

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, September 23, 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 presented. Ayes: All.

Jim Meredith, 1986 Bayfield Road, complimented and thanked the County for what they have done on Bayfield Road. Meredith stated the road looks great, but he still has concern that he has not been contacted about his ditch issue.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Saucedo, claims dated September 23, 2019 were approved in the amount of \$562,310.09. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, the Chairperson was authorized to execute an amendment to an agreement between Tyler Technology and Muscatine County for a new subscription term through June 30, 2024 and establishing an annual subscription fee of \$11,667.00 for the Eagle Recording, Public Printing and Historic Index Module software used by the Muscatine County Recorder's Office. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Chairperson was authorized to execute a CenturyLink Total Advantage Express Agreement for 315 Iowa Avenue, Muscatine, IA. Ayes: All.

Information Services Director Bill Riley updated the Board on help desk activity for May, June, July and August. Riley stated there is a very active email campaign for malware.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Chairperson was authorized to sign a letter to the Iowa Flood Mitigation Board regarding reconsideration of disaster funds to facilitate a buyout of a heavily damaged residential structure on Sweetland Road that is sliding beyond repair. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, minutes of the September 16, 2019 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Saucedo reported a call from the Muscatine Amateur Radio Club regarding an increase of rental charges for the Muscatine County Fairgrounds.

Committee Reports:

Holliday attended a Wilton Development Corporation meeting September 18th.

Holliday attended a Muscatine County Fair Board meeting September 19th.

Mather attended an Eastern Iowa MH/DS Region meeting September 16th.

Mather attended a Muscatine County Veterans Affairs Commission meeting September 17th.

Sauer and Holliday attended the Iowa Conservation Association Fish Fry September 17th. Sauer and Mather attended the Iowa Conservation Association Breakfast September 18th. Sauer participated on the Iowa Conservation Association Boat Ride September 18th.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Saucedo, the Chairperson was authorized to execute a contract with Swanson Construction in the amount of \$1,310,000 for the Muscatine County General Services Maintenance Facility Project. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held regarding the possible suspension of the collection of taxes for a parcel for which the owner has moved to an assisted living facility in Oregon where he is receiving aid from the State of Oregon, but there is not enough to pay the taxes on his home in Iowa that he is trying to sell. Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber stated since he does not live in a facility in Iowa the code does not require the Board of Supervisors to suspend his taxes, but it is within their right to suspend taxes. Schreiber stated the current tax bill for which the Board is considering suspension is \$810. Schreiber stated the suspended taxes will not accrue penalty and interest and will have to be paid upon sale of the house. Mather stated this is an extremely rare exception and he would be willing to suspend the taxes. Sorensen stated he agrees, but would encourage the family to move swiftly to liquidate the property. On a motion by Saucedo, second by Sorensen, the Board approved Resolution #09-23-19-01 Suspending the Collection of Taxes. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

RESOLUTION #09-23-19-01
RESOLUTION SUSPENDING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES

WHEREAS, a petition for suspension of taxes has been received from Michael Hoff for property owned by his father David Hoff and information has been received regarding the eligibility of David Hoff, Muscatine, Iowa, (the 'recipient') for medical and facility care from the Oregon Department of Human Services; and

WHEREAS, as such recipient of such assistance may be deemed to be unable to contribute to the public revenue pursuant to Section 427.8, Code of Iowa; and

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

Address: 1010 E. 10th Street, Muscatine IA 52761
Parcel No: MCMUU 0835232004
Legal Description: Lot 7 Blk 5 N Musc

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.

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 23rd 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 9:41 A.M.

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Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Nathan Mather, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors