

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, February 20, 2023

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 Sauer presiding.

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

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Chick, claims dated February 20, 2023, were approved in the amended amount of \$367,861.88. Ayes: All. Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber stated the amended amount is due to removing a claim for Johnson Controls for monitoring services in the amount of \$600.00 as the county has ended their contract with this vendor.

A Public hearing was called to order by Chairperson Sauer at 9:01 on a proposed ordinance adopting revised private sewage disposal regulations for Muscatine County. Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas reviewed the recommended updates to the Muscatine County Private Sewage Disposal Ordinance. Furnas stated the Muscatine County Board of Health held a public hearing on January 18, 2023 and voted unanimously to recommend the adoption of Iowa Code Chapter 69, by reference and as updated from time to time, as their Private Sewage Disposal Ordinance.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Chick, the public hearing was closed at 9:05 A.M. Roll call vote. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, to approve the Muscatine County Private Sewage Disposal Ordinance on the first of three readings. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Chick, the Board approved Resolution #02-20-23-01 Approval of the Combined Preliminary and Final Plat of Vir-Jo Farms First Addition. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

RESOLUTION #02-20-23-01
APPROVAL OF THE COMBINED PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT OF
VIR-JO FARMS FIRST ADDITION

WHEREAS, there has been presented before the Board of Supervisors of Muscatine County, Iowa, a dedication and plat of the proposed subdivision “Vir-Jo Farms First Addition”; and

WHEREAS, said plat has heretofore been approved by the Zoning Commission of Muscatine County, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, said dedication and plat fully conform with all laws of the State of Iowa and all ordinances of Muscatine County, Iowa, applicable thereto; and

WHEREAS, the platting of said subdivision is conducive to orderly development within Muscatine County, Iowa, is not in conflict with any extensions of the established road systems of Muscatine

County, Iowa, and is in harmony with the comprehensive plan of zoning now in effect within Muscatine County, Iowa.

WHEREAS, the subdivision of said real estate and the plat thereof were accepted and approved by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors following a public meeting on February 20, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Muscatine County, Iowa, as follows:

Section 1. The said subdivision is hereby designated as “Vir-Jo Farms First Addition”, a subdivision in Muscatine County, Iowa, and that the descriptions of lots and parcels of land located therein shall be according to the number and designation thereof as set forth on said plat.

Section 2. The Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors and the Auditor of Muscatine County, Iowa, are hereby authorized and directed to certify this Resolution in order that the same and all other matters material to said subdivision may be recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Muscatine County, Iowa.

PASSED and APPROVED this 20th day of February, 2023.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden
Muscatine County Auditor

/s/Scott Sauer, Chairperson
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

Furnas reviewed a Special Use Permit granted by the Muscatine County Board of Adjustment on February 10, 2023. Furnas stated Case #23-02-01 is an application filed by Stockton Realty Company % Lyndall Winters, Record Owner and Muscatine County Solid Waste Management Agency by City of Muscatine, Applicant. The property is located in Fulton Township, South of US Highway 61 in the SW ¼ of Section 34-T78N-R1E, containing approximately 21.65 acres and is zoned A-1 Agricultural District. This request, if approved, would allow the Zoning Administrator to issue a Special Use Permit to the City of Muscatine in order to operate a Solid Waste Disposal Site on approximately 3.2 acres that is adjacent to the existing landfill. Furnas stated the Board of Adjustment approved this request.

Furnas reviewed the policies related to accessing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. Furnas stated the requested action to approve the policies is necessary to retain the current CDBG grant funds and to apply for future CDBG grants. Discussion was held with the Board and County Attorney Jim Barry to review the language in the required policies.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Chick, the Board set a public hearing for Monday, March 6, 2023 at 9:00 A.M. on the status of funded activities for the CDBG-2019 Disaster Recovery Buyout Project and to adopt the following policies: Policy on the prohibition of the use of excessive force (policy amended to include excessive force complaints shall be provided by the Muscatine County Attorney); Approve a Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan; Adopt an Equal Opportunity Policy Statement; Authorize publication of a

Public Notice of Affirmative Fair Housing Policy; Adopt a Code of Conduct and to Authorize the Chair to sign a Certification of Compliance with CDBG Procurement Standards. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Chick, the Board accepted a quote from the County Engineer Bryan Horesowsky to authorize the purchase of two 2023 Chevy Silverado 1500 light duty trucks at a price per unit of \$47,480.00 with net trades of \$15,000 and \$20,000 for a total amount of \$59,960.00. Ayes: All.

Horesowsky stated the February 16 -17, 2023 snow event was handled efficiently with the Secondary Road's Foreman working additional hours to determine the proper snow removal on the county roads.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, the minutes of the February 13, 2023 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

All Supervisors received a notice from the City of West Liberty regarding the process of establishing an urban renewal area.

All Supervisors received an email from County Attorney Jim Barry regarding the Mississippi Valley Workforce contract.

Kirchner had a discussion with a concerned citizen regarding signage on highways and county road access. Kirchner discussed the concern with County Engineer Bryan Horesowsky.

Committee & Meeting Reports:

Sauer and Chick attended the Muscatine Power and Water Power Breakfast on February 16, 2023. Chick reported Mather was also in attendance.

Chick attended a Housing Council meeting on February 14, 2023.

Sorensen attended the State Mental Health and Disabilities Commission meeting on February 16, 2023. Sorensen expressed his concern regarding discussions to remove County Supervisors as mental health region board members and recommended the Board contact legislators to state the importance of County Supervisors to remain as region board members.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Chick to re-appoint Tom Harper to the Muscatine County Zoning Board of Adjustment for a 5-year term ending March 31, 2028. Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 A.M.

ATTEST:

Tibe Vander Linden
County Auditor

Scott Sauer, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors