

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, July 8, 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 was presiding.

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

Discussion was held with Mike Nolan, Horizon Architecture, regarding a proposal for humidifiers for the Third Floor Courtroom Renovation Project. Nolan stated due to recent weather, the humidifiers were necessary to dry the primed walls in the Courtroom more quickly to keep the painters on schedule. Nolan stated they brought in 5 humidifiers at \$100.00 per day for up to 14 days. Mather asked why this was not in the original bid. Nolan stated it would not have been an issue if the room would have been painted earlier in the summer. Mather stated he does not like that the County is being nickeled and dimed on this project. In response to a question from Saucedo, Nolan stated the project should be completed by the end of August. Budget Coordinator Sherry Seright stated the dehumidifiers were brought in because the cost to the County would have been greater if the plasterers and painters were sent offsite until the weather settled down postponing the project indefinitely. Nolan stated there have been several delays caused by the court schedule and contractors that pushed everything back causing plastering and painting to be done during the most humid time of the year. Mather stated he understands why this happened, but asked Nolan to express the Board's frustration and see if any of the parties involved would be willing to help with the cost of the humidifiers. Saucedo stated he would like to see a humidity thermostat that shows the humidity level placed in the courtroom in order to monitor the humidity. Seright stated current thermostats show the humidity level. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Saucedo, the Board approved CAR #4 from Wolfe Contracting, Inc. to provide 5 dehumidifiers for drying the 3rd Floor Courtroom for the Muscatine County Courthouse Third Floor Courtroom Renovation Project in an amount not to exceed \$7,000.00. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Nolan regarding a proposal for additional work by Daprato Rigali Studios. Nolan stated when the drop ceiling was removed, it was necessary to add trim work and clean the coffers which resulted in additional painting. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Saucedo, the Board accepted a proposal from Daprato Rigali Studios for additional work on the Muscatine County Courthouse Third Floor Courtroom Renovation Project in the amount of \$7,700.00. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved eleven 2018 Disabled Veteran's Homestead Tax Credit applications as recommended by the County Assessor's Office for Robert Bennett, Richard Bierman, John Carter, David Coffman, Leo Driscoll, Wade Leaver, James McBride, Douglas Miller, Jerry Mortensen, Billy Peterson and Jon Purvis. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved the following Reports of Fees Collected for the quarter ending June 30, 2019: Muscatine County Sheriff's Office - Civil Department - \$23,288.71; Muscatine County Treasurer - \$303,696.94; Muscatine County Auditor - \$1,648.63; and Muscatine County Recorder - \$64,017.94. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, minutes of the July 1, 2019 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Saucedo reported a call requesting the cost per square foot of the new County building. Saucedo reported that the West Liberty City Council voted against accepting the West Liberty Economic Area Development (WeLead) Director as an employee, but will continue to provide funding to WeLead.

Sorensen reported a call from Laura Liegois regarding recycling and the landfill.

Sorensen and Mather reported calls from residents regarding recycling.

Sauer reported a call regarding a farm exemption on a parcel.

There were no committee reports.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved the appointment of Keith White to the Muscatine County Veterans Affairs Commission to fill a vacancy for a term ending June 30, 2020. Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 A.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Nathan Mather, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors