

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Tuesday, January 12, 2021

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

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

County Auditor Tibe Vander Linden reviewed the FY21/22 budget request stating there is an increase in Education and Training so she may take advantage of all available training for new County Officers. Vander Linden stated Map Preservation has been reduced to zero because the former Auditor had been budgeting \$11,000 each year for book binding costs and the project is near completion. Vander Linden stated she would work with the County Recorder on a possible record book digitization project. Vander Linden stated there is an increase in Voting Machines & Equipment in order to replace 54 printers used for Elections.

Conservation Director Curt Weiss reviewed the FY21/22 budget request stating there is an approximate \$14,000 increase in the General Operation Budget, a \$3,000 increase in Salaries for part-time workers and a \$5,000 reduction in equipment expense. Weiss stated there will be an increase in Utility Costs and Publications & Notices because of the new cabins at Deep Lakes Park.

Mather joined the meeting at 9:11 A.M.

The Board reviewed the FY21/22 budget requests for General Assistance, Mental Health and Veteran Affairs with Muscatine Community Services Director Felicia Toppert and Veterans Affairs Director Jennifer Watkins-Schoenig. Toppert stated changes in the General Assistance budget are a result of rearranging staff positions causing an increase in salaries and related costs. Toppert stated document shredding has been pulled out of Miscellaneous and added as a separate budget line item. Watkins-Schoenig stated Public Education and Outreach was reduced. Watkins-Schoenig stated Veterans Assistance was reduced because it has not been fully utilized in prior years and Federal funds are available. Toppert stated there is an increase in Mental Health for Office Supplies because she changed the splits with the other departments. Toppert stated she made significant changes in Mental Health by reducing Transportation because Sheltered Workshops were eliminated. Toppert stated the decrease in Adult Day Care is due to shifting costs for care to Medicaid funding through Waiver Services.

The Board recessed at 10:51 A.M. and reconvened at 11:00 A.M.

County Sheriff Quinn Riess reviewed the FY21/22 budget requests for Sheriff and Jail. Riess stated Utilities were increased in Sheriff and Jail due to the Sheriff's Office and Jail Additions. Riess stated this year he will trade 2 Dodge Chargers at a cost of \$56,000 and a Tahoe at a cost of \$36,400. Riess stated the Firearm Purchase Program for Patrol Deputies has been very successful. Riess stated Jail Medical Contract costs have increased. Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber stated Jail Salary Budget for in-house medical staff includes the addition of one Full-Time Nurse. Schreiber stated the Sheriff would like to add the FT Nurse position at this time.

Board consensus was for Schreiber to add discussion and possible action to hire a FT Jail Nurse to next week's agenda.

Information Services Director Bill Riley reviewed the FY21/22 budget request. Riley stated Service Agreements decreased by approximately \$33,000 because VMware has been eliminated. Riley stated responsibility for County Department copiers is transiting to the IS Office. Riley outlined cybersecurity software and programs.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:29 P.M.

ATTEST:

Susan J. O'Donnell
Second Deputy Auditor

Santos Saucedo, Chairperson
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