

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, August 19, 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 Mather, second by Kirchner, the Board approved claims dated August 19, 2024 in the amount of \$1,201,210.86.

Bill Koellner of the Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission updated the Board on the completion of the Survey of Transportation Development in Muscatine County CLG Grant Project. Koellner thanked the board for approving the project. Koellner also stated the building work at Fairport Fish Hatchery is waiting for DNR & DNR to approve the building to their standards. Koellner stated most of the funds have been raised for the building project. It was also stated that Lynn Pruitt will attend next week's meeting to approve the grant for the intensive survey of North Calhoun Street to Maxsom Avenue, West Liberty, Iowa, in four stages. The Annual State Summit will be held in May 2025 in Muscatine. Mather asked if the venue has been set, and if the Transportation Survey will be available online. Koellner confirmed that it will be available electronically on the county website, and the summit location will possibly be held at the Merrill Hotel.

On a motion by Chick, second by Mather, the Board approved the prior acceptance of a proposal for masonry work to the Courthouse clock tower with TNT Tuckpointing and Building Restoration in the amount of \$957.00, in conjunction with the Muscatine County Courthouse Roof Project. Sorensen confirmed Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas called and discussed this proposal with him. Furnas also talked to Administrative Service Director Nancy Schreiber prior to the work being done. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

Furnas updated the Board on the Courthouse Roof Project.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, the Board approved the minutes of the August 12, 2024 regular meeting. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Chick received an email from Laura Curtis about intersections. Chick suggested she attend the October 22, 2024 Safety Plan Workshop.

Kirchner received an email from Rhonda Staley. Staley inquired about the County Comprehensive Plan status of previous solar and wind turbine discussions. Planning and Zoning Administrator Furnas responded to the email.

All Supervisors received an email from Iowa State Extension office about an obesity program as Muscatine County has been identified as one of the counties with obesity and food quality issues.

Committee & Meeting Reports:

Kirchner attended a Muscatine County Fair Board meeting on August 15, 2024.

Mather and Sorensen attended the State Audit Entrance meeting on August 14, 2024.

Sorensen attended an Emergency Food and Shelter Board on August 15, 2024. Sorensen thanked and recognized United Way of Muscatine for doing the administration.

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

The Board recessed at 9:24 A.M. and reconvened at 9:48 A.M.

On a motion by Mather, second by Chick, the Board went into closed session at 9:48 A.M. pursuant to Code of Iowa, Section 21.5 (c) to discuss strategy with counsel in matter where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation; and/or Section 21.2 (j) to discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for the property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for the property. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Chick, second by Sauer, the Board returned to open session at 10:00 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All

On a motion by Chick, second by Sauer, the Board went into non-public session at 10:00A.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 Chick, the Board returned to open session at 10:37 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

The meeting adjourned at 10:37 A.M.

ATTEST:

Jane Claussen
First Deputy Auditor

Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors