

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, December 9, 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 December 9, 2024 in the amount of \$465,962.10. Ayes: All.

Richard Klimes, Director of Muscatine Parks and Recreation reviewed the 2nd amendment request to the City of Muscatine's Indoor Sports Complex ARPA agreement. Klimes stated the amendment request is for the project funding to not be a last resort funding and to request the expenditure date be moved to September 30, 2025, as the original date was December 31, 2024. Klimes reported the construction is underway, with the completion date moved to late spring or early summer of 2025, due to supply chain issues. Klimes stated the scope of the project has been expanded from \$4 million to \$7.2 million to accommodate a holding area for sports teams and pickleball courts.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Chick, the Board approved a 2nd amendment to the City of Muscatine's Indoor Sports Complex ARPA agreement. Ayes: All.

Joshua Leyh of Klingner & Associates, updated the Board on the Muscatine Louisa Island Levee Improvement Project stating Feature 1 has been completed with grading and finishing work to be finalized. Leyh stated the drone footage of the project is available. Sorensen recommended scheduling a public event for the public to view the drone footage and the changes made to the levee. Leyh stated the EDA close out documents for the completion of the project will be completed in time for the August 2025 close out deadline.

County Assessor Randy Spies reviewed with the Board a Professional Services Agreement with Schneider Geospatial in the amount of \$15,744 for the parcel maintenance of up to 100 real estate parcel splits/combinations annually. The agreement is approximately a \$4,000 increase from the current service agreement. The annual service agreement cost will be split between the Assessor and Auditor budgets. Spies stated the agreement includes GIS training. County Attorney Jim Barry stated he is reviewing the process to possibly assess a fee to the parcel owner who is requesting the real estate parcel subdivision splits and combinations.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, the Board authorized the Chair to sign a Professional Services Agreement with Schneider Geospatial in the amount of \$15,744. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Chick, second by Kirchner, the Board approved to sign the Muscatine County Pledge for Safety Action Plan which allows for potential grant funding. Ayes: All. County Engineer Bryan Horesowsky stated the Safety Action Plan is expected to be returned by Kimley-Horn, Engineering Planning and Design Consultants, by the end of the month. Horesowsky updated

the Board on secondary road projects.

On a motion by Mather, second by Chick, the Board approved the minutes of the December 2, 2024 regular meeting. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Sorensen received an email from Kim Warren requesting the Board attend a proposed meeting regarding child care options in Muscatine.

Chick received an email from a resident requesting the status of the 245th Street Bridge. County Attorney Jim Barry stated he sent a draft settlement document to Horesowsky and Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber to review.

Committee & Meeting Reports:

Sorensen and Chick attending a Housing Study meeting on December 4, 2024.

Sorensen and Chick attended a Community Summit on December 4, 2024.

Sorensen stated Muscatine Community School District Superintendent Clint Christopher commended County Attorney Jim Barry, who was instrumental to combat chronic absenteeism in the school system.

Sorensen and Sauer attended a Region 9 Transportation Policy meeting on December 3, 2024.

On a motion by Chick, second by Kirchner the Board accepted the November 2024 payroll claims.

Chick challenged County Department heads to review their FY25/26 budget requests and lower their department costs by 1%. Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber stated that 85-90% of department budgets are personnel items so it will be challenging to lower budgets with supplies up in cost. Sorensen asked County Assessor Randy Spies what expected increases in property valuation will be. Spies replied a 5-6% increase is anticipated.

Sorensen stated the Conference Board will meet on December 11, 2024 at 5:30 P.M. to appoint a new County Assessor as the Examining Board has sent a recommendation. The Conference Board will meet as County Assessor Randy Spies is retiring.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 A.M.

ATTEST:

Tibe Vander Linden
County Auditor

Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors