

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, December 2, 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.

Dennis Conway, 404 Green Street, expressed concern regarding trespassing on his farm at 1951 Bayfield Road by a hunter who told him he does not own the lane into his farm. Conway stated the gate on the lane was put up when he was a child and he has always believed his family owned the lane. County records show the lane is actually a County road. Conway requested he be allowed to buy it from the County as no one uses the lane but him. County Engineer Keith White stated the maintainer goes down the road once or twice a year to the gate. White stated the road cannot be vacated because it would landlock the Conway property. White stated if it is designated a level C road, then it would restrict access to just the surrounding property owners: Finchum, the State and Conway. Sauer asked if making it a level C road would solve the issue of an individual trespassing on to his property. White stated a level C would gate it and only law enforcement and owners would have legal access. Mather stated the County cannot sell the road to Conway. Sauer stated if he were Conway, he would leave the gates there until someone from the Engineer's Office makes him remove them and then approach the Board to make that a level C road. Sorensen stated he would be fine with making it a level C road. In response to a question from Sauer, White stated if it is made a level C road he would probably keep the current gate where it is to save taxpayer money. Board consensus was to place possibly changing the lane to a level C road on a future agenda.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, claims dated December 2, 2019 were approved in the amount of \$374,550.21. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Saucedo, the Board approved the following utility permit: Alliant Energy – bore a 1” gas line across 180th Street to service a residence at 2720 180th Street. Ayes: All.

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

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, minutes of the November 25, 2019 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Saucedo reported a call regarding an update on Crossroads.

Committee Reports:

Sauer attended a Muscatine County Conservation Board meeting November 25th.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Saucedo, the Board accepted the October 2019 payroll claims. Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 A.M.

ATTEST:

Susan J. O'Donnell
Second Deputy Auditor

Nathan Mather, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors