

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, July 1, 2019

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

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

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, claims dated July 1, 2019 were approved in the amount of \$143,002.67. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved a Contract, Bond and Certificate of Insurance for L-(GO-2)—73-70 Grading for a road to replace a structure on Iron City Avenue with the apparent low bidder Peterson Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$209,936.50. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the following utility permit: City of West Liberty – replacing power poles in the area of Evans Avenue and Cedar-Muscatine County Line Road. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Keith White updated the Board on secondary road projects. White updated the Board on a Bi-State Region IX Transportation technical committee meeting he attended regarding the upcoming fund distribution of federal highway SWAP dollars.

Discussion was held regarding recycling for County residents. Saucedo stated the City decided to stop using recycling dumpsters due to the high cost of providing that service. Saucedo suggested the County consider evaluating the possibility of providing recycling. Sorensen stated the County has never had any trash removal or recycling service. Sorensen stated a location would have to be found as well as manpower hired to manage the recycling. Sorensen stated most refuse companies offer recycling as an option to County residents. Sorensen questioned whether taxpayer money should be spent to offer recycling, but on the other side, recycling would provide a long term benefit to the County landfill by reducing tonnage going into the landfill. Sorensen stated the Board needs to have discussions with the cities of Muscatine, West Liberty and Wilton about recycling. Mather stated there is no guarantee that people that are being paid to recycle are not just taking it to a different landfill. Sauer stated he knows of no one that stores recyclable goods and if there is no market for recycling, then no one is going to build a facility to store the product. Sauer stated all residents have the ability to recycle through their trash removal vendor. Sorensen stated redemption centers are a legislative question and encouraged people to contact their legislators regarding redemption centers. Sorensen suggested having a recycling company come in and educate the Board on recycling. Saucedo suggested talking to Scott County that has a recycling facility. Saucedo stated he will discuss recycling with the Solid Waste Commission.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, minutes of the June 24, 2019 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Saucedo, Sorensen, Sauer and Mather reported emails regarding recycling and can redemption.

Saucedo reported a call regarding road conditions on Jasper Avenue.

Saucedo reported a call regarding connecting Deep Lakes Park to the Louisa County trail system.

Saucedo reported a request from a citizen to add a blinker light on Stewart Road near Deep Lakes Park.

Sorensen stated that Bi-State has a Trails Committee and suggested the citizen showing interest in connecting trails might be willing to join the committee and liaise for the Board.

Committee Reports:

Saucedo attended a West Liberty Economic Area Development meeting June 27<sup>th</sup>.

Sorensen attended a Bi-State Regional meeting June 26<sup>th</sup>.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas stated he and County Engineer Keith White inspected the condition of the structure on Sweetland Road. Furnas stated he has evaluated the structure and posted a finding of significant structural issues. Furnas stated he is meeting with FEMA representatives today. Furnas stated there does not appear to be any immediate impact to Sweetland Road. In response to a question from Sorensen, Furnas stated the hill is sliding. Furnas stated anytime a structure is built at the edge of a ravine, the potential is there for the ground over time to become unstable, but he is not aware of any other structures in danger at this time.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved the hiring of Felicia Toppert as Community Services Director/Disability Services Coordinator at \$96,104.00 (Grade 16, Step 20) starting with 480 hours of banked sick leave, 240 hours of banked vacation leave with a vacation accrual rate of 7.70 hours per pay period and an agreement that if the employee is unable to work until age 65 due to a medical issue, the employee may remain on the County's health and dental insurance until age 65 by continuing to pay the employee share of the premiums (subject to being employed in good standing as of the last date worked). Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Saucedo, the Board approved Change Order #2 from Chicago Ornamental Plastering Company to re-skim floated areas of the north walls on both sides of the new jury box for the Muscatine County Courthouse Third Floor Courtroom Renovation Project in the amount of \$856.00. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board accepted May and June 2019 payroll claims. Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 A.M.

ATTEST:

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Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

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Nathan Mather, Chairperson

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