

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, November 25, 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.

Educational Outreach Program Coordinator Rosa Mendoza presented information regarding the Diversity Services Center of Iowa. Mendoza stated the center which was established March 1, 2001, just celebrated its 18<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Mendoza stated the Center's mission is to provide educational outreach to guide individuals through the immigration process and by advocating for minority senior citizens. Mendoza stated the Center is one of only eight in the State of Iowa that are accredited through the U.S. Department of Justice. Diversity Services Center of Iowa Boardmember Mike Biklen stated they have a 99.9% success rate for getting applications approved.

Mike Nolan, Horizon Architecture, updated the Board on the Muscatine County Maintenance Facility Project. Nolan stated they have completed most of the excavation and backfill for the Maintenance Facility. Nolan stated the project is on schedule with foundation walls to be poured today and the slab poured before Christmas.

Discussion was held with Nolan on a proposal for construction photography of the Muscatine County Maintenance Facility Project. Nolan stated he would provide drone photography with thermal imaging for the project. On a motion by Saucedo, second by Holliday, the Board approved a Service Order for construction phase photography of the Muscatine County Facility Project in the amount of \$2,500. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Nolan regarding a change order for the Muscatine County Maintenance Facility Project. Nolan stated the change order was due to the color selected not being available as a standard color. Nolan stated the selected light gray color would cost an additional \$10,061.70 and take approximately 15 weeks to receive. Nolan stated the only standard colors are indigo or ivory and feels the ivory color would be a reasonable option. Board consensus was to consider the ivory color and adjust the color palette of the building accordingly. Nolan stated he will return with a new color palette of standard colors based off the ivory color.

Discussion was held regarding a request from the City of Muscatine for the County to contribute \$1,000 toward the \$3,000 fee charged by One House Partners for a research and literature review of leading community development approaches. Nolan stated the research would assist with neighborhood revitalization and affordable housing initiatives in the City of Muscatine, Muscatine County and surrounding communities. Sorensen stated he feels rural counties and cities are having trouble attracting and keeping talent in the community and the point of this research is to show support for these efforts. Sorensen stated the work he has seen done by Mike Nolan and One House Partners is the most actionable of any research he has seen presented. Mather stated he would want the County to have part ownership in the resulting literature. On a

motion by Saucedo, second by Sorensen, the Board approved contributing \$1,000 of the \$3,000 fee charged by One House Partners for a research and literature review of leading community development approaches. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Keith White presented Iowa Department of Transportation bid letting results for Project #BROS-SWAP-C070(64)—SE70, for a twin 12' X 8' X56' reinforced concrete box culvert bridge replacement project on 120<sup>th</sup> Street as follows: Iowa Bridge & Culvert, L.C. - \$266,037.70; McCulley Culvert, Inc. - \$267,456.00; Jim Schroeder Construction, Inc. - \$333,872.48; Boomerang Co. - \$337,489.70; Brandt Construction Co. & Subsidiary - \$412,029.05; and McCarthy Improvement Co. - \$439,650.50. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Saucedo, the Board accepted a bid for BROS-SWAP-C070(64)—SE-70, for a twin 12' X 8' X56' reinforced concrete box culvert bridge replacement project on 120<sup>th</sup> Street from Iowa Bridge & Culvert, L.C. in the amount of \$266,037.70. Ayes: All.

White presented Iowa Department of Transportation bid letting results for Project #STbg-SWAP-C070(62)—SE70, for a PCC Paving Project on G28 (231<sup>st</sup> Street) from near US 61 to Independence Avenue as follows: Peterson Contractors, Inc.. - \$5,938,143.28; Heuer Construction Inc. - \$6,074,098.95; Brandt Construction Co. & Subsidiary - \$7,108,896.47; and McCarthy Improvement Co. - \$7,976,476.06. A bid from Valley Construction Co. did not contain a bid bond. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Saucedo, the Board accepted a bid for STbg-SWAP-C070(62)—SE-70, for a PCC Paving Project on G28 (231<sup>st</sup> Street) from near US Hwy 61 to Independence Avenue from Peterson Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$5,938,143.28. Ayes: All.

White updated the Board on secondary road projects. White asked the Board if they want to go to letting for some additional driveway parking area at Secondary Roads office or handle it with a change order of the current parking lot project. Board consensus was to add it to the current parking lot project with a change order. White updated the Board on the Mid-American fiber project. Saucedo requested White attempt to acquire as-builts from utility companies to make it easier to locate utilities in the future.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, minutes of the November 18, 2019 regular meeting and the November 21, 2019 special meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

#### Correspondence:

Sorensen met with Hickory Hills Homeowners Association regarding a water issue November 19<sup>th</sup>.

Sorensen met with a local group concerned with housing on November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Holliday reported conversations regarding the proposed high power utility line north of Muscatine.

#### Committee Reports:

Holliday attended a Wilton Development Corporation meeting November 20<sup>th</sup>.

Holliday attended a Muscatine County Fair Board meeting November 21<sup>st</sup>.

Sauer attended a Board of Health meeting November 20<sup>th</sup>.

Sauer and Sorensen attended a Region IX Transportation meeting November 21<sup>st</sup>.

Mather attended an Eastern Iowa Mental Health Region meeting November 18<sup>th</sup>.

Mather attended a Muscatine County Veterans Affairs Commission meeting November 19<sup>th</sup>.

Mather attended a Bi-State Regional meeting November 20<sup>th</sup>.

Sorensen attended a Regional Workforce Development meeting in Des Moines November 20<sup>th</sup>.

Saucedo attended a West Liberty Economic Area Development (WELEAD) meeting November 21<sup>st</sup>.

Saucedo stated he would like the Board to meet with city councils and school boards once a year to enable a better relationship working together on projects.

Mather updated the Board on last Monday's Eastern Iowa Mental Health Region meeting stating a motion was made to terminate Muscatine County's participation in the Region December 31, 2019. Mather stated although the motion did not pass at that meeting, he has asked Community Services Director Felicia Toppert to develop possible timelines for transition out of the Region sooner than July 1, 2020 should the Region terminate Muscatine County's participation sooner than the planned July 1, 2020 withdrawal.

County Auditor Leslie Soule reported that the recount of the Stockton Mayor election resulted in no change from the canvassed results.

Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber reported she has received notification of some upcoming vacancies on boards and committees and will be advertising for interested candidates.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 A.M.

ATTEST:

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Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

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Nathan Mather, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors