

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, August 9, 2021

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

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

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, claims dated August 9, 2021 were approved in the amount of \$426,373.77. Ayes: All.

A Public Hearing was called to order by Chairperson Saucedo at 9:01 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, in the NE ¼ of Sec. 14-T78N-R4W from A-1 Agricultural District Zoning Classification to R-1 Residential District Zoning Classification. Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas stated the Zoning Commission held a public hearing and approved the rezoning on July 9, 2021. Furnas stated the property is not considered prime farmland, nor is it of size and topography to be an economically viable farm unit and residential development of this property is consistent with the residential land uses in the area with municipal sewer and water in the vicinity. Furnas stated the property has access to hard surfaced roads. No one spoke against the rezoning. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the public hearing was closed at 9:06 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, the Board approved an ordinance rezoning approximately 9.94 acres in Wapsi Township from A-1 Agricultural District to R-1 Residential District on the first of three reading. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas regarding Change Order number 8R for the Muscatine County Jail Booking Expansion Project. Furnas stated the change order was necessary to install four security ceiling access panels and four detention tamperproof deadbolt locks to the barrier deck inside two of the holding cells. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board affirmed Change Order number 8R for the Muscatine County Jail Booking Expansion Project in the amount of \$5,288.37. Ayes: All.

Board consensus was to table discussion with County Sheriff Quinn Riess and Muscatine City Police Lieutenant Tony Kies regarding an update on a proposed firearms range/training facility until the next regular Board meeting on August 16, 2021.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, the Board approved a request from Information Services Director Bill Riley for \$9,500 in CARES Act Funds for purchases of laptops and cameras. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with County Engineer Keith White regarding a programmatic agreement for replacement of the York Avenue, Trolley Avenue and North Isett Road bridges. Sauer asked why the bridges in the programmatic agreement are listed as historic. White stated the three bridges are all the same structure and design which is common throughout the state. White stated the

bridges are over 70 years old and as load specification requirements increase the bridges become obsolete. Sauer reviewed Appendix D in the agreement stating the Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission recommends signage with QR codes included on nearly 200 country schools and churches at a cost between \$90 and \$150 per sign. Sauer questioned if the signage will be on private property or in the right-of-way. Budget Administrator Sherry Seright stated the Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission is still working on specifics in regards to signage. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, the Board authorized the Chair to sign a programmatic agreement between the US Army COE, the Iowa DOT, the Iowa SHPO, the Muscatine County Engineer and the Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission regarding the replacement of the York Avenue, Trolley Avenue and North Isett Road bridges. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the following utility permits: Liberty Communications, West Liberty, Iowa – directional bore fiber optic cable 30” deep within 5’ of right of way along west side of Garfield Avenue for about 270’ in Section 1 of T78N-R4W and direct bury a 12 fiber cable along north right of way on 155th Street from Holly Avenue 1400’ west to replace bad existing fiber optic cable in Section 29 of T78N-R3W. Ayes: All.

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

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, minutes of the August 2, 2021 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

- Saucedo received various emails from Klinger & Associates regarding the Levee.
- Saucedo received an email from Bi-State stating the Redistricting Census Data will be sent out on August 12, 2021.
- Saucedo received estimates for proposed Deep Lakes sewer project from Conservation Administrator Curt Weiss.

Committee & Meeting Reports:

- Sorensen attended the Entrance Interview Meeting for the County’s Annual State Audit on August 4, 2021.
- Saucedo attended a Neighborhood Revitalization Meeting on August 5, 2021.

Holliday stated a Super Late Model Truck race sponsored by Hocker Trucking will be held at the Muscatine County Fairgrounds on Friday, August 20, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 A.M.

ATTEST:

Susan J. O’Donnell
Second Deputy Auditor

Santos Saucedo, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors