

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, February 1, 2021

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

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

Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commissioner William Koellner presented the Iowa Certified Local Government 2020 Annual Report. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board authorized the Chair to sign the Iowa Certified Local Government 2020 Annual Report for the Muscatine County Historic Preservation. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather and second by Sorensen, the Board approved the following utility permit: ITC Midwest of Cedar Rapids, Iowa to relocate overhead lines north of the City of Nichols for a bridge project. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Keith White reminded citizens to check the County website for Snow Ordinances and policies that are set for clearance of snow and ice and that clearing private driveways is not part of the policy.

On a motion by Sorenson, second by Sauer, minutes of the January 25, 2021 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

All Supervisors received information from Emergency Manager Brian Wright on weather updates and COVID-19 updates.

Saucedo & Sauer electronically attended the State Audit Exit conference on January 26, 2021.

Saucedo & Mather reported communication with Representative Cisneros regarding House Study Bill 56.

Saucedo attended a review meeting at Louisa County Levee held at the facility with a tour.

Sorensen, Holliday & Mather attended the electronic State Audit Exit conference on January 27th. Mather reported questions a contact had regarding the revolving loan fund.

Mather met with Christy Roby Williams about vaccine rollout on January 29, 2021.

Sauer received a call from resident about private lane being plowed shut.

Committee Reports:

Sauer, Saucedo, Mather & Sorenson attended a County Conference Board meeting on January 28, 2021.

Sauer & Sorensen attended a Region 9 Transportation meeting on January 29, 2021.

Mather attended an electronic Mississippi Valley Workforce Area Board meeting on January 26, 2021.

Sorensen attended Eastern Iowa MHDS Region Board meeting on January 25, 2021.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, a public hearing was set for Monday, February 22, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. regarding a Confinement Feeding Operation permit application from Lucky LLC. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board authorized the Chair to sign a letter of support for the Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission's application to Rural Revitalization for a \$125,000 grant opportunity. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, the Board accepted the January 2021 payroll claims. Ayes: All.

Public Health Manager, Christy Roby-Williams presented a packet with projected staffing costs to vaccinate the citizens of Muscatine County with no outside agency help. Roby-Williams also reviewed the Phase 1b Vaccine plan that is scheduled to start this week. Roby-Williams stated the vaccine roll out is challenging for all counties in the State of Iowa due to very limited doses. Roby-Williams stated she is partnering with pharmacies in Wilton, West Liberty and Muscatine and other health care facilities in the County who are now approved providers to assist with the vaccine rollout.

Emergency Manager Brian Wright presented COVID and weather updates.

Planning, Zoning & Environmental Administrator, Eric Furnas reviewed current projects and an email about pending legislature to remove local jurisdiction to regulate propane and natural gas distribution and storage facilities. Furnas stated he has reached out to Senator Lofgren and Representative Cisneros for more information.

William Koellner stated there is no melt in the upper Mississippi with no January thaw. Koellner stated storms and extreme cold weather are predicted for the next two weeks appearing to be flood concerns like 1969 and 1979.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 A.M.

ATTEST:

Tibe Vander Linden
Auditor

Santos Saucedo, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors