

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, January 27, 2020

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. with Holliday, Sauer, Sorensen, Mather and Saucedo present. Chairperson Sorensen presiding.

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

Greg Lindle, 1705 Lindle Avenue, addressed the Board on concerns about the State's slag report, stating from his knowledge there must have been political pressure or very minimal testing done because manganese, chrome and other chemicals cannot be added to steel and have none come out of it. Lindle stated samples should be sent to an independent laboratory. Lindle stated he is curious how the State's feedback shows there is nothing in the slag. Lindle stated he has bought 10 – 12 loads of slag this year and uses it. Lindle stated he was under the impression from qualified people that the chemicals in slag are encapsulated at the molecular level and it is not possible to breathe enough in to cause issues. Lindle stated the Board should not believe the report that says there is nothing in slag. Sorensen stated the report showed there were levels of chemicals in the slag but at a point where no health hazard is posed. In response to a question from Lindle, County Engineer Keith White stated the County uses Iowa DOT Class A Road Stone which is randomly tested to determine if it meets specifications. Lindle discussed concerns regarding drainage, a culvert issue and snow removal on Lindle Avenue and also snow removal on Keouk Avenue.

Henry Marquard, 108 Eagle Watch Road, expressed concern regarding the slag issue, stating he was personally surprised by the report from the Department of Natural Resources and Department of Public Health. Marquard stated historically, the State of Iowa has taken the position that the use of road steel slag should be prohibited at all costs because of the differences in types of slag. Marquard stated he is not speaking on behalf of No Slag Muscatine. Marquard stated the State violated their own protocols in testing the slag and made assumptions that seem to be wrong. Marquard stated there are no good standards known for slag inhalation, particularly when it is ground up by trucks and buses. Marquard stated it is too premature to say slag is safe and the matter is over.

On a motion by Saucedo, second by Mather, claims dated January 27, 2020 were approved in the amount of \$802,452.91. Ayes: All.

The Board canvassed the Drainage District #1 Election held on January 18, 2020. Results were as follows: For the office of Trustee for a three-year term beginning January 25, 2020 – 4 votes were cast. Travis Parry received 4 votes. Travis Parry was elected.

The Board canvassed the Drainage District #2 Election held on January 18, 2020. Results were as follows: For the office of Trustee for a three-year term beginning January 25, 2020 – 4 votes were cast. Kory Kaalberg received 4 votes. Kory Kaalberg was elected.

The Board canvassed the Drainage District #4 Election held on January 18, 2020. Results were as follows: For the office of Trustee for a three-year term beginning January 25, 2020 – 3 votes were cast. Russ VanAcker received 3 votes. Russ VanAcker was elected.

The Board canvassed the Drainage District #5 Election held on January 18, 2020. Results were as follows: For the office of Trustee for a three-year term beginning January 25, 2020 – 3 votes were cast. Mike Meyers received 3 votes. Mike Meyers was elected.

The Board canvassed the Drainage District #9 Election held on January 18, 2020. Results were as follows: For the office of Trustee for a three-year term beginning January 25, 2020 – 3 votes were cast. David Millage received 3 votes. David Millage was elected.

The Board canvassed the Drainage District #10 Election held on January 18, 2020. Results were as follows: For the office of Trustee for a three-year term beginning January 25, 2020 – 4 votes were cast. Gary Hepker received 4 votes. Gary Hepker was elected.

The Board canvassed the Muscatine-Louisa Drainage District #13 Second District Election held on January 18, 2020. Results were as follows: For the office of Trustee for a three-year term beginning January 25, 2020 – 776 votes were cast. Terry Martin received 776 votes. Terry Martin was elected.

The Board canvassed the Muscatine-Louisa Island Levee Second District Election held on January 18, 2020. Results were as follows: For the office of Trustee for a three-year term beginning January 25, 2020 – 7 votes were cast. Keith Bartenhagen received 7 votes. Keith Bartenhagen was elected.

On a motion by Saucedo, second by Sauer, minutes of the January 20, 2020 regular meeting, the January 21, 2020 and the January 23, 2020 special meetings were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Saucedo reported a contact regarding drainage districts.

Sorensen reported meeting with individuals regarding the Levee Stakeholders Commission January 21st.

Sauer reported a call regarding snow removal in the unincorporated town of Montpelier. Holliday reported contact from the bus transportation office regarding snow removal.

Committee Reports:

Holliday attended Fair Board meetings January 20th, 22nd, and 23rd.

Sorensen attended Bi-State Regional executive and regular meetings January 22nd.

Sorensen and Holliday attended a Muscatine County Joint Communication Commission meeting January 23rd.

Saucedo attended a West Liberty Economic Area Development (WELEAD) executive meeting January 22nd and a regular meeting January 24th.

Holliday attended the Cattlemen's Association event at the Muscatine County Fair Grounds January 25th.

Emergency Manager Brian Wright made a public announcement on behalf of Muscatine County Emergency Management and the Bi-State Regional Commission. Wright stated the planning process has started for the 2020 Muscatine County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Wright stated a draft of the plan is expected to be completed in February. Wright stated public meetings to discuss the plan have been scheduled as follows:

February 10th at 5:30 p.m., Musser Public Library, 408 East Second Street, Muscatine
February 13th at 6:00 p.m., West Liberty Public Library, 400 North Spencer Street,
West Liberty

Director of Public Health Christy Roby-Williams addressed the Board regarding the FY20/21 budget request for funding a .5 FTE Community Care Coordinator. Roby-Williams stated this request was based on the Community Health Needs Assessment which the County's Board of Health completes every three years. Roby-Williams stated the Assessment shows that citizens say obesity and diabetes are prevalent in our County and something should be done proactively to address this. Roby-Williams stated Public Health has a model they would like to modify and continue with the support of the County. Roby-Williams stated the model is a collaborative coordinated intake which would be used to screen many people throughout the County for high blood pressure, cholesterol and A1C levels. Roby-Williams stated screenings showing individuals with a high risk would go to the Community Care Coordinator to determine if the person needs additional support. Roby-Williams stated a Federally Qualified Health Center opening soon is a primary care provider with a Nurse Practitioner in family practice and oral health services providing dentistry. Roby-Williams stated this health center will have care coordinators for their patients only. Roby-Williams stated she is seeking funds from the Board for a County-wide collaborative coordinator who will serve individuals with the highest needs throughout the County.

On a motion by Saucedo, second by Mather, the Board authorized final acceptance of the Muscatine County Courthouse Third Floor Courtroom Renovation Project. Ayes: All. Budget Administrator Sherry Seright stated the project came in under budget.

On a motion by Saucedo, second by Holliday, the Board approved Policy BOS 100 – Board of Supervisors Travel/Training Expenditure Policy as amended. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Saucedo, the Board approved revised Policy 100 – Board of Supervisors Meeting Agenda Policy. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber regarding a request to approve revised Policy 106 – Policies and Procedures for Use of the County Administration Building Outside of Normal Business Hours. Schreiber stated control of the County keys was recently transferred from the Auditor's Office to the Administration Office. Schreiber stated as part of the changeover she reviewed this policy. Schreiber stated there is no longer room at the Courthouse for after-hours use so this building has been removed from the policy. Schreiber

stated County Attorney Alan Ostergren recommended removal of the wording non-religious from the list of appropriate uses. On a motion by Saucedo, second by Sauer, the Board approved revised Policy 106 – Policies and Procedures for Use of the County Administration Building Outside of Normal Business Hours as amended. Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 A.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors