

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, January 25, 2021

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

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

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, claims dated January 25, 2021 were approved in the amount of \$862,557.76. Ayes: All.

Mike Nolan, Horizon Architecture, updated the Board on the Muscatine County Attorney's Office Remodel Project. Nolan reviewed the proposed design of the reflected ceiling plan, roof plan, elevations and front door access. The Board expressed concern about the heating and cooling utilizing the geothermal system. Nolan stated thermal imaging would determine if the building is currently losing heat through the walls or ceiling. In response to questions from the Board, Nolan stated he would look into additional options to front door access design. Board consensus was for Nolan to complete thermal imaging, review front door access options and report to the Board with an update.

Nolan updated the Board on the Jail Addition project. Nolan stated he has made good progress on design and identifying and meeting building code requirements. Board discussion included moving the front entry from the alley to Walnut Street and scheduling the project to keep jail operation interruptions to a minimum. Nolan estimated the Jail Addition Project could begin mid-April to early summer.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorenson, the Muscatine County Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report for July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 was approved as presented. Ayes: All.

The Board canvassed the Drainage District #1 Election held on January 16, 2021. Results were as follows: For the office of Trustee for the three-year term beginning January 23, 2021 – 6 votes were cast. Mike Meyers received 6 votes. Mike Meyers was elected.

The Board canvassed the Drainage District #4 Election held on January 16, 2021. Results were as follows: For the office of Trustee for the three-year term beginning January 23, 2021 – 5 votes were cast. Mitch Templeman received 5 votes. Mitch Templeman was elected.

The Board canvassed the Drainage District #5 Election held on January 16, 2021. Results were as follows: For the office of Trustee for the three-year term beginning January 23, 2021 – 4 votes were cast. Pam Meyers received 4 votes. Pam Meyers was elected.

The Board canvassed the Drainage District #9 Election held on January 16, 2021. Results were as follows: For the office of Trustee for the three-year term beginning January 23, 2021 – 4 votes were cast. George Meyers received 4 votes. George Meyers was elected.

The Board canvassed the Drainage District #10 Election held on January 16, 2021. Results were as follows: For the office of Trustee for the three-year term beginning January 23, 2021 – 3 votes were cast. Don Feldman received 3 votes. Don Feldman was elected.

The Board canvassed the Drainage District #17 Election held on January 16, 2021. Results were as follows: For the office of Trustee for the three-year term beginning January 23, 2021 – 3 votes were cast. Jesse Shield received 3 votes. Jesse Shield was elected.

The Board canvassed the Muscatine-Louisa Drainage District #13 Third District Election held on January 16, 2021. Results were as follows: For the office of Trustee for the three-year term beginning January 23, 2021 – 3,693 votes were cast. Robert Cook, Jr. received 3,693 votes. Robert Cook, Jr. was elected.

The Board canvassed the Muscatine-Louisa Island Levee Third District Election held on January 16, 2021. Results were as follows: For the office of Trustee for the three-year term beginning January 23, 2021 – 9 votes were cast. Tom Langan received 9 votes. Tom Langan was elected.

On a motion by Sorenson, second by Mather, minutes of the January 18, 2021 regular meeting and the January 19, 2021 special meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

All Supervisors received information from Emergency Manager Brian Wright on severe weather updates and COVID-19 updates.

Saucedo reported contact from a Wilton resident asking about fees and overcharges, a call from a resident for updates on vaccine distribution and an email from Fair Board.

Saucedo and Sorensen reported contact from Public Health regarding an update on COVID-19 vaccine distribution.

Sorensen received a phone call about snow fence taken down on foreclosed property.

Saucedo attended a West Liberty Downtown Task Force small group meeting.

Saucedo and Sorensen attended a housing group meeting & other interested parties January 20th.

Sorensen attended a Community Foundation meeting.

Nathan Mather received a message from an Individual who had questions about Deep Lakes Park.

Committee Reports:

Holliday attended the Wilton Development Corporation meeting January 20th.

Holliday and Sorensen attend the Muscatine County Joint Communications Commission meeting January 21st.

Holliday attended the Muscatine County Fair Board meeting January 21st.

Sauer attended the Muscatine County Conservation Board meeting January 18th.

Sauer attended the River Bend Regional Transit Board of Directors meeting January 20th.

Sauer attended the Muscatine County Board of Health virtual meeting January 20th.

Saucedo attended the West Liberty Economic Area Development (WELEAD) meeting January 20th.

Saucedo attended the Greater Muscatine Chamber of Commerce and Industry virtual meeting January 22nd.

Sorensen attended the Muscatine County E911 Service Board & EMA meeting January 21st.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, the Board accepted a proposal from FSS Incorporated to install security cameras at the Muscatine County Maintenance Building in the amount of \$14,645.51. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board approved an employee education reimbursement request in the amount of \$400.00. Ayes: All.

Emergency Manager Brian Wright updated the Board on COVID-19 numbers in Muscatine County. Wright stated the coronavirus.iowa.gov website provides information for Iowa vaccine distribution phases and other COVID-19 information.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas updated the Board on various County building projects.

Auditor Tibe Vander Linden reported vote centers will be used for the upcoming March 2, 2021 Special Election for the Eastern Iowa Community College District Special Bond Referendum and District VIII Director Election. The vote centers will be located at Muscatine Community College, Muscatine Community School District Administration Office, the Wilton Community Center and the West Liberty Community Center. Vander Linden stated, for this special election, Muscatine County voters may cast a vote at any one of the four vote centers, regardless of the location of the voter's precinct.

The Board recessed at 10:13 A.M. and reconvened at 10:20 A.M.

Nathan Mather rejoined the meeting at 10:23 A.M.

Emergency Manager Brian Wright reviewed the FY21/22 budget request stating replacement of four of the Outdoor Warning systems (IPAWS) sirens will continue each year over the next four years. Wright stated the Public Hearing on the EMA Commission Budget is scheduled for February 18, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in the County Board of Supervisors Chambers.

MUSCOM Manager Chris Jasper reviewed the FY21/22 budget request stating the Motorola Port/Subscriber fees increase every year. Jasper stated an increase in salaries is due to the planned hiring of an additional employee to be in charge of training and quality control. Jasper stated an additional \$10,000 is designated to purchase and retro fit a vehicle with equipment to serve as an emergency mobile back up to the MUSCOM Command Center.

The Board reviewed the FY21/22 budget requests from outside agencies

The Board reviewed the FY21/22 budget request for Special Olympics. The Board expressed concerns for the request of \$30,000. The Board discussed the FY20/21 Budget plan to phase out funding to the Special Olympics program over two years with an appropriations reduction in the FY21/22 Budget year to \$10,000, then \$0 in FY22/23. Saucedo stated due to COVID concerns, his preference was to award \$20,000 to the Special Olympics program in FY 21/22. Board consensus was to budget \$10,000 for Special Olympics in FY21/22 as originally decided last year.

The Board reviewed the FY21/22 budgets for the Wilton and West Liberty Libraries. The Board discussed budgeting the same amounts for both libraries (\$15,500) because they are similar in size.

Saucedo and Holliday stated West Liberty Library should receive \$20,000 and Wilton Library \$15,500. West Liberty is requesting \$20,000 due to the City of West Liberty reducing funds to the Library. Board consensus was to fund budget \$15,500 for both libraries.

The Board reviewed the FY21/22 budget for Musser Public Library. Board consensus was that the Library be funded at 102% over current budget for an amount of \$122,732.00.

The Board reviewed the FY21/22 budget for Vision 20/20. Board consensus was to fund \$0 for this program. Sorenson stated he supports the initiative and their efforts but feels the Organization should fund itself.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 P.M.

ATTEST:

Tibe Vander Linden
Auditor

Santos Saucedo, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors