

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Thursday, January 2, 2020

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:15 A.M. with Holliday, Sauer, Mather, Sorensen and Saucedo present.

County Auditor Leslie Soule conducted nominations for Chairperson. On a motion by Holliday, second by Saucedo, Jeff Sorensen was elected Chairperson. Ayes: All. Chairperson Sorensen presided over the remainder of the meeting and conducted nominations for Vice-Chairperson. On a motion by Holliday, second by Sauer, Santos Saucedo was elected Vice-Chairperson. Ayes: All.

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

MUSCOM Manager Chris Jasper updated the Board on MUSCOM operations and equipment. Jasper stated the port fee is not based on a radio count so radios can be added at any time for just the expense of purchasing the radios. Jasper confirmed that the Medical Examiner's office was not part of the original plan, but it has one radio that was intended for the City of Nichols. Jasper stated Nichols does not believe they need that radio. Jasper stated some volunteer fire departments never received all of the radios originally allotted to them. Jasper has been working on a physical inventory of all the radios and bringing back the extras to be reassigned to the department that should have originally received them. Jasper stated he has accounted for all but one of the original radios. Jasper stated the hospital has received a grant for five new radios so he will be getting five of those radios back. In response to a question from Sauer, Jasper stated there are currently no extra radios other than the 25 at MUSCOM that are used in an emergency. Sauer stated 25 seems like a substantial number as backup. In response to a question from Saucedo, Jasper stated the radios purchased in 2015 would be the same as current models.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Mather, the Board approved Resolution #01-02-20-01 Authorizing the County Engineer to Sign For and Collect Disaster Relief Funds. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION #01-02-20-01
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ENGINEER TO SIGN FOR AND
COLLECT FEDERAL DISASTER RELIEF FUNDS**

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize the County Engineer for Muscatine County, Keith L. White, to sign for and collect Federal Disaster Relief funds on behalf of Muscatine County for any secondary road or bridge damage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 2nd day of January, 2020.

ATTEST:

/s/Leslie A. Soule
Muscatine County Auditor

/s/Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Sauer, second by Mather, the Board approved Resolution #01-02-20-02 Authorizing the County Engineer to Execute Certification of Completion and Final Acceptance on Farm-to-Market Construction Projects. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

RESOLUTION #01-02-20-02

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ENGINEER TO EXECUTE
CERTIFICATION OF COMPLETION AND FINAL ACCEPTANCE ON FARM-TO-
MARKET CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**

Be it resolved by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors that Keith L. White, the County Engineer of Muscatine County, Iowa, is hereby designated, authorized and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of said County to execute the certification of completion of work and final acceptance thereof in accordance with plans and specifications therefore in connection with all Farm to Market construction projects in this county.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 2nd day of January, 2020.

ATTEST:

/s/Leslie A. Soule
Muscatine County Auditor

/s/Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Sauer, second by Holliday, the Board approved Resolution #01-02-20-03 Authorizing the County Engineer to Close Secondary Roads in Emergency Situations. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

RESOLUTION #01-02-20-03

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ENGINEER TO CLOSE SECONDARY
ROADS IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS**

Be it resolved by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors that Keith L. White, the County Engineer for Muscatine County, Iowa, is hereby authorized to close secondary roads or portions thereof in emergency situations to safeguard the traveling public. Such road closures shall be confirmed by the Board of Supervisors at its next regular meeting.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 2nd day of January, 2020.

ATTEST:

/s/Leslie A. Soule
Muscatine County Auditor

/s/Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Sauer, second by Holliday, the Board approved Resolution #01-02-20-04 Designating Official Newspapers In and For Muscatine County for 2020. Roll call vote: Ayes: All. They are as follows: Muscatine Journal, West Liberty Index and Wilton-Durant Advocate News.

RESOLUTION #01-02-20-04

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS IN AND FOR MUSCATINE COUNTY FOR 2020

Be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Muscatine County, Iowa that in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 349 of the Code of Iowa, the following newspapers be designated official newspapers in and for Muscatine County for 2020:

Muscatine Journal
Wilton-Durant Advocate News
West Liberty Index

PASSED AND APPROVED this 2nd day of January, 2020.

ATTEST:

/s/Leslie A. Soule
Muscatine County Auditor

/s/Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Sauer, second by Mather, the Board approved Resolution #01-02-20-05 Construction Evaluation Resolution. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION #01-02-20-05
CONSTRUCTION EVALUATION RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Iowa Code section 459.304(3) (2003), sets out the procedure if a Board of Supervisors wishes to adopt a “construction evaluation resolution” relating to the construction of a confinement feeding operation structure; and

WHEREAS, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution can submit to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) an adopted recommendation to approve or disapprove a construction permit application regarding a proposed confinement feeding operation structure; and

WHEREAS, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution and submitted an adopted recommendation may contest the DNR’s decision regarding a specific application; and

WHEREAS, by adopting a construction evaluation resolution, the Board of Supervisors agrees to evaluate every construction permit application for a proposed confinement feeding operation structure received by the Board of Supervisors between February 1, 2020 and January 31, 2021 and submit an adopted recommendation regarding that application to the DNR; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors must conduct an evaluation of every construction permit application using the master matrix created in Iowa Code section 459.305, but the Board’s recommendation to the DNR may be based on the final score on the master matrix or may be based on reasons other than the final score on the master matrix.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUSCATINE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS to hereby adopt this construction evaluation resolution pursuant to Iowa Code section 459.304(3).

PASSED AND APPROVED this 2nd day of January, 2020.

ATTEST:

/s/Leslie A. Soule
Muscatine County Auditor

/s/Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Holliday, second by Mather, the Board re-appointed Bruce Bryant as the Muscatine County Weed Commissioner for a one-year term ending December 31, 2020. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Saucedo, second by Sauer, the Board appointed Jodi Hansen as the Eastern Iowa Tourism Association representative for a one-year term ending December 31, 2020. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Saucedo, second by Holliday, the Board re-appointed Karen Harper and Brian Wright to the Muscatine County Board of Health for a three-year term ending December 31, 2022. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Saucedo, second by Mather, the Board re-appointed Mark Petersen to the Muscatine County Conservation Board for a five-year term ending December 31, 2024. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Saucedo, second by Holliday, the Board re-appointed Richard Buser to the Conesville Benefitted Fire District for a three-year term ending December 31, 2022 subject to approval by the Louisa County Board of Supervisors. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, the Board appointed Jamie Bosten to fill one of the three vacancies to the Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission for a three-year term ending January 1, 2023. Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed applications received from Tim Nelson and Jeff Hackett to fill a licensed electrician opening on the Muscatine County Building Board of Appeals for a three-year term ending December 31, 2022. Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber stated Hackett has served multiple terms and past practice has been to allow a new person to serve in that instance.

On a motion by Mather, second by Holliday, minutes of the December 30, 2019 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Saucedo thanked all of the individuals that have volunteered for Boards and Commissions.

Holliday met with Muscatine Power and Water Representative Ryan Streck regarding a

proposed transmission line December 31st.

No Committee Reports were reported.

Discussion was held regarding meeting dates and times for 2020. On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, the Board set regular meeting dates for Monday at 9:00 A.M. with other meetings to be scheduled at the discretion of the Board. Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed appointments to Boards and Commissions for 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 A.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors