

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, January 25, 2021

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

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

On a motion by Sorenson, second by Sauer, claims dated January 25, 2021 were approved in the amount of \$862,557.76. Ayes: All.

Muscatine County Attorney's Office Remodel Project update with Mike Nolan of Horizon Architecture, Schematic Drawings were reviewed. Discussion was held of the proposed design of the Reflected Ceiling plan, Roof plan, Elevations and Front door access. Board had concerns about heating and cooling with new Geothermal. Mike Nolan agreed to do thermal imaging of walls to determine if losing heat is due to walls or current ceiling plan and to look at optional front door access. Mike Nolan also updated the Board on Jail project. He stated that there is good progress with identifying requirements per the Code and the future layout. Discussion has included moving the front entry from the alley to Walnut Street and to time the project to keep jail operational. The start time is mostly likely to be mid-April to early summer.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorenson, the Muscatine County Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report for July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 was approved as presented. Ayes: All.

The Board canvassed the Drainage District #1 Election held on January 16, 2021. Results were as follows: For the office of Trustee for the three-year term beginning January 23, 2021 – 6 votes were cast. Mike Meyers received 6 votes. Mike Meyers was elected.

The Board canvassed the Drainage District #4 Election held on January 16, 2021. Results were as follows: For the office of Trustee for the three-year term beginning January 23, 2021 – 5 votes were cast. Mitch Templeman received 5 votes. Mitch Templeman was elected.

The Board canvassed the Drainage District #5 Election held on January 16, 2021. Results were as follows: For the office of Trustee for the three-year term beginning January 23, 2021 – 4 votes were cast. Pam Meyers received 4 votes. Pam Meyers was elected.

The Board canvassed the Drainage District #9 Election held on January 16, 2021. Results were as follows: For the office of Trustee for the three-year term beginning January 23, 2021 – 4 votes were cast. George Meyers received 4 votes. George Meyers was elected.

The Board canvassed the Drainage District #10 Election held on January 16, 2021. Results were as follows: For the office of Trustee for the three-year term beginning January 23, 2021 – 3 votes were cast. Don Feldman received 4 votes. Don Feldman was elected.

The Board canvassed the Drainage District #17 Election held on January 16, 2021. Results were as follows: For the office of Trustee for the three-year term beginning January 23, 2021 – 3 votes were cast. Jesse Shield received 3 votes. Jesse Shield was elected.

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The Board canvassed the Muscatine-Louisa Drainage District #13 Third District held on January 16, 2021. Results were as follows: For the office of Trustee for the three-year term beginning January 23, 2021 – 3693 votes were cast. Robert Cook, Jr. received 3693 votes. Robert Cook, Jr. was elected.

The Board canvassed the Muscatine-Louisa Island Levee 3<sup>rd</sup> District held on January 16, 2021. Results were as follows: For the office of Trustee for the three-year term beginning January 23, 2021 – 9 votes were cast. Tom Langan received 9 votes. Tom Langan was elected.

On a motion by Sorenson, second by Mather, minutes of the January 18, 2021 regular meeting and the January 19, 2021 special meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Holliday& Sauer: Weather updates from Emergency Manager, Brian Wright and COVID updates from Public Health & Weather updates from Brian Wright.

Saucedo: Wilton resident asking about fees and overcharges was forward to Co. Attorney. Vaccine update from Public Health. Questions from residents about vaccines.

West Liberty Downtown Task Force small group meeting.

Sorenson: Public Health updates. Phone call about snow fence taken down on foreclosed property, forwarded to City.

Committee Reports:

Holliday: Wilton Development meeting on January 20, 2021, MCJCC & Fair Board Meeting on January 21, 2021. Meetings were held in person

Sauer: Conservation Board meeting on January 18, 2021, held in person. River Bend Transit (in person meeting) & Board of Health (virtual meeting) on January 20, 2021.

Saucedo: WELEAD & Housing meetings on January 20, 2021, held in person.

Fair Board Meeting on January 21, 2021, held in person. GMCCI meeting on January 22, 2021, virtual meeting

Sorenson: Housing Group meeting on January 20, 2021, held in person. MCJCC, EMA Committee with Comm. Foundation and E911 Service Board, in person meetings.

Mather: No meetings.

On a motion by Sorenson, second by Holliday, to accept a proposal from FSS Incorporated to install security cameras on the Muscatine County Maintenance building in the amount of \$14,645.51. Ayes: All.

On a motion from Sorenson, second by Mather, to approve an employee Education Reimbursement request from Thomas W. Shehan in the amount of \$400.00. Ayes: All.

Emergency Manager, Brian Wright gave COVID update report. He stated that coronavirus.iowa.gov gives all information for the vaccine phases and COVID information for the State and each County.

Zoning Manager, Eric Furnas gave update on fire alarms, exhaust fans and garage doors on Sheriff Dept. project.

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Auditor, Tibe Vander Linden reported that Vote Centers will be used for the upcoming March 2, 2021 Special Election for EICC Special Bond and District VIII Election. The Vote Centers will be set up at MCC, Muscatine Community School Board Office, Wilton Community Center and West Liberty Community Center. Vote Centers allow voters to cast their vote at any of the four sites no matter what residential address they live at.

A recess was taken at 10:13 A.M. and reconvened at 10:20 A.M.

Nathan Mather joined the meeting at 10:23 A.M.

Emergency Management, Brian Wright reviewed the FY21/22 budget request stating he will continue to replace 4 of the Outdoor Warning systems (IPAWS) sirens each year over the next four years. The Public Hearing on the EMA Commission Public Budget Meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

MUSCOM Manager, Chris Jasper reviewed the FY21/22 budget request stating that the Motorola Port/Subscriber fees go up each year. Increase in Salaries is to add a Training & QA employee in the coming year. Motor Vehicle Unit budget line for \$10,000 is for replacing old stick shift truck and replace with ambulance that the city is retiring. The vehicle will be retro fit with desk, 2 computer monitors, additional seat and new floor. The vehicle will serve as a back up to MUSCOM.

The Board reviewed the FY21/22 budget request for Muscatine Legal Services. Community Foundation is willing to work with Legal Services with funding to support this agency. The request of \$40,000 was confirmed with the Board. There are additional CARES Act funds that were recently received that can also be reviewed to assist this agency this year with their current deficit.

The Board reviewed the FY21/22 budget request for Special Olympics with concerns for their request of \$20,000. The Board discussed that this Outside Agency was given \$20,000 for FY20/21 and voted on to lower the amount to \$10,000 for FY21/22 and will be \$0 for FY22/23. Saucedo recommended \$20,000 be granted. Sauer, Mather, Sorenson and Holliday agreed that the Board keep with the amount of \$10,000 as voted on in the prior year.

The Board reviewed the FY21/22 budgets for the Wilton and West Liberty Libraries. Discussion to keep the budget amount the same (\$15,500) for both libraries. West Liberty is requesting \$20,000 due to the City of West Liberty reducing their funds to their Library. Saucedo and Holliday stated to budget \$20,000 for one year for West Liberty but to budget \$15,500 for Wilton. Sauer, Mather & Sorenson agreed that both libraries be funded with \$15,500.

The Board reviewed the FY21/22 budget for Musser Public Library and agreed that the Library be funded with 102% over current budget for an amount of \$122,732.00.

The Board reviewed the FY21/22 budget for Vision 20/20 and unanimously agreed to \$0 for this program. Sorenson supports the initiative and their efforts but feels the Organization should fund itself.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 P.M.

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ATTEST:

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Tibe Vander Linden  
Auditor

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Santos Saucedo, Chairperson  
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