

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, June 21, 2021

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

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

Mather joined the meeting at 9:01 A.M.

Discussion was held regarding disposal of the Washington Street Facility. Sorensen stated the facility has been abandoned by Search and Rescue and the Sheriff's Office and no other departments have a use for the buildings. Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas stated the structure is fairly dilapidated. Sauer stated the facility is not utilized and needs to be liquidated. Saucedo stated the property should be sold as-is. Furnas stated the site may possibly be used for construction material storage during the upcoming Jail Booking Expansion Project. Board consensus was to sell the Washington Street Facility. The Board directed Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber to draft a resolution regarding intent to sell the facility and notice of a public hearing.

Discussion was held with Tony Kies, Muscatine City Police Department, and County Sheriff Quinn Riess regarding a proposed firearms range/training facility. Riess stated the Sheriff's Office and the Muscatine City Police Department have been talking about building a joint firearms range/training facility. Riess stated talks are currently at a stand-still while the City of Muscatine assesses other options. Riess stated he has viewed some possible locations for the facility, however, he needs to learn more about the State's codes and regulations governing distance from occupied structures and other factors. Kies stated the City's current range near Power & Water is no longer feasible because lead mitigation requirements are quite costly. Kies stated the current firearm range services law enforcement from Muscatine, Louisa and Cedar Counties. Kies stated the proposal for the new facility would include a 60' x 60' structure, rifle range and pistol range, all with space for tactical training. Kies stated the biggest hurdle is location and the estimated cost is \$1,000,000. Kies stated he and Riess are looking at ways to share the costs with other agencies. Riess stated the facility would be open for law enforcement personnel only and closed to the public. Board consensus was for Riess to continue researching State requirements for building a firearms range/training facility, creating a list of entities who might be interested in this type of facility and developing a detailed breakdown of potential costs for discussion at the Joint Muscatine County/Muscatine City meeting in September.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, minutes of the June 14, 2021 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Holliday, Sauer, Saucedo and Mather received an email from Sorensen regarding Iowa Workforce Development.

Holliday received an email from Saucedo regarding the Catalyst Grant.

All Supervisors received an email from Greg Nelson regarding Muscatine Power & Water's expansion into Louisa County.

Holliday reported speaking with Nancy Miller regarding an erosion problem.

Holliday reported meeting with Kory Kaalberg regarding Douglas Avenue and the Nature Trail Bridge.

Saucedo reported meeting with candidates interviewing for the City of West Liberty Administrator position June 17, 2021.

Saucedo reported meeting with the Muscatine City Mayor to discuss items for an upcoming County/City zoom meeting June 16, 2021.

Mather and Sorensen reported a contact from the Sierra Club regarding Muscatine Power & Water's conversion to natural gas.

Committee & Meeting Reports:

Mather attended a Muscatine County Veterans Affairs Commission meeting June 15, 2021.

Mather attended a Mississippi Valley Workforce Area Board meeting June 16, 2021.

Santos attended an electronic Department of Natural Resources meeting June 17, 2021.

Santos attended a WELEAD (West Liberty Economic Area Development) meeting June 15, 2021.

Santos attended a Drainage District #13 meeting June 18, 2021.

Sauer attended a River Bend Transit meeting June 16, 2021.

Sauer attended a Muscatine County Conservation Board meeting June 17, 2021.

Holliday attended a Wilton Development Board meeting June 16, 2021.

Holliday attended a Muscatine County Fair Board meeting June 17, 2021.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board authorized the Chair to execute a contract with River Bend Transit for specialized transportation service for FY21/22 in the amount of \$7,000. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board accepted a renewal agreement for HIPAA compliance services with Carosh Compliance Solutions in the amount of \$12,960.00. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board authorized the Chair to execute a revised agreement to serve as employer of record for the Mississippi Valley Workforce Area Board's Executive Director and Executive Assistant positions, with a 3% administration fee. Ayes: All.

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

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

The Board recessed at 10:04 A.M. and reconvened at 10:12 A.M.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board moved into closed session at 10:12 A.M. pursuant to Chapter 21.5.1 (i), Code of Iowa, for a performance evaluation. Roll call vote: Ayes: All. Information Services Director Bill Riley had requested a closed session. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board returned to open session at 11:19 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber updated the Board with newly available Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund information. Schreiber stated the U.S. Treasury has updated the list of items for which Recovery Fund dollars may be spent. Schreiber stated the State of Iowa is pushing to have the second half payment of County Recovery Fund dollars paid to the State instead of to the Counties.

Mather left the meeting at 11:21 A.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:26 A.M.

ATTEST:

Susan J. O'Donnell
Second Deputy Auditor

Santos Saucedo, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors