

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, April 12, 2021

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. with Holliday, Sauer, Mather, Sorensen 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 Holliday, the Board approved the Contract, Bond and Certificate of Insurance for L-(M21-3)-73-70, Bituminous Seal Coat on various roads throughout the county. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Keith White updated the Board on compiling the records to map the 5 year Secondary Roads Projects that have been completed and stated he will report at a future meeting.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved the County Recorder's Office Report of Fees collected for the quarter ending March 31, 2021 in the amount of \$62,589.50. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved the 8-month application for a Class C Beer, Liquor, Sunday Sales and Outdoor Service Permit for The Chart House, Inc. dba The Lighthouse, 2142 Water Street, Muscatine, Iowa. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Mather, the minutes of the April 5, 2021 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

All Board members received emails regarding COVID-19 updates from Unity Public Health Director Christy Roby-Williams.

All Board members received an email from MCSA Director, Scott Dahlke regarding housing issues.

All Board members received an email from a resident regarding the Wapsi LLC hog confinement.

All Board members received a letter from Iowa Farm Bureau with updates.

Sorensen received email updates regarding SF 587 and information regarding our region.

Sorensen and Saucedo attended the Affordable Housing meeting on April 7, 2021.

Saucedo received a call from Unity Public Health Director, Christy Roby-Williams regarding the Home Bound Program teaming up with Senior Resources to administer vaccines at home and to offer rides with Non-Emergency Transport Company for COVID vaccines.

Saucedo received a letter from Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine Director, Charla Schafer regarding Public Health.

Saucedo met with Muscatine City Administrator Carol Webb to review County and City relations and future initiatives.

Saucedo received a call regarding updates about the Levee.

Saucedo replied to the Heinz Plant Manager regarding flood updates and is waiting for response.

Mather attended the Scott County Drug Court Graduation on April 9, 2021.

Committee Reports:

Mather attended the Muscatine Community Health Association meeting on April 7, 2021.

Mather attended the 7th Judicial District Department of Correctional Services Board meeting on April 7, 2021.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board to set a public hearing on a proposed amendment to the County's Comprehensive Plan to add language regarding alternative and renewable energy resources for Monday, May 3, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board to set a public hearing on a proposed amendment to Muscatine County Code Zoning Ordinance to add Utility-Scale Solar Energy Systems language for Monday, May 3, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Ayes: All.

In discussion, Budget Administrator, Sherry Seright addressed the Board for possible direction regarding funding for Legal Services. Board consensus was to allocate CARES Act funding of \$25,000 for FY20/21 and an additional \$25,000 for the FY21/22.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board approved a class specification and grade placement recommendation for a Groundskeeper full-time position. Ayes: All.

Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber reviewed the health/dental fund balance as of March 31, 2021. Schreiber stated the fund balance shows the premiums are set correctly to cover the expenses.

Schreiber recommended the Board authorize Chairman Saucedo sign the Community Support Foundation Letter of Support. Schreiber stated the Letter of Support is to access COVID funding to replace the Physicians Clinic that is attached to the hospital. Schreiber stated the deadline is April 16, 2021.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board went into Non-public session at 9:54 A.M. to discuss strategy in union negotiations. Roll call vote: Ayes: All. On a motion by Saucedo, second by Sauer, the Board returned to open session at 10:42 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 A.M.

ATTEST:

Tibe Vander Linden
Auditor

Santos Saucedo, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors