcock and Randall Eichelberger. The said bridge is located on roadway vacated by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors on June 19, 2017.

On a motion by Mather, second by Kirchner, the Board approved Resolution #05-06-24-01 selling Muscatine County Bridge #221, FHWA #257630, to Lysle "Skip" Hitchcock and Randall Eichelberger for the sum of \$1.00, located on the vacated portion of Jasper Ave, roughly 3,000 ft south of 205th St. in Sections 33 and 34, T-77N, R-03W all within Lake Township, Muscatine County, Iowa. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION #05-06-24-01
DISPOSAL OF COUNTY BRIDGE**

WHEREAS, THE Muscatine County Engineer's Office has received a request from Lysle Hitchcock and Randall Eichelberger, president of RoMar Inc. to purchase Bridge #221 over Crane Creek on Jasper Avenue, north of 215th St. for the sum of \$1.00; and

WHEREAS, said bridge is located on roadway vacated by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors on June 19, 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors to authorize the sale of FHWA Bridge #257630, Muscatine County Bridge #221, located on Jasper Avenue roughly 3,000 ft south of 205th St in Sections 33 and 34, T-77N, R-03 all within Lake Township, Muscatine County, Iowa to Lysle Hitchcock and Randall Eichelberger for \$1.00.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 6th day of May, 2024.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden
Muscatine County Auditor

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

County Engineer Horesowsky updated the Board on secondary road projects. Horesowsky reminded the public that Canadian Pacific Railroad has announced a road closure due to a railroad crossing repair between Stewart Road and 41st Street on Pettibone Avenue near Northern Gravel Company.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Kirchner, the Board approved the minutes of the April 29, 2024 regular meeting. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

No correspondence was reported.

Committee Reports:

Mather attended an orientation session with Community Action of Eastern Iowa on May 1, 2024.

General Services Supervisor Oscar Alvarez reviewed a proposal for consulting engineering services from AJ Associates to review the existing Jail Building HVAC system with prospective HVAC system balancers and evaluate potential HVAC system balancing proposals. AJ Associates will provide construction administration and onsite review as requested by the ultimate balancer and/or Muscatine County. Administrative Service Director Nancy Schreiber stated Sheriff Quinn Riess has stated the cost of the consulting services will be paid from the jail commissary funds.

On a motion by Chick, second by Mather, the Board accepted a proposal for Consulting Engineering Services from A&J Associates for a Jail Building HVAC Balancing Contract Review. Ayes: All.

Planning and Zoning Director Eric Furnas stated it is likely the courthouse project and the jail insulated panel project will still be going on during the August 6, 2024 National Night Out event to be held in the parking lot on Mulberry Avenue. Furnas stated during the construction projects the material lay down areas and contractor staging will be using part of the parking lot. Furnas noted he is reviewing the preliminary areas for material lay down and stated he has been in contact with Jail Administrator Matt McCleary as some of the jail staff parking may need to be moved. Furnas stated he will contact Muscatine Police Department Lt. Ryan Buss once the pre-construction meeting is held and start dates are set.

The Board recessed at 9:17 A.M. The Board reconvened at 9:25 A.M.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Kirchner, the Board went into Non-public session at 9:25 A.M pursuant to Chapter 20.17(3), Code of Iowa, to discuss strategy in union negotiations. Roll call vote: Ayes: All. On a motion by Mather, second by Kirchner, the Board returned to open session at 10:07 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, the Board went into Closed session at 10:07 A.M pursuant to Chapter 21.5 (c), Code of Iowa, to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent. Roll call vote: Ayes: All. On a motion by Sauer, second by Chick, the Board returned to open session at 10:18 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 A.M.

ATTEST:

Tibe Vander Linden
County Auditor

Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors