Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, March 3, 2025

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

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

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Chick, the Board approved claims dated March 3, 2025 in the amount of $239,346.71. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorenson, second by Chick, the Board approved an application for a FY25/26 Iowa Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of $33,915.00. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved 12 upcoming special event permits for Ardon Creek Vineyard and Winery, LLC (Article III, Section 3.26 of the Zoning Ordinance allows native wineries or cider mills as a special use, subject to specific requirements, including Board of Supervisors' approval of any special event at which (1) wine will be sold for onsite consumption and (2) attendance of more than 35 persons is anticipated). Ayes: All.

County Development Director, Eric Furnas, updated the Board on the Courthouse Roof Project. Stone slate has been placed on the roof. Weather permitting, the rotunda should be completed soon.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the minutes of the February 24, 2025 regular meeting. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:
      Sauer received several phone calls from a resident at the M&W Mobile Home Park in regards to their water issues. Sauer has been corresponding with Furnas regarding this concern.
      Mather stated a couple Board members received an email in relation to the Carosh HIPPA transfer of information.
      Chick received a phone call from a citizen regarding water quality concerns at Lutheran Homes.
      Chick received an email from Steven Kraklio in regards to solar stop signs.
      Chick stated the Board received an email for an open record request for the opioid settlement and he referred the email to Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber and County Attorney Jim Barry.
      Chick signed off on a shared liability agreement for the Mississippi Valley Workforce Area Board.

Committee & Meeting Reports:

Chick and Sorensen attended the Bi-State Regional Planning Commission meeting on February 26, 2025.

Chick attended the Greater Muscatine Chamber of Commerce and Industry meeting on February 26, 2025.

Sorensen met with Nora Dwyer and Jessica Bopes regarding local food pantries on February 26, 2025.

Sorensen attended the Eastern Iowa Mental Health Region meeting on February 24, 2025.

Sorensen attended a Muscatine County Joint Communications Commission meeting on February 26, 2025.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board accepted the February 2025 payroll claims. Ayes: All.

Merlin Bartz, Iowa County Outreach Manager for Invenergy LLC of Chicago, proposed a future formal presentation to the Board for a 200 megawatt project in Muscatine County. Bartz will provide written materials for presentation to Budget Administrator, Kala Naber prior to the March 31, 2025 Board meeting.

The Board recessed at 9:18 A.M. and reconvened at 9:23 A.M.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board went into closed session at 9:23 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 Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board returned to open session at 9:35 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 A.M.

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Tibe Vander Linden   Nathan Mather, Chairperson
County Auditor   Board of Supervisors