

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, March 8, 2021

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

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

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the claims dated March 8, 2021 in the amount of \$339,604.49 were approved as presented. Ayes: All.

The Public Hearing on the proposed FY21/22 Muscatine County Budget was opened by Chairperson Saucedo at 9:01 A.M. No one spoke for or against the Budget.

Sorensen stated that the Mental Health Board has not finalized their budget at this time. Sorensen stated that the Mental Health Board may request to lower their levy rate. Saucedo asked if the salaries can be amended. Administrative Service Director Nancy Schreiber stated that Elected Officials salaries cannot be amended if the Resolution is passed.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Public Hearing was closed at 9:02 A.M.  
Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board approved Resolution #03-08-21-01 Approval of Elected Officials Fiscal Year 21/22 Salaries. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION #03-08-21-01**  
**APPROVAL OF ELECTED OFFICIALS FISCAL YEAR 21/22 SALARIES**

WHEREAS, the Muscatine County Compensation Board meets annually to recommend a compensation schedule for elected officials for the fiscal year immediately following, in accordance with Iowa Code Chapters 331.905 and 331.907; and

WHEREAS, the Muscatine County Compensation Board met on February 23, 2021 and made the following salary recommendations for the following elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021:

<u>Elected Official</u>	<u>Current Salary</u>	<u>Proposed Increase</u>	<u>Recommended Salary</u>
Auditor	\$75,717	4.0%	\$78,746
County Attorney	\$141,166	4.0%	\$146,813
Recorder	\$75,717	4.0%	\$78,746
Sheriff	\$114,608	4.0%	\$119,192
Supervisors	\$29,304*	4.0%	\$30,476
Treasurer	\$75,717	4.0%	\$78,746

\* Plus \$2,500 for Board Chair and \$1,500 for Vice-Chair.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors approves the following salary adjustments for the following elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021:

<u>Elected Official</u>	<u>Approved Salary</u>	<u>Approved Increase</u>
Auditor	\$77,913	2.9%
County Attorney	\$145,260	2.9%
Recorder	\$77,913	2.9%
Sheriff	\$117,932	2.9%
Supervisors	\$29,304*	0.0%
Treasurer	\$77,913	2.9%

\* Plus \$2,500 for Board Chair and \$1,500 for Vice-Chair.

APPROVED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden  
Muscatine County Auditor

/s/Santos Saucedo, Chairperson  
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #03-08-21-02 Adopting the Fiscal Year 2021/22 County Budget. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION #03-08-21-02  
ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2021/22 COUNTY BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors conducted a public hearing on March 8, 2021, where citizens of Muscatine County were invited to comment on the Fiscal Year 2021/22 budget, as duly published according to Section 331.434(2) of the Code of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors appreciates comments from the citizens and encourages all citizens to be informed and participate in county government.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors that the Fiscal Year 2021/22 County budget is adopted as per the Proposed County Budget Summary for Fiscal Year 2021/22.

PASSED and APPROVED this 8th day of March, 2021.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden  
Muscatine County Auditor

/s/Santos Saucedo, Chairperson  
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

The Public Hearing on the proposed amendments to the FY21/22 Muscatine County Budget was opened by Chairperson Saucedo at 9:07 A.M. Budget Administrator Sherry Seright reviewed the proposed amendments for the FY20/21 County Budget.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Public Hearing was closed at 9:15 A.M.  
Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #03-08-21-03 Amending the FY2020/21 Budget. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION #03-08-21-03  
AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020/21 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has held a Public Hearing pursuant to Chapter 331, Code of Iowa, to amend the Fiscal Year 2020/21 County Budget; and

WHEREAS, the explanation is increased expenditures and revenues during the current fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, after consideration of all comments at said hearing, the Board of Supervisors has determined that it will be necessary to amend the Fiscal Year 2020/21 budget; and

WHEREAS, the amendment does not increase the taxes to be collected in the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2021;

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the following service area expenditures and revenues of the Fiscal Year 2020/21 County Budget be amended:

PUBLIC SAFETY & LEGAL SERVICES expenditures increased by	\$462,300
PHYSICAL HLTH & SOCIAL SERVICES expenditures increased by	\$288,997
MENTAL HEALTH expenditures increased by	\$0
COUNTY ENVIRONMENT expenditures increased by	\$8,695
ROADS & TRANSPORTATION expenditures increased by	\$0
GOV'T SERVICES TO RESIDENTS expenditures increased by	\$0
ADMINISTRATION expenditures increased by	\$58,000
NONPROGRAM expenditures increased by	\$0
CAPITAL PROJECTS expenditures increased by	\$568,000
DEBT SERVICE expenditures increased by	\$0
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	\$1,385,992

INTERGOVERNMENTAL revenues increased by	\$966,747
CHARGES FOR SERVICES revenues increased by	\$29,400
LICENSES & PERMITS revenues increased by	\$9,000

USE OF MONEY & PROPERTY revenues decreased by	(\$170,000)
MISCELLANEOUS revenues increased by	\$13,000
PROCEEDS OF FIXED ASSET SALES increased by	\$0
LONG TERM DEBT PROCEEDS increased by	\$0
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	\$848,147

PASSED AND APPROVED this 8th day of March, 2021.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden  
Muscatine County Auditor

/s/Santos Saucedo, Chairperson  
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board approved Resolution #03-08-21-04 FY2020/21 Budget Appropriations. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION # 03-08-21-04**  
**FY 2020/21 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS**

WHEREAS, a public hearing has been held pursuant to Section 331.434(6), Code of Iowa, regarding proposed increases in expenditure amounts for Fiscal Year 2019/20: and

WHEREAS, the amendment does not increase the taxes to be collected in the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2020: and

WHEREAS, all comments from the public have been heard;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following amounts be appropriated as follows:

01	Board/Administration	0
02	Auditor	0
03	Treasurer	0
04	Attorney	119,375
05	Sheriff	104,925
06	Jail	193,500
07	Recorder	0
20	Engineer	0
22	Conservation Board	0
24	DHS	0
25	Community Services	0
28	Medical Examiner	44,500
30	Court Services	20,000
30	Board of Health	268,997
51	General Services	40,000
52	Information Services	0
53	Zoning	0

60	Mental Health Administration	0
99	Nondepartmental	594,695
00	Nonprogram	0
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		\$1,385,992

It is further resolved that all appropriations made pursuant to this RESOLUTION lapse at the close of business on June 30, 2021.

Passed and approved this 8th day of March, 2021.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden  
Muscatine County Auditor

/s/Santos Saucedo, Chairperson  
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board accepted completion of the Muscatine County Sheriff's Office Addition Project. Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed a Special Use Permit granted by the Muscatine County Board of Adjustment on March 5, 2021. Case #21-03-01 is an application filed by Joel R. and Susan C. McKillip, Record Owners and Tillman Infrastructure by Christy Eichorn, Applicant. This property is located in Moscow Township in the SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Sec. 7-T78N-R2W, at the corner of Mohawk Avenue and Hwy. 6, containing approximately 32.65 acres and is zoned A-1 Agricultural District. This request, if approved, would allow the Zoning Administrator to issue a Special Use Permit in order to place a 250 foot tall telecommunications tower approximately 315 feet North of Hwy. 6 in a 100 foot square leased area for commercial purposes. The Board of Adjustment approved this request.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, the Board approved Resolution #03-08-21-05 Authorizing Weight Embargoes on Secondary Roads in Muscatine, County, Iowa. Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION # 03-08-21-05**  
**AUTHORIZING WEIGHT EMBARGOES ON SECONDARY ROADS**  
**IN MUSCATINE COUNTY, IOWA**

WHEREAS, the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors recognizes that recent weather conditions have caused soft subgrade and surface conditions to develop on some Secondary Roads; and

WHEREAS, Sections 321.236(8), 321.255, 321.471 and 321.473 of the Code of Iowa provide the authority for local authorities to impose restrictions as to the weight of vehicles to be operated on any highway under their jurisdiction and Section 321.463 establishes the penalty for violating said restrictions;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Muscatine County, Iowa, that an embargo be authorized where necessary on the Secondary Roads System for Muscatine

County. The County Engineer is directed to restrict all traffic to an 11-ton gross load where deemed necessary on certain sections of the road system and to erect signs to advise the traveling public of these limits, in accordance with Section 321.472. If conditions warrant, the embargo is rescinded by the removal of signs by direction of the County Engineer.

ATTEST:

/s/ Tibe Vander Linden  
Muscatine County Auditor

/s/Santos Saucedo, Chairperson  
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, the Board awarded a bid for L-(M21-3)—73-70 Seal Coat on various roads throughout the County. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Keith White reviewed various projects. Saucedo requested an updated Five Year Plan Map to show what projects have been completed. White stated that three bridges, in the County located on Trolley Avenue., York Avenue and N. Isett Avenue are identified by the State as historic. White stated the bridges are the exact same design and were built in the 1950's.

Discussion was held with County Attorney Jim Barry regarding the Amended & Restated Muscatine-Louisa-Cedar Counties & DNE Drug Task Force Agreement. Saucedo questioned if minutes are being taken at the meetings. Barry confirmed that minutes are being taken and will be published but the protection of individuals will be maintained. Sorensen asked how funds are managed. Barry stated that both checkbooks are managed with the County Administrative Office. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board approved an Amended & Restated Muscatine-Louisa-Cedar Counties & DNE Drug Task Force Agreement. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Holliday, the Board approved a renewal application and ownership change for a Class BB Beer (includes wine coolers), Sunday Sales and Outdoor Service permit for the City of Muscatine, DBA Muscatine Municipal Golf Course, 1820 HWY 38, Muscatine, IA. Ayes: All.

The Board canvassed the Eastern Iowa Community College (Merged Area IX) Special Election held on March 2, 2021. Auditor Tibe Vander Linden stated Scott County was the Control County for this election. Results for Muscatine County were as follows: For the Proposition-SR: 153 votes were cast. Yes received 121 votes; No received 32 votes. For the Board of Directors-District VIII: 65 votes were cast; Michael Gaus received 59 votes, there was a scattering of 1 vote and 16 under votes.

Discussion was held to revise the March 1, 2021 regular meeting minutes. Saucedo stated that he attended two meetings that need to be included in the minutes: West Liberty Economic Area Development meeting on February 25, 2021 and that he attended the Bi-State Regional Planning Commission meeting with Sauer. Sorensen stated he did not attend the Bi-State Regional meeting. Saucedo also stated that he recommended the Board approve a 2.9% salary increase for Supervisors and Elected Officials and is requesting his statement be added to the minutes.

On a motion from Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board approved the March 1, 2021 minutes as amended and the February 22, 2021 revised minutes. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

All Board members received updates from Unity Public Health Director Christy Roby-Williams.

All Board members received an email from Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas regarding the Lucky LLC hog confinement permit application.

All Board members received an email from Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas regarding the Sheriff's Office Remodel Project.

Mather was contacted by a resident regarding Fairport Cemetery road and will follow up with the resident.

Mather had contact with Felicia Toppert to request information on suicides in Muscatine County.

Saucedo received an email from County Attorney Jim Barry regarding HS245 on ATV's and UTV's.

Saucedo attended a meeting with an ADHOC group in West Liberty to discuss cooperation with West Liberty City and Muscatine County.

Saucedo received an email reminder for March 11, 2021 meeting to discuss the levee project.

Saucedo received an email for a March 23, 2021 meeting with State Director Debi Durham and the Economic Development Authority.

Committee Reports:

Mather attended a Muscatine Community Health Association meeting on March 3, 2021.

Sorensen attended an Eastern Iowa Mental Health Region Special Budget meeting on March 5, 2021 as virtual meeting.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved a hiring request for a Corrections Sergeant position for the Muscatine County Jail at Grade 11/Step 9. Ayes: All.

Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber stated that Union Negotiations for four sessions are scheduled over the next two weeks. Schreiber stated there will be a non-public session with the Supervisors next week.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 A.M.

ATTEST:

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Tibe Vander Linden  
County Auditor

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Santos Saucedo, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors