

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, March 18, 2019

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

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

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Saucedo, the Board authorized the Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission to submit a grant application to the Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine for \$2,500 to partially fund the development of an updated design for the Muscatine County Historic Jail Museum and Archives Plan. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with West Liberty Economic Area Development (WeLead) Executive Director NJ Garton regarding a request from WeLead for an emergency loan from the Muscatine County Revolving Loan Fund in the amount of \$75,000 to be paid back over a 5-year period. Garton stated in December 2018, water infiltrated the foundation and breached the historic building located at 119 East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street causing the failure of the front façade. Garton stated she is in the process of applying for grants, but due to the dire situation, the WeLead Board of Directors had to proceed with demolition of the façade to prevent it from falling and creating further damage to the WeLead Building. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Saucedo, the Board authorized an emergency loan in the amount of \$75,000 from the Muscatine County Revolving Loan Fund to WeLead to be paid back over a 5-year period. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #03-18-19-01 Authorizing Weight Embargoes on Secondary Roads in Muscatine County. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION # 03-18-19-01  
AUTHORIZING WEIGHT EMBARGOES ON SECONDARY ROADS  
IN MUSCATINE COUNTY, IOWA**

WHEREAS, the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors recognizes that recent weather conditions have caused soft subgrade and surface conditions to develop on some Secondary Roads; and

WHEREAS, Sections 321.236(8), 321.255, 321.471 and 321.473 of the Code of Iowa provide the authority for local authorities to impose restrictions as to the weight of vehicles to be operated on any highway under their jurisdiction and Section 321.463 establishes the penalty for violating said restrictions;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Muscatine County, Iowa, that an embargo be authorized where necessary on the Secondary Roads System for Muscatine County. The County Engineer is directed to restrict all traffic to an 11-ton gross load where deemed necessary on certain sections of the road system and to erect signs to advise the traveling

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public of these limits, in accordance with Section 321.472. If conditions warrant, the embargo is rescinded by the removal of signs by direction of the County Engineer.

ATTEST:

/s/Leslie A. Soule

Muscatine County Auditor

/s/Nathan Mather, Chairperson

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

Discussion was held with Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas regarding a draft of a written response to IDPH's request for a list of the County's health concerns with regard to slag that has been placed upon the roads. Furnas stated the draft reiterated concerns following the January conference call as well as concerns from the citizens that have been raised. Sauer stated he does not see anything in the draft about leaching. Mather stated the response should include asking if the DNR has any concern over any kind of water contamination. Sauer stated he watched a particular area that has a lot of slag and there have been several freeze/thaws and he visibly cannot see any change of this product splitting or reducing in size throughout this winter. Furnas stated the County intends for the DNR to independently sample the roads with no direction from the County other than to tell them where slag has been applied. Furnas stated he included the County felt it was prudent to examine the levels of the elements for the risks of any type of exposure. Mather summarized the draft should include concerns about water contamination and leachate, methods of ingestion and soil contamination. Daryll Sywassink suggested livestock exposure adjacent to the roads also be examined through the state toxicologist in Ames. Sywassink requested a sub sample of every sample picked so that he can spot check them. Furnas stated he will reach out to the DNR and ask them if they would consider maintaining a sub sample in reserve. Sywassink stated he would also like to be able to observe collection of the samples. Furnas stated he can find out information about the DNR's observation plan.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board approved a renewal application for a Class C Beer, Liquor, Sunday Sales Privilege and Outdoor Service Permit for West Liberty Golf & Country Club, 1248 Country Heights Lane, West Liberty, Iowa. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, minutes of the March 11, 2019 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Holiday reported a call from Elise Paul regarding mud on North Isett Avenue.

Holiday reported a call from Jim Merideth regarding potholes on Bayfield Road.

Holiday reported a call from Steve Truitt satisfied with the repair of Kinkaid Avenue.

Sorensen reported a contact from a Mary McDonald regarding water in her home in Fairport.

Committee Reports:

Holiday and Sorensen attended a Muscatine County Joint Communications (MUSCOM) meeting March 14<sup>th</sup>.

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Emergency Manager Brian Wright updated the Board on flooding concerns on the Cedar and Mississippi Rivers suggesting the Board of Supervisors consider a disaster declaration at some point in the future. Wright stated a disaster declaration provides emergency management with access to more critical infrastructure and allows for residents and the County to apply for state or federal assistance. County Engineer Keith White stated the damage threshold is approximately \$162,000 for Muscatine County to request assistance.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Saucedo, the Chairperson was authorized to execute the following: an updated master agreement between Muscatine County and Horizon Architecture for service order contracts for Muscatine County Facilities and related projects; a service order between Muscatine County and Horizon Architecture for various county projects; and an agreement between Muscatine County and Horizon Architecture to serve as construction manager for various county projects. Ayes: All.

Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber informed the Board of a vacancy on the Civil Service Commission which for gender balance should be a male and must be registered with a political party.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 A.M.

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Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

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Nathan Mather, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors