

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, September 16, 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 amended. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Michael Nolan, Horizon Architecture, regarding a change order for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Courtroom Renovation Project. Nolan stated the change order was necessary to alter the length of two gallery benches. On a motion by Saucedo, second by Sauer, the Board approved a change order for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Courtroom Renovation Project from Pearl City Wood Products in the amount of \$650.00. Ayes: Holliday, Sauer, Mather and Saucedo. Sorensen abstained since his company is the contractor on the project.

Nolan presented the following bids for construction of the Muscatine County General Services Maintenance Facility: Swanson Construction - \$1,310,000; Todd Hackett Construction - \$1,312,000; Myers Construction - \$1,316,355; Frye Builders - \$1,387,000; Wolfe Contracting - \$1,490,000; and Bi-State Contracting - \$1,506,795. Sorensen expressed concern about the overexcavation unit cost for Swanson Construction being considerably higher than the other bidders. Nolan stated only the base bid can be considered when awarding the contract. On a motion by Saucedo, second by Sorensen, the Board accepted a bid from Swanson Construction in the amount of \$1,310,000 for the construction of the Muscatine County General Services Maintenance Facility. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the following utility permit: Eastern Iowa Light and Power – bore primary cable across 181<sup>st</sup> to provide service to a new shed at 3557 181<sup>st</sup> Street. Ayes: Holliday, Sauer, Sorensen and Saucedo. Mather abstained.

Discussion was held with County Engineer Keith White regarding the possible purchase of two motor graders, trading in two 2013 CAT 140M2 motor graders and one 2014 CAT 140M2 motor grader. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved the purchase of a CAT 150 motor grader in FY2020 (June 2020), the purchase of a CAT 150 motor grader in FY2021 (August 2020) and the purchase of a CAT 150 motor grader in FY2021 (May 2021), less trade-in, for a net purchase price of \$544,935 (\$181,645 each). Ayes: All. Saucedo requested information in the future regarding costs of comparable equipment in other counties or states.

County Engineer Keith White updated the Board on secondary road projects. White stated the Trails committee has requested installation of push button flashing lights at the trail intersections with 57<sup>th</sup> Street, 41<sup>st</sup> Street and Hwy 22, but he is concerned about their effectiveness on a 55 mph road. In response to a question from Saucedo, White stated he is working on a drainage issue on a road near Deep Lakes Park.

Community Services Director/Disability Services Coordinator Felicia Toppert provided a Community Services update stating she has an understanding with staff that they will not incur overtime unless they have prior approval from her. Toppert stated she is streamlining some of the

routine functions. Toppert stated she has placed a moratorium against taking on any out of county trust cases.

On a motion by Saucedo, second by Sorensen, minutes of the September 9, 2019 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Sauer reported a contact regarding standing water on a road near Deep Lakes Park.  
Saucedo reported an email from a local youth group wanting to volunteer in the County.  
Sauer reported a call regarding trees encroaching the roadway on Sweetland Road.  
Sauer reported a call regarding washout along the edge of 155<sup>th</sup> Street.

Sorensen, Mather, Saucedo and Sauer attended the Farm Bureau Annual Meeting September 10<sup>th</sup>. Sorensen, Mather, Saucedo and Sauer attended the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Courtroom Rededication September 10<sup>th</sup>.

Committee Reports:

Holliday attended a Wilton Development Corporation meeting September 11<sup>th</sup>.  
Mather attended a Seventh Judicial District meeting September 13<sup>th</sup>.  
Sorensen attended an Emergency Food and Shelter Program meeting September 13<sup>th</sup>.

Emergency Manager Brian Wright stated there will be a Public Hearing held at MCC Larson Hall on September 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 P.M. on revision of the Muscatine County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Saucedo, the Board approved Resolution #09-16-19-01 Suspending the Collection of Taxes. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION #09-16-19-01  
RESOLUTION SUSPENDING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES**

WHEREAS, notice from the Director of Human Services has been received regarding the eligibility of Rudolph Chick, Muscatine, Iowa, (the 'recipient') for medical and facility care; and

WHEREAS, as such recipient of such assistance is deemed to be unable to contribute to the public revenue pursuant to Section 427.9, Code of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, the recipient is the owner of property described as follows:

Address: 2231 Forest Parkway, Muscatine IA 52761  
Parcel No: MCMUU 0827380005  
Legal Description: Lot 16 Blk 3 Oak Manor Add

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors:

1. That the County Treasurer is hereby ordered to suspend the collection of all taxes, including special assessments, rates or charges, interest, fees and costs for the current year and those unpaid from prior years. As long as the petitioner is authorized by DHS no interest accrues during suspension but payments can be made.
2. If the parcel is sold, passes by bequest or inheritance to any person other than the spouse or minor child of the petitioner, all taxes and special assessments become due and payable by the next semi-annual installment date. Interest at the rate of 1 ½% per month will start on the next delinquency date after the suspended taxes become due.

Passed and approved this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019.

ATTEST:

/s/Leslie A. Soule  
Muscatine County Auditor

/s/Nathan Mather, Chairperson  
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

The meeting was adjourned at 9:56 A.M.

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Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

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Nathan Mather, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors