

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, December 21, 2020

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

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

On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, the Board approved an ordinance rezoning approximately three acres in Bloomington Township from R-1 Residential District to C-2 Commercial District on the second of three readings. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas regarding Change Order #9 for the Muscatine County Sheriff's Office Addition Project in the amount of \$500.00 to remove the antenna tower at the south side of the building. Furnas stated the original plan for removal of the tower was included with the sidewalk project, but was separated due to a delay in bidding for the sidewalk part. Furnas stated the antenna tower has been abandoned for some time. On a motion by Saucedo, second by Holliday, the Board approved Change Order #9 for the Muscatine County Sheriff's Office Addition Project in the amount of \$500.00. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Mather, the Board approved the following utility permit: Eastern Iowa Light & Power – Installing overhead service at 1717 260<sup>th</sup> Street, Letts. Ayes: All.

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

On a motion by Sauer, second by Holliday, minutes of the December 14, 2020 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

- All Supervisors reported an email from Christy Roby-Williams with a COVID-19 update.
- All Supervisors reported an email from Emergency Manager Brian Wright regarding IDPH's change in methodology for counting COVID-19 related deaths.
- All Supervisors reported an email from Chris Pavasaris with information on COVID-19.
- The Board received a copy of a letter from Chief Judge John Jarvis to Sheriff Ryan praising the Muscatine County Jail on the implementation of video conferencing technology at the Courthouse and Jail during the COVID-19 crisis.
- Sorensen reported an email from Bill Koellner of the Board of Health regarding Koellner's response to a concern about COVID-19 vaccine distribution.
- Sorensen reported an email from Denise Bulat with an update regarding grant funding for proposed levee improvements.

Committee Reports:

- Holliday attended a Wilton Development Corporation electronic meeting December 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Holliday attended a Muscatine County Fair Board electronic meeting December 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Sauer attended an Ad Hoc Conference Board Committee meeting December 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Sauer attended a Muscatine County Board of Health electronic meeting December 16<sup>th</sup>.

Mather attended a Muscatine County Veteran Affairs Commission meeting December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mather attended a Bi-State Drug and Alcohol Consortium electronic meeting December 17<sup>th</sup>.

Saucedo attended a Bi-state Regional Planning Commission electronic meeting December 16<sup>th</sup>.

Saucedo attended a West Liberty Economic Area Development (WELEAD) Board electronic meeting December 17<sup>th</sup>.

Sorensen and Saucedo attended an electronic meeting focusing on economic development with various agencies including representatives of the Muscatine City Chamber of Commerce, Quad City Chamber of Commerce and Quad Cities First, December 16<sup>th</sup>.

Saucedo attended a meeting of the West Liberty City Council and members of WELEAD December 15<sup>th</sup>.

On a motion by Mather, second by Saucedo, the Board approved Resolution #12-21-20-01 Transferring \$300,000.00 from the General Basic Fund to the Secondary Roads Fund. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION # 12-21-20-01**  
**TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL BASIC FUND TO THE**  
**SECONDARY ROADS FUND**

WHEREAS, it is desired to authorize the Auditor periodically to transfer sums from the General Basic Fund to the Secondary Roads Fund; 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 \$300,000 from the General Basic Fund to the Secondary Roads Fund.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 21st day of December, 2020.

ATTEST:

/s/Susan J. O'Donnell  
Second Deputy Auditor

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

On a motion by Saucedo, second by Mather, the Board approved Resolution #12-21-20-02 Transferring \$40,000.00 from the General Basic Fund to the Conservation Equipment Reserve Fund. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION # 12-21-20-02**  
**TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL BASIC FUND TO THE**  
**CONSERVATION EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND**

WHEREAS, it is desired to authorize the Auditor to transfer the FY20/21 budgeted amount from the General Basic Fund to the Conservation Equipment Reserve Fund; and

WHEREAS, said transfers must be in accordance with Section 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 \$40,000 from the General Basic Fund to the Conservation Equipment Reserve Fund.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 21st day of December, 2020.

ATTEST:

/s/Susan J. O'Donnell  
Second Deputy Auditor

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

On a motion by Saucedo, second by Holliday, the Board approved Resolution #12-21-20-03 Transferring \$1,060,000.00 from the Rural Services Fund to the Secondary Roads Fund. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION # 12-21-20-03**  
**TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE RURAL SERVICES FUND TO THE**  
**SECONDARY ROADS FUND**

WHEREAS, it is desired to authorize the Auditor periodically to transfer sums from the Rural Services Fund to the Secondary Roads Fund; 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 \$1,060,000 from the Rural Services Fund to the Secondary Roads Fund.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 21st day of December, 2020.

ATTEST:

/s/Susan J. O'Donnell  
Second Deputy Auditor

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

On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #12-21-20-04 Transferring \$41,040.00 from the General Basic Fund to the GIS Fund. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION # 12-21-20-04**  
**TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL BASIC FUND TO THE**  
**GIS FUND**

WHEREAS, it is desired to authorize the Auditor annually to transfer from the General Basic Fund to the GIS Fund; 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 \$41,040 from the General Basic Fund to the GIS Fund.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 21st day of December, 2020.

ATTEST:

/s/Susan J. O'Donnell  
Second Deputy Auditor

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

On a motion by Sauer, second by Holliday, the Board approved Resolution #12-21-20-05 Transferring \$41,044.00 from the Rural Services Fund to the GIS Fund. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION # 12-21-20-05**  
**TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE RURAL SERVICES FUND TO THE**  
**GIS FUND**

WHEREAS, it is desired to authorize the Auditor annually to transfer from the Rural Services Fund to the GIS Fund; 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 \$41,044 from the Rural Services Fund to the GIS Fund.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 21st day of December, 2020.

ATTEST:

/s/Susan J. O'Donnell  
Second Deputy Auditor

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

On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #12-21-20-06 Transferring \$5,000.00 from the General Basic Fund to the Historic Preservation Commission Fund. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION # 12-21-20-06  
TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL BASIC FUND TO THE  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION FUND**

WHEREAS, it is desired by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors to support the efforts of the Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission; and

WHEREAS, said transfers must be in accordance with Section 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 \$5,000 from the General Basic Fund to the Historic Preservation Commission Fund.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 21st day of December, 2020.

ATTEST:

/s/Susan J. O'Donnell  
Second Deputy Auditor

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

On a motion by Sauer, second by Mather, the Board approved Resolution #12-21-20-07 Requesting Reimbursement from the Iowa COVID-19 Government Relief Fund.. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION # 12-21-20-07  
REQUESTING REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE IOWA COVID-19 GOVERNMENT  
RELIEF FUND**

WHEREAS, the United States Congress approved the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to provide economic relief related to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Governor Kim Reynolds allocated \$125 million of the State of Iowa's CARES Act funding to local governments for direct expenses incurred in response to the COVID-19 emergency; and,

WHEREAS, local government funding reimbursements may only be used for necessary expenditures incurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic, were not accounted for in the current

fiscal year county budget, were incurred during the time period of March 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020 and have not been reimbursed from other sources.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Muscatine County requests reimbursement of eligible expenditures in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Muscatine County affirms that the above requests for reimbursement follow all formal published Federal and State of Iowa guidance on how the funds should be spent, and understand if the reimbursements are misrepresented, the local government will be liable for any applicable penalty and interest.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2020.

ATTEST:

/s/Susan J. O'Donnell  
Second Deputy Auditor

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

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

Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas updated the Board on the Muscatine County Sheriff's Office Addition Project, stating the final walk-through is scheduled for tomorrow morning.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Mather, the Board went into closed session at 9:27 A.M. pursuant to Chapter 12.5(c), Code of Iowa to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent. Roll call vote: Ayes: All. On a motion by Saucedo, second by Mather, the Board returned to open session at 9:45 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Holliday, the Board authorized the Chair to execute a Letter of Engagement of Simmons Hanley Conroy LLC, Crueger Dickinson LLC, and von Briesen & Roper, sc., as Counsel in Relation to Claims Against Opioid Manufacturers, Distributors and Chain Pharmacies. Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 A.M.

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Susan J. O'Donnell  
Second Deputy Auditor

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Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors