Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, July 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 Sauer, the agenda was approved as presented. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, claims dated July 27, 2020 were approved in the amount of $836,358.66. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Eastern Iowa MHDS Region CEO Lori Elam and Mental Health Advocate Greg Burnett regarding a possible revised 28E Agreement. Elam stated having a mental health advocate appointed is part of code and Scott County has always served as employer of record. Elam stated the 28E was being revised to look at percentages of each county's caseload in the region on a quarterly basis. Elam stated Muscatine County is currently at 21%, but has had several cases dismissed so should be down next quarter. Burnett stated he currently has 63 cases in Muscatine County. In response to a question from Mather, Burnett confirmed that the percentages are based on number of cases, not how much time is spent on the cases. County Attorney Jim Barry asked how cases get dismissed. Burnett stated they come up for status review and the judge makes the decision on whether or not to dismiss them. Community Services Director Felicia Toppert stated it is part of the County's quarterly process to review cases to potentially get them dismissed. Mather stated he would like to receive a report of number of cases and their status on a regular basis. Toppert stated she receives that report on a quarterly basis from Burnett. On a motion by Mather, second by Saucedo, the Chairperson was authorized to execute a revised 28E agreement for mental health advocate services for the Eastern Iowa MHDS Region. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Saucedo, second by Holliday, minutes of the July 20, 2020 regular meeting were approved as presented. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:
        All Supervisors reported an email regarding the potential renaming of a bridge.
        All Supervisors reported an email from Conservation Director Curt Weiss regarding cabins
                at Deep Lakes Park.
        Saucedo and Sorensen reported an email regarding UTV's.
        Saucedo reported an email from Bi-State regarding possible COVID funding for the Public
                Health Department.
        Holliday reported a call from Nancy Miller regarding a drainage issue on a hill.
        Holliday reported a call regarding a sewer backing up at Kammerer Trailer Court.

Committee Reports:
        Sauer attended a Muscatine County Conservation Board meeting July 20th.
        Sorensen attended an Eastern Iowa Mental Health Region electronic meeting July 20th.

Sorensen attended a Mississippi Valley Workforce Authority Finance Committee electronic meeting July 22nd.

Mather attended a Muscatine County Veterans Affairs Commission meeting July 21st.

Saucedo attended a West Liberty Economic Area Development (WeLead) electronic meeting July 23rd.

Saucedo attended a Bi-State Trails Committee electronic meeting July 23rd.

Saucedo attended a Bi-State Regional electronic meeting July 22nd.

Discussion was held regarding a possible contract with Commercial Roofing for the Muscatine County Jail Partial Roof Replacement Project. County Attorney Jim Barry asked about project completion not mentioned in the contract. Saucedo stated Mike Nolan, Horizon Architecture, previously stated they intend to complete the project this year. On a motion by Sauer, second by Holliday, the Chairperson was authorized to execute a contract with Jim Giese of Commercial Roofing in the amount of $243,045.00 for the Muscatine County Jail Partial Roof Replacement Project. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, the Board authorized the Chairperson to execute the FY 20/21 Iowa Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Contract in the amount of $45,333.00. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Saucedo, second by Mather, the Board authorized the Chairperson to execute a contract for Employer of Record Services for the Mississippi Valley Workforce Area Executive Director. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, the Board appointed Tom Harper to fill a Muscatine County Board of Adjustment vacancy for a term ending March 31, 2023. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Holliday, the Board approved Resolution #07-27-20-01 Transferring $750,000 from the General Basic Fund to the Building Maintenance and Repair Fund. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

RESOLUTION #07-27-20-01
TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL BASIC FUND TO THE
BUILDING MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR FUND

WHEREAS, it is desired by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors to set aside funds for future building maintenance and repairs; and

WHEREAS, said transfers must be in accordance with Sections 331.429 and 331.432 of the Code of Iowa.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors that the Auditor is authorized to transfer $750,000 from the General Basic Fund to the Building Maintenance and Repair Fund.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 27th day of July, 2020.

ATTEST:
/s/Leslie A. Soule   /s/Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson
Muscatine County Auditor   Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #07-27-20-02 Transferring $500,000 from the General Basic Fund to the Capital Projects Fund. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

RESOLUTION #07-27-20-02
TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL BASIC FUND TO THE
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

WHEREAS, it is desired by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors to set aside funds for future projects; and

WHEREAS, said transfers must be in accordance with Sections 331.429 and 331.432 of the Code of Iowa.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors that the Auditor is authorized to transfer $500,000 from the General Basic Fund to the Capital Projects Fund.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 27th day of July, 2020.

ATTEST:
/s/Leslie A. Soule   /s/Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson
Muscatine County Auditor   Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Sauer, second by Holliday, the Board approved Resolution #07-27-20-03 Transferring $735,000 from the General Basic Fund to the Debt Repayment Fund. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.   Budget Administrator Sherry Seright stated with this transfer there will be $2,855,000 in the Debt Repayment Fund. Seright suggested $1,855,000 of that be used to retire the Jail/DHS/HVAC loan which will leave $1,000,000 in the Debt Repayment Fund, but lower the debt levy from 73 cents in FY20/21 to 62 cents in FY21/22.

RESOLUTION #07-27-20-03
TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL BASIC FUND TO THE
DEBT REPAYMENT FUND

WHEREAS, it is desired by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors to set aside a portion of the revenue generated from the housing of federal and out of county inmates for repayment of debt; and

WHEREAS, said transfers must be in accordance with Sections 331.429 and 331.432 of the Code of Iowa.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors that the Auditor is authorized to transfer $735,000 from the General Basic Fund to the Debt Repayment Fund.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 27th day of July, 2020.

ATTEST:
/s/Leslie A. Soule   /s/Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson
Muscatine County Auditor   Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

The Board reviewed the health/dental fund balance as of June 30, 2020.

Emergency Manager Brian Wright updated the Board on COVID cases in Muscatine County stating there has been a total of 764 positive cases as of July 26th with 46 total deaths.

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

County Attorney Jim Barry updated the Board on alternative locations for jury selection stating he will need an insurance certificate provided to the alternative locations.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 A.M.

ATTEST:

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Susan J. O'Donnell   Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson
Second Deputy Auditor   Board of Supervisors