

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, July 12, 2021

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

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

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, claims dated July 12, 2021 were approved in the amount of \$650,837.76. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, the Board moved to affirm acceptance of a FY21/22 Iowa Grant to Counties Program contract between the Iowa Department of Public Health and the Muscatine County Board of Health for well testing, well plugging and well reconstruction activities in the amount of \$40,000. Ayes: All.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas and the Board reviewed a revised variance granted by the Muscatine County Board of Adjustment on July 9, 2021. Case #21-07-02 is an application filed for the David W. Johnson Trust, Record Owner by Barbara & Richard Kaalberg and LeAnn Smith. This property is located in Wapsie Township, in the SE ¼ of Sec. 18-T78N-R3W, Parcel A, 1689 130<sup>th</sup> Street, containing approximately 22.97 acres and is zoned A-1 Agricultural District. This request, if approved, would allow the Zoning Administrator to issue a Variance in order to allow an existing detached accessory structure to be only seven inches (7") from the side property line, instead of the required five feet, after it has been split from the property. This case was remanded by the Board of Supervisors on June 14, 2021. Furnas stated Case #21-07-02 was approved by the Board of Adjustment with the stipulation that the variance only applied to the existing farm buildings that were affected by the survey. Board consensus was to accept the revised variance that was approved by the Board of Adjustment.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board set a public hearing for Monday, August 9, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. on a request from Stephen J. or Debora A. Parizek, record Owners, to rezone approximately 9.94 acres in Wapsi Township, 1240 Elder Avenue, from A-1 Agricultural District Zoning Classification to R-1 Residential District Zoning Classification. Ayes: All.

Furnas reviewed and requested direction regarding replacement of one of the Zoning Department vehicles that is part of the FY22 Budget. Furnas stated General Services currently has a 2016 three quarter ton long-bed pick-up truck with approximately 31,000 miles and the Planning and Zoning Department has a 2019 half ton pick-up truck with 30,000 miles. Furnas requested to trade trucks with General Services and then allow his department to trade in the 2016 three quarter ton pick-up truck for a new pick-up truck. Budget Administrator Sherry Seright stated General Services no longer needs the 2016 truck to haul an enclosed trailer, currently listed on govdeals.com to be sold. Furnas stated the 2016 truck has a higher trade in value of \$1,800 over the 2019 truck. Furnas stated this request is the first step for getting competitive bids on a trade-in and purchasing a new truck. Board consensus was to allow Furnas to trade trucks with General Services and secure bids for a new truck as was budgeted for FY22.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board approved to disallow previously approved Homestead and Military Credits as recommended by the County Assessor's Office. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board approved to allow new 2021 Homestead Tax Credit and/or Military Tax Exemption applications, except those recommended to be disallowed by the County Assessor's Office. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board voted to approve/deny the 2021 the Disabled Veteran's Homestead Tax Credit applications as recommended by the Muscatine County Assessor's Office. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved the following utility permit: Liberty Communications – direct bury 48 strand fiber optic cable in shoulder of road on 140<sup>th</sup> Street and Atwood Avenue in Sections 30 & 31 of T78N-R4W for approximately 2.25 miles. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the following utility permit: Lumen (Century Link) – bore 495' and place one pedestal on 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Walcott, IA for relocation for culvert project in L-520-73-82/L (FU-6)-73-70, in Section 12 – T78N-R01E. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Keith White updated the Board on secondary road projects.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved the Muscatine County Recorder's Report of Fees Collected for the quarter ending June 30, 2021 in the amount of \$80,229.82. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the Muscatine County Sheriff's Office Civil Department's Report of Fees Collected for the quarter ending June 30, 2021 in the amount of \$18,052.83. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the Muscatine County Treasurer's Report of Fees Collected for the quarter ending June 30, 2021 in the amount of \$172,502.26. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Holliday, the Board approved the Muscatine County Auditor's Report of Fees Collected for the quarter ending June 30, 2021 in the amount of \$10,050.77. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, minutes of the June 28, 2021 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

All Supervisors received an invitation from Muscatine County Farm Bureau for a steak fry and meeting on August 9, 2021 at Riverview Center, Muscatine, Iowa.

Saucedo has received several emails with discussions about Drainage District #13.

Saucedo received an email from Aligned Impact Muscatine (AIM) Director, Kim Warren regarding a July 2021 Board meeting.

Mather received an email survey from Iowa City Catholic Workers about economic priorities.

Mather received an invitation from the Department of Corrections for a graduation Ceremony for the Mental Health Board on July 16, 2021.

Mather received an email from Jan Watkins about a Girl Scout Troop that is requesting help with researching the Kiser Eisele Cemetery.

Sorensen received an email from the Iowa Governor's office stating an appointment to the Mental Health and Disabilities Services Commission at the state level for the Eastern Iowa region.

#### Committee & Meeting Reports:

Sorensen and Sauer attended the Region 9 Transportation Policy Board meeting on July 9, 2021.

Sorensen and Saucedo attended the Muscatine County Landfill meeting on June 29, 2021. Discussion and review was held on the 28E Agreement.

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

Mather attended the Mississippi Valley Workforce Area Board meeting on June 29, 2021.

Saucedo stated he performed the fiscal year end cash count on June 30, 2021 with the Treasurer's and Auditor's offices.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, the Board authorized the Chair to sign a Historical Resource Development Program (HRDP) grant award for nomination of the Fairport Fish Hatchery Historic District to NRHP in the amount of \$12,620 with an approved match of \$6,310 as presented by Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission member, Lynn Pruitt. Ayes: All. Pruitt stated a Fairport Fish Hatchery Friends Group has been established. Pruitt stated the Friends group has applied for and been awarded an additional educational grant from the Department of Natural Resources in the amount of \$47,368. Pruitt stated the Commission has arranged for in-kind services in the amount of \$40,144. Pruitt stated the grant funds will be used for signage with Quick Response (QR) Codes that can be used with smart phones to describe the history of the area. Pruitt stated the grant funds will allow for trails to be established on the north and south of Highway 22. Pruitt stated the Muscatine County Schools and Churches study has been completed and the final report will be shared with the Board at a future meeting.

County Attorney Jim Barry reviewed the Washington Street facility as County-owned real estate surplus property and stated draft documents have been prepared to proceed with a bid type process to sell the property. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved to declare the Washington Street facility as surplus property and to instruct Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber to move forward with the necessary documents. Ayes: All.

Seright reviewed the FY2021 year end fund balances with the Board.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board approved Resolution #07-12-21-01 Transferring Funds from the General Basic Fund to the Building Maintenance Repair Fund. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION #07-12-21-01  
TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL BASIC FUND TO THE  
BUILDING MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR FUND**

WHEREAS, it is desired by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors to set aside funds for future building maintenance and repairs; and

WHEREAS, said transfers must be in accordance with Sections 331.429 and 331.432 of the Code of Iowa.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors that the Auditor is authorized to transfer \$500,000 from the General Basic Fund to the Building Maintenance and Repair Fund.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 12th day of July, 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 #07-12-21-02 Transferring Funds from the General Basic Fund to the Capital Projects Fund. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION #07-12-21-02  
TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL BASIC FUND TO THE  
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND**

WHEREAS, it is desired by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors to set aside funds for future projects; and

WHEREAS, said transfers must be in accordance with Sections 331.429 and 331.432 of the Code of Iowa.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors that the Auditor is authorized to transfer \$500,000 from the General Basic Fund to the Capital Projects Fund.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 12th day of July, 2021.

ATTEST:

/s/ Tibe Vander Linden

/s/Santos Saucedo, Chairperson

Muscatine County Auditor

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board approved Resolution #07-12-21-03 Transferring Funds from the General Basic Fund to the Debt Repayment Fund. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION #07-12-21-03  
TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL BASIC FUND TO THE  
DEBT REPAYMENT FUND**

WHEREAS, it is desired by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors to set aside a portion of the revenue generated from the housing of federal and out of county inmates for repayment of debt; and

WHEREAS, said transfers must be in accordance with Sections 331.429 and 331.432 of the Code of Iowa.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors that the Auditor is authorized to transfer \$645,000 from the General Basic Fund to the Debt Repayment Fund.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 12th day of July, 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 moved into closed session at 9:55 A.M. pursuant to Chapter 21.5 1 (i), Code of Iowa, for a performance evaluation. Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber had requested a closed session. Roll call vote: Ayes: All. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, the Board returned to open session at 11:19 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 A.M.

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Tibe Vander Linden  
County Auditor

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Santos Saucedo, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors