

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, May 24, 2021

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

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

Discussion was held with the Board regarding Resolution #05-24-21-01 Adopting An Utility-Scale Solar Energy Systems Ordinance on the third and final reading. Mather stated his research regarding solar panels and equipment indicated they have a tendency to be manufactured with forced labor operations in China. Mather requested to include in the ordinance that the owner operator provide certification that in a good faith effort they are unaware that components are made using forced or child labor. In consensus with the Board, an amendment may be proposed and possible action taken at a future meeting. On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board approved Ordinance #05-24-21-01 Adopting An Utility-Scale Solar Energy Systems Ordinance on the third and final reading. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second Sorensen, the Board approved Resolution #05-24-21-01 Naming Depositories, with County Treasurer Amy Zybarth. Ayes: All.

RESOLUTION #05-24-21-01
RESOLUTION NAMING DEPOSITORIES - TREASURER'S OFFICE

It is hereby resolved that the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors approves the following list of financial institutions to be depositories for Muscatine County funds held by the Muscatine County Treasurer, in conformance with applicable provisions of Chapter 12C, Code of Iowa. All previous actions by the Board of Supervisors naming depositories and setting maximum limits for the Treasurer's Office are hereby null and void.

DEPOSITORY	LOCATION	MAXIMUM FUND BALANCE
CBI Bank	Muscatine, IA	\$ 40,000,000
Community Bank	Muscatine, IA	\$ 5,000,000
Farmers & Merchants Bank	Nichols, IA	\$ 2,000,000
First National Bank	Muscatine, IA	\$ 2,000,000
IPAIT	Des Moines IA	\$ 30,000,000
Midwest One Bank	West Liberty, IA	\$ 40,000,000
South Ottumwa Savings Bank	West Liberty, IA	\$ 5,000,000

Passed and approved this 24th day of May, 2021.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden
Muscatine County Auditor

/s/Santos Saucedo, Chairperson
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

Discussion was held regarding impacts to the County of SF619 with Budget Administrator Sherry Seright and Community Services Director Felicia Toppert. Seright shared a legislative update SF619 report stating changes the way the Mental Health and Disability Services (MHDS) regions are funded, from a system based on county property taxes to a 100% State-funded system with impacts to the MHDS Levy, Regional Service Fund and Regional Incentive Fund. Sorensen stated that the changes will make all regions pool their funds and performance based contracts will be the best practice. Toppert stated the challenge for our region will be to get all the Core and Core Plus services established or access to the services to be in compliance with SF619. Toppert stated an agreement between the region and county will determine how administration charges are paid. Toppert stated the additional funding will allow the region to implement a children's mental health system and will benefit children with serious mental issues. Toppert stated that performance based contracts with the local, region or state providers will be an advantage to determine where programs and assistance is needed. Toppert stated that the legislative service changes will start July 1, 2021 with one year to implement the changes. Saucedo requested Toppert update the Board in six months on the progress for the region and her department.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board approved the minutes of the May 17, 2021 regular meeting. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

All Supervisors received an update from Unity Public Health Director Christy Roby-Williams regarding COVID-19.

Saucedo received a call from Muscatine Mayor Diana Broderson regarding a possible joint meeting in late August with Muscatine Power and Water, Muscatine School Board, Muscatine City Council and Muscatine County Board of Supervisors.

Saucedo received a call from Becky Allgood with a Wilton, Iowa Housing Development update.

Mather received an email from a resident about fencing ideas in regards to solar energy systems.

Sorensen received information on housing.

Committee & Meeting Reports:

Saucedo attended a virtual Muscatine Power and Water meeting on long term planning.

Saucedo attended the West Liberty Economic Area Development meeting on May 20, 2021.

Sauer attended the Assessor's Office performance review for Randy Spies on May 17, 2021.

Sauer attended the River Bend Transit meeting on May 19, 2021.

Sauer attended the Muscatine County Board of Health meeting on May 19, 2021.

Mather attended the Veterans Affairs Commission meeting on May 18, 2021.

Sorensen attended the Emergency Management Association meeting on May 20, 2021.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board appointed Rosy Eichelberger to the Muscatine County Civil Service Commission for a term ending June 30, 2026. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board authorized the Chairperson to execute the July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024 agreement regarding the Muscatine County Engineer's Office Secondary Roads Unit between Muscatine County and Chauffeurs, Teamsters & Helpers, Local Union #238. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board authorized the Chairperson to execute the July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024 agreement regarding the Muscatine County Sheriff's Office Corrections Unit between Muscatine County and Chauffeurs, Teamsters & Helpers, Local Union #238. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board authorized the Chairperson to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with Chauffeurs, Teamsters and Helpers, Local Unit #238 regarding direct deposit. Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber stated the memorandum requires direct deposit for payroll as mandatory for the unit and complies with a countywide new hire employee policy. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board authorized the Chairperson to execute the July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2024 agreement regarding the Muscatine County Sheriff's Office Deputy Sheriffs Unit between Muscatine County and Chauffeurs, Teamsters and Helpers, Local Unit #238. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved the revised class specifications for Administrative Assistant and Jail Receptionist positions covered under the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) bargaining agreement. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board authorized the Chairperson to execute the July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024 agreement regarding the Muscatine County Sheriff's Office Jail Support Unit between Muscatine County and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Iowa Council. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved the FY21/22 Salary Schedule (2% adjustment to scale) and authorized one time payments to employee's at the maximum step for their grade (1%). Schreiber stated this adjustment is for the group of employees who are under the salary administration program. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board approved setting the County Engineer's FY21/22 salary with a 3% increase. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved the May 2021 payroll claims. Ayes: All.

Mather stated that today's meeting is the final Board of Supervisors call-in meeting. Mather expressed condolences for Doug Holliday in the loss of Doug's father, Richard Holliday.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas presented a flood plain map for the County's Washington Street facility. Furnas updated the Board on the Jail project and the possibility of storing part of the construction materials at the Washington Street facility. Sheriff Quinn Riess stated the City of Muscatine has expressed interest in owning the Washington Street facility. Riess stated there has been discussion between the City of Muscatine and the Sheriff's office in joining forces to have a permanent County/City owned gun range and training facility. Riess stated that currently both the City of Muscatine Police Department and the Muscatine County Sheriff's Department use a private range in Louisa County. Riess stated if the City of Muscatine agrees to purchase the Washington Street facility, this could be a possible pay in for the city to fund more of the cost of a jointly owned city and county gun range. Sorensen stated that it is unacceptable that the county does not have their own gun range and training facility for certifying their deputies. Riess stated the city has been looking at property options for an outdoor gun range that can also include a structure for bathrooms and class rooms. Saucedo requested that Riess provide more information regarding the qualifications for an outdoor gun range and training facility at the June 14, 2021 Board meeting. In consensus with the Board, Schreiber will hold off until future notice disposing of the Washington Street facility and requested Furnas provide a market analysis of the facility.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 A.M.

ATTEST:

Tibe Vander Linden
County Auditor

Santos Saucedo, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors