

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, April 6, 2020

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

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

Ed Askew, 2952 155<sup>th</sup> Street, recommended each department have a Go To Meeting for a couple of hours daily for citizens to ask questions. Askew also recommended Muscatine County make their webpage more interactive like Scott County's webpage.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, claims dated April 6, 2020 were approved in the amount of \$2,575,741.11. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas regarding the local match for the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Furnas stated this resolution is required to move the grant application forward for three properties. Furnas stated he has been told that CDBG funding may be coming in August that would cover the 15% local match. Furnas stated the Board of Supervisors previously said they may fund the Antram property and verbal agreements have been secured from the other two homeowners who understand they would fund the 15% local match if for some reason CDBG funds do not materialize. Furnas stated the County could also withdraw the application at any time if funds do not materialize.

On a motion by Mather, second by Holliday, the Board approved Resolution #04-06-20-01 Local Match for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Roll call vote: Ayes: Holliday, Sauer, Sorensen and Mather. Saucedo's vote could not be heard.

**RESOLUTION #04-06-20-01**  
**LOCAL MATCH FOR THE HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, Muscatine County (hereinafter called "the Subgrantee"), County of Iowa, has made application through the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division (HSEMD) to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for funding from the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, in the amount of \$541,558.89 for the total project cost; and

WHEREAS, the Subgrantee recognizes the fact that this grant is based on a cost share basis with the federal share not exceeding 75%, the state share not exceeding 10% and the local share being a minimum of 15% of the total project cost. The minimum 15% local share can be either cash or in-kind match or another source provided that it is not federal funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Subgrantee agrees to provide and make available up to \$81,233.83 (eighty-one thousand two-hundred thirty-three dollars and eighty-three cents) of non-federal contribution to be used to meet the minimum 15% match requirement for this mitigation grant application.

PASSED and APPROVED this 6th day of April, 2020.

ATTEST:

/s/Leslie A. Soule  
Muscatine County Auditor  
Supervisors

/s/Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson  
Muscatine County Board of

On a motion by Sauer, second by Mather, the Board approved the following utility permits: Muscatine Power and Water – transfer overhead electrical lines to underground along 57<sup>th</sup> Street; and Muscatine Power and Water – transfer overhead communication lines to underground fiber lines along 57<sup>th</sup> Street. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Holliday, second by Mather, the Board authorized the County Engineer to sign utility permits temporarily once they are approved by the Board of Supervisors. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Saucedo, second by Sauer, the Board approved the Muscatine County Auditor's Report of Fees Collected for the quarter ending March 31, 2020 in the amount of \$25,675.87. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Saucedo, the Board approved the Muscatine County Sheriff's Office - Civil Department Report of Fees Collected for the quarter ending March 31, 2020 in the amount of \$25,643.11. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Saucedo, the Board approved the Muscatine County Treasurer's Report of Fees Collected for the quarter ending March 31, 2020 in the amount of \$240,856.65. Ayes: All.

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

On a motion by Mather, second by Holliday, the Board approved an application for an 8-month Class C Beer, Liquor, Sunday Sales and Outdoor Service Permit for The Chart House, Inc., DBA The Lighthouse, 2142 Water Street, Muscatine, Iowa. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Saucedo, second by Sauer, minutes of the March 30, 2020 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Sauer reported numerous conversations regarding the closure of County buildings and how

to transact business with the County departments.

Holliday reported a contact from Kelsey Morris concerned with the lack of income to the Muscatine County Fair due to cancellations in March and April.

Sorensen reported a letter from the Iowa Department of Human Services placing Muscatine

County into the Eastern Iowa Mental Health Region effective July 1, 2020.

Committee Reports:

Saucedo attended a West Liberty Economic Area Development (WeLead) meeting March 31<sup>st</sup>. Saucedo stated the WeLead Director has resigned and the position will be posted.

Sorensen attended an Eastern Iowa Mental Health Region meeting electronically March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Sorensen attended Regional Workforce Investment Board meetings electronically April 1<sup>st</sup> and April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Sorensen attended a virtual EOC Conference April 1<sup>st</sup>.

County Auditor Leslie Soule informed the Board that polling places were being temporarily combined for the Primary Election to be held June 2, 2020 due to COVID-19. Soule strongly encouraged voters to consider voting absentee by mail for this election. Soule stated there will be six polling sites open on Election Day. Soule stated the sites and precinct assignments are posted on the Auditor's page on the County's website.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas informed the Board that the Board of Adjustment meeting scheduled for April 3<sup>rd</sup> was cancelled at the request of the applicants.

Emergency Manager Brian Wright updated the Board on flooding issues and COVID-19.

On a motion by Holliday, second by Sauer, the County Sheriff was authorized to execute a Midwest HIDTA Award Recipient Agreement in the amount of \$73,305.00. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Holliday, the Board appointed Janelle Spies to the Muscatine County Zoning Board of Adjustment to fill a vacancy for a term ending March 31, 2025. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Holliday, the Board appointed Lisa Johnson to the Muscatine County Veterans Affairs Commission to fill a vacancy for a term ending June 30, 2020. Ayes: All.

Chairperson Sorensen provided a COVID-19 update stating County buildings remain closed to public access. Sorensen stated phone numbers for each department are on the door, there is a drop box next to the door and appointments can be set if necessary.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 A.M.

ATTEST:

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Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

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Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors

