

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, January 4, 2021

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

Muscatine County Auditor Tibe Vander Linden conducted nominations for Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. On a motion by Holliday, second by Sorensen, Santos Saucedo was elected Chairperson. Ayes: All. On a motion by Holliday, second by Mather, Scott Sauer was elected Vice-Chairperson. Ayes: All. Vice-Chairperson Sauer presided over the remainder of the meeting.

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

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the following utility permit: TelCom Construction – place a three prong telephone service drop to a house at 4600 25th Street South, Muscatine. Ayes: All.

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

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board approved Resolution #01-04-21-01 Authorizing the County Engineer to Sign For and Collect Disaster Relief Funds. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

RESOLUTION #01-04-21-01
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ENGINEER TO SIGN FOR AND
COLLECT FEDERAL DISASTER RELIEF FUNDS

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize the County Engineer for Muscatine County, Keith L. White, to sign for and collect Federal Disaster Relief funds on behalf of Muscatine County for any secondary road or bridge damage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 4th day of January, 2021.

ATTEST:

/s/Betty L. Wamback
First Deputy Auditor

/s/Scott Sauer, Vice-Chairperson
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, the Board approved Resolution #01-04-21-02 Authorizing the County Engineer to Execute Certification of Completion and Final Acceptance on Farm-to-Market Construction Projects. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

RESOLUTION #01-04-21-02
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ENGINEER TO EXECUTE
CERTIFICATION OF COMPLETION AND FINAL ACCEPTANCE ON FARM-TO-
MARKET CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Be it resolved by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors that Keith L. White, the County Engineer of Muscatine County, Iowa, is hereby designated, authorized and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of said County to execute the certification of completion of work and final acceptance thereof in accordance with plans and specifications therefore in connection with all Farm to Market construction projects in this county.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 4th day of January, 2021.

ATTEST:

/s/Betty L. Wamback
First Deputy Auditor

/s/Scott Sauer, Vice-Chairperson
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board approved Resolution #01-04-21-03 Authorizing the County Engineer to Close Secondary Roads in Emergency Situations. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

RESOLUTION #01-04-21-03
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ENGINEER TO CLOSE SECONDARY
ROADS IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

Be it resolved by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors that Keith L. White, the County Engineer for Muscatine County, Iowa, is hereby authorized to close secondary roads or portions thereof in emergency situations to safeguard the traveling public. Such road closures shall be confirmed by the Board of Supervisors at its next regular meeting.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 4th day of January, 2021.

ATTEST:

/s/Betty L. Wamback
First Deputy Auditor

/s/Scott Sauer, Vice-Chairperson
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board approved Resolution #01-04-21-04 Designating Official Newspapers In and For Muscatine County for 2021. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION #01-04-21-04
RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS IN AND FOR MUSCATINE
COUNTY FOR 2021**

Be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Muscatine County, Iowa that in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 349 of the Code of Iowa, the following newspapers be designated official newspapers in and for Muscatine County for 2021:

Muscatine Journal
Wilton-Durant Advocate News
West Liberty Index

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ATTEST:

/s/Betty L. Wambach
First Deputy Auditor

/s/Scott Sauer, Vice-Chairperson
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, the Board approved Resolution #01-04-21-05 Construction Evaluation Resolution. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION #01-04-21-05
CONSTRUCTION EVALUATION RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Iowa Code section 459.304(3) (2003), sets out the procedure if a Board of Supervisors wishes to adopt a “construction evaluation resolution” relating to the construction of a confinement feeding operation structure; and

WHEREAS, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution can submit to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) an adopted recommendation to approve or disapprove a construction permit application regarding a proposed confinement feeding operation structure; and

WHEREAS, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution and submitted an adopted recommendation may contest the DNR’s decision regarding a specific application; and

WHEREAS, by adopting a construction evaluation resolution, the Board of Supervisors agrees to evaluate every construction permit application for a proposed confinement feeding operation structure received by the Board of Supervisors between February 1, 2021 and January 31, 2022 and submit an adopted recommendation regarding that application to the DNR; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors must conduct an evaluation of every construction permit application using the master matrix created in Iowa Code section 459.305, but the Board's recommendation to the DNR may be based on the final score on the master matrix or may be based on reasons other than the final score on the master matrix.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUSCATINE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS to hereby adopt this construction evaluation resolution pursuant to Iowa Code section 459.304(3).

PASSED AND APPROVED this 4th day of January, 2021.

ATTEST:

/s/Betty L. Wamback
First Deputy Auditor

/s/Scott Sauer, Vice-Chairperson
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Holliday, second by Sorensen, the Board re-appointed Bruce Bryant as the Muscatine County Weed Commissioner for a one-year term ending December 31, 2021. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board re-appointed Jodi Hansen as the Eastern Iowa Tourism Association representative for a one-year term ending December 31, 2021. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board re-appointed Robert Weiss, M.D. as the Muscatine County Chief Medical Examiner and designated Deputy Medical Examiner Steven Paulsrud, D.O. and Medical Examiner Investigators Thomas Summitt, Darren Brooke, Jennifer Davis, Susan Garrett, Todd Heck, Richard Hines and Tashia Wheeler for two-year terms ending December 31, 2022. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, the Board re-appointed Susan O'Donnell to the Muscatine County Conservation Board for a five-year term ending December 31, 2025. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board re-appointed Martha Peterson and Holly Oppelt to the Muscatine County Judicial Magistrate Appointing Commission for a six-year term ending December 31, 2026. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, the Board re-appointed Michael Maharry, M.D. to the Muscatine County Board of Health for a three-year term ending December 31, 2023. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board re-appointed Donald McCullough, Sr. to the Conesville Benefited Fire District for a three-year term ending December 31, 2023. Ayes: All. The appointment is subject to approval by the Louisa County Board of Supervisors.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board re-appointed Megan Elliott to the Community Action of Eastern Iowa Board of Directors for a two-year term ending December 31, 2022. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Holliday, second by Sorensen, the Board re-appointed Greg Keller (private citizen) and Jim Noble, Jr. (general construction contractor) to the Muscatine County Building Board of Appeal for a three-year term ending December 31, 2023. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Holliday, second by Sorensen, the Board re-appointed Jane Daufeldt, Becky Furlong and William Koellner to the Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission for a three-year term ending January 1, 2023. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, minutes of the December 28, 2020 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

All Supervisors received an email from Monica Ryant regarding the New Horizons Newsletter.

Holliday, Sauer, Sorensen and Mather received an informational email from Santos Saucedo.

All Supervisors received an email from Emergency Manager Brian Wright regarding updates on COVID-19 and weather advisories.

All Supervisors received an email from Public Health Director Christy Roby-Williams regarding COVID-19 updates.

Holliday received an email from Muscatine City County Member Nadine Brockert regarding an upcoming Muscatine County Joint Communications Commission meeting.

All Supervisors received an email from Terry Holliday regarding Keokuk Avenue. Mather received an email regarding a variance issue.

Committee Reports:

Sorensen and Holliday attended the Muscatine County Joint Communications Commission meeting December 29th. Holliday attended electronically.

Discussion was held regarding meeting dates and times for 2021. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, the Board set regular meeting dates for Monday at 9:00 A.M. Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed appointments to Boards and Commissions for 2021.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board accepted the December 2020 payroll claims. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber regarding continuation of paid leave provisions under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA). Schreiber stated the FFCRA provided additional paid benefits for employees affected by COVID. Schreiber stated the provisions were slated to expire December 31, 2020 however a bill has passed that allows employers to voluntarily extend the additional benefits through March 31, 2021. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board approved the extension of Families First Coronavirus Response Act benefits through March 31, 2021. Ayes: All.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 A.M.

ATTEST:

Betty L. Wamback
First Deputy Auditor

Santos Saucedo, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors