

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, November 18, 2024

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

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

On a motion by Sauer, second by Chick, to approve claims dated November 18, 2024 in the amount of \$1,022,541.84.

Muscatine County Assessor's Office Manager Kelly Crull presented the 2025 Family Farm Credit applications for the Board to approve/disallow. Crull recommended the Board approve all applications.

On a motion by Chick, second by Sauer, the Board approved the 2025 Family Farm Credit applications as recommended by the Muscatine County Assessor. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Chick, second by Sauer, to approve the FY2024 Muscatine County Urban Renewal Report. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Chick, second by Kirchner, to approve to order a recount of the U.S. Representative District 1 race from the November 5, 2024 General Election. Ayes: All.

The Board canvassed the Second Tier Canvass for Louisa-Muscatine School District Public Measure QD. The results were as follows:

LOUISA-MUSCATINE PUBLIC MEASURE QD: Yes received 1,241 votes; No received 870 votes. There were 70 undervotes from Muscatine County and 47 undervotes from Louisa County.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas reviewed a Special Use Permit granted by the Muscatine County Board of Adjustment on November 8, 2024.

Mather joined the meeting at 9:08 A.M.

Furnas stated Case #24-11-01 is an application filed by Sally Hahn, 1491 235th Street, Letts, Iowa, in Cedar Township, in parts of the SE ¼ of Section 11-T76N-R4W, containing approximately 2.23 acres, and is zoned A-1 Agricultural District. The request would allow a Special Use Permit to place a Seasonal Recreational Cottage on the parcel. There are currently no other seasonal recreational cottages on this property and the 2.23 acres of this lot exceeds the minimum requirement. Furnas stated the Board of Adjustment approved this request.

Furnas stated he sent an email to the Board regarding the Lower Cedar Watershed Management Authority (LCWMA) and the dedicated ARPA funds. The email included an update of the LCWMA activities and projects.

Furnas stated the Public Hearing for the updated County Comprehensive Plan is scheduled for December 12, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Discovery Center.

Mike Nolan, Horizon Architecture reviewed a contractor recommendation for Muscatine County Administration Building Maintenance-Phase 1. The bid for roof level items, which include the replacement of a gutter and downspout plus installation of blocking, are as follows: Myers Construction - \$69,778.00; Daxon Construction – decline to bid and Wolfe Contracting- decline to bid.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Kirchner, the Board accepted a bid for the Muscatine County Administration Building Maintenance-Phase 1 with Myers Construction in the amount of \$69,778.00. Ayes: All.

Nolan updated the Board on the County Jail Access Panel and Platform Project with Spectra Build. Nolan stated the platform has been installed and the access panels have an expected delivery of later this month. Nolan stated the concrete work at the Sheriff's office has been completed with final grading work to still occur. Nolan stated the masonry work on the Courthouse Roof Project has been completed. Furnas stated repainting on window trim needs to be completed on the Courthouse Roof Project and he is waiting on a bid. Sorensen asked if the Administration Building remodel is being considered as he observed during the General Election early voting process that a remodel should be considered to manage future elections. Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber stated the Board has not approved funding for a remodel project. Sorensen recommended a meeting with department heads and Nolan in the near future to discuss a remodel.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Mather, the Board approved the minutes of the November 4, 2024 regular meeting and November 13, 2024 special meeting. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

All Supervisors received an email from County Auditor Tibe Vander Linden regarding the Post-Election Audit held on November 15, 2024 which stated the hand count audit for Muscatine Precinct 3 with a perfect tally for votes on election day for the President/Vice President and County Sheriff races.

All Supervisors received an email notification from Vander Linden regarding a Request for Recount filed by a representative for Christina Bohannon for U.S. House District 1 race held at the General Election on November 5, 2024.

Sorensen received an email from Colonel Sinkler regarding port improvements stating Illinois was recently awarded grants in the amount of \$4.5 million and the mail included grant incentives that are available for our area.

Committee & Meeting Reports:

Kirchner attended a WELEAD Quarterly/West Liberty Chamber meeting on November 8, 2024.

Kirchner attended a Lower Cedar Watershed Management Authority meeting on

November 12, 2024.

Chick attended a Greater Muscatine Chamber of Commerce and Industry Economic Development meeting on November 12, 2024.

Chick attended a Mississippi Valley Workforce Finance meeting on November 13, 2024.

Sorensen attended a Ports of Eastern Iowa meeting on November 13, 2024.

Mather stated Eric Sanders, Veterans Affairs Director, received a nationwide award as an All-Star Community Advocate Award from Tyler Technologies. Mather stated only five awards are issued annually to veterans.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, to approve an Education Reimbursement request to Administration Secretary, Melissa Hill, for an Accounting Fundamentals course (24 hours credit) in the amount of \$129.00. Ayes: All.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 A.M.

ATTEST:

Jane Claussen
1st Deputy Auditor

Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors