

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, November 2, 2020

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

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

On a motion by Sauer, second by Holliday, claims dated November 2, 2020 were approved in the amount of \$284,300.40. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, the Board approved Ordinance #11-02-20-01 rezoning approximately 7.21 acres in Seventy-Six Township from A-1 Agricultural District to R-1 Residential District on the third and final reading. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Saucedo, second by Sauer, minutes of the October 26, 2020 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

All Supervisors received an email from Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas regarding project updates.

All Supervisors received an email from Mike Nolan, Horizon Architecture, regarding project updates.

All Supervisors received a Freedom of Information Act request from Ed Askew.

All Supervisors received an email from Holly Barrett, Public Health, regarding County Public Health numbers.

Sauer reported a contact from a resident concerned about washboarding on 180th Street in front of the driveway to his property from rain earlier this year.

Holliday reported an email from Emergency Manager Brian Wright to the Fair Board regarding the availability of funds for County Fairs.

Committee Reports:

Holliday attended a Muscatine County Annual Fair Board meeting October 27th.

Sorenson and Saucedo attended an electronic meeting of the Bi-State Regional Commission October 28th.

Mather attended an electronic meeting of the Emergency Food & Shelter Program October 27th.

Saucedo attended electronic meetings for West Liberty Economic Area Development (WeLead) October 27th and October 28th.

On a motion by Mather, second by Saucedo, the Board approved Proclamation #11-02-20-01 Diabetes Awareness Month – November 2020. Ayes: All.

PROCLAMATION #11-02-20-01
DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH – NOVEMBER 2020

WHEREAS, diabetes is growing at an epidemic rate worldwide affecting more than 463 million people. The International Diabetes Federation (IDF) estimates by 2044 there will be more than 700 million people living with the disease. The United States ranks #3 out of 10 in diabetes diagnoses; and

WHEREAS, diabetes is growing at epidemic rate in the United States. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), nearly 34 million Americans have diabetes and face its devastating complications. What's true nationwide is also true in Iowa; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Diabetes Association, diabetes affects approximately 225,000 people in Iowa – 9.3% of the population, and is a serious disease for which there is no known cure and which is the seventh leading cause of death by disease in the United States; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Diabetes Association, approximately 70,000 people in Iowa have diabetes but do not know they have the disease and may experience damage to the heart, eyes, kidneys, and limbs greatly increasing their health risk; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Diabetes Association, another 820,000 people in Iowa, 34.1% of the adult population have prediabetes, a condition which puts them at greater risk for developing Type 2 diabetes, and if current trends continue, 1 in 3 American adults will have diabetes by 2050; and

WHEREAS, diabetes has many faces, affecting everyone, young and old alike – Caucasians, African Americans, Latinos, Native Americans, Asian Americans, and Pacific Islanders, with minority populations in the United States having an increased risk for developing the disease; and

WHEREAS, an increase in community awareness of risk factors and symptoms related to diabetes can improve the likelihood that people with diabetes will get the attention they need before suffering the devastating complications of the disease.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors do hereby proclaim November, 2020, as Diabetes Awareness Month in Muscatine County, Iowa, and encourage all citizens to help fight this disease and its deadly complications, including heart and kidney disease, stroke, blindness, and amputation, by increasing awareness of the risk factors for diabetes, and by providing support to those suffering from diabetes.

ATTEST:

/s/ Betty L. Wamback
First Deputy Auditor

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

On a motion by Saucedo, second by Holliday, the Board appointed Martha Peterson to fill a vacancy on the Muscatine County Zoning Commission for a term ending November 7, 2022.
Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber and Community Services Director Felicia Toppert regarding personnel items related to restructuring at Community Services. Schreiber stated Community Services workload has changed due to COVID and available funds. Schreiber stated she recommends restructuring the department to better utilize the skills the staff has in areas in which they excel. Schreiber stated the Trust Department is very busy and this would redirect some additional help to this area. In response to a question from Sorenson, Toppert stated the Trust Department has some individual clients from outside Muscatine County that they had inherited but that number is dwindling. Toppert stated all new Trust clients are residents of Muscatine County. Schreiber stated the net effect of these changes will be a slight reduction in the cost to the budget.

On a motion by Saucedo, second by Mather, the Board approved eliminating the Receptionist position (Grade 7) and authorized adding one full-time Office Manager/Bookkeeper position (Grade 7). Ayes: All.

On a motion by Saucedo, second by Holliday the Board authorized adding one full-time Social Worker/Service Management Specialist position (Grade 10) to replace a full-time Eligibility Supports Specialist (Grade 9). Ayes: All

On a motion by Saucedo, second by Sauer the Board approved placement of an existing employee in the Office Manager/Bookkeeper position at Step 8. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Saucedo the Board approved placement of an existing employee in the Social Worker/Service Management Specialist position at Step 2. Ayes: All.

Emergency Manager Brian Wright updated the Board on COVID-19 in Muscatine County.

First Deputy Auditor Betty Wamback stated there have been two polling locations combined for the November 3rd General Election because the Auditor's Office had difficulty filling the Precinct Election Official positions. Wamback stated a list of open polling locations is available on the Auditor's page of the Muscatine County website. Wamback stated polling locations have been supplied with personal protection for the workers; signs requesting voters wear masks and maintain social distance; hand sanitizing stations at the entrance to the polls; and disposable pens and secrecy sleeves for the voter's use.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 A.M.

ATTEST:

Betty L. Wamback
First Deputy Auditor

Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors