

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

Monday, February 8, 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.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, claims dated February 8, 2021 were approved in the amount of \$412,960.21. Ayes: All.

A Public Hearing was called to order by Chairperson Saucedo at 9:02 A.M. on a request from Brent A. and Rebecca S. Giberson, Record Owners, Jason R. and Christine A. Carstens, Contract Purchasers, and Bree Stumbo, Applicant, to rezone approximately 2.74 acres in Fruitland Township, Westgate Addition, Lot 5, 2112 Old Hwy 61, in the SW ¼ of Sec. 25-T76N-R3W, between Old Hwy 61 and US Hwy 61 from R-1 Residential District Zoning Classification to C-1 Commercial District Zoning Classification. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the public hearing was closed at 9:07 A.M. Roll call vote. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved an ordinance rezoning approximately 2.74 acres in Fruitland Township from R-1 Residential District to C-1 Commercial District on the first of three readings. Roll call vote. Ayes: All.

Mike Nolan, Horizon Architecture, updated the Board on the Muscatine County Attorney's Office Remodel Project, Muscatine County Jail Booking Expansion Project, Muscatine County Sheriff's Office Addition Project and Muscatine County Jail Hot Water System project. Nolan stated the Hot Water System repairs are operational and improved.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board authorized the Chair to execute a contract with Johnson Controls in the amount of \$55,000 for the Muscatine County Jail Controls Replacement Project. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board authorized the Chair to sign a Certified Local Government Grant contract in the amount of \$9,600 awarded to the Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission to cover a portion of the pre-development project costs for the Muscatine County Jail Project. Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed two variances granted by the Muscatine County Board of Adjustment on January 8, 2021 and February 5, 2021. Case #21-01-02 is an application filed by Kory L. and Jennifer L. Schreiner, Record Owners. This property is located in Seventy-Six Township, in the NE1/4 of Sec. 21-T76N-R3W, 2549 Jasper Avenue, containing approximately 12.34 acres and is zoned A-1 Agricultural District. This request, if approved, would allow the Zoning Administrator to issue a Variance in order to place a detached garage in front of the existing dwelling and only 10 feet from the front lot line, instead of the required 50 foot setback. Case #21-01-01 is an application filed by Kory L. and Jennifer L. Schreiner, Record Owners. This property is located in Seventy-Six Township, in the NE1/4 of Sec. 21-T76N-R3W, 2549 Jasper Avenue, containing approximately 12.34 acres and is zoned A-1

Agricultural District. This request, if approved, would allow the Zoning Administrator to issue a Variance in order to place a detached outbuilding only 10-12 feet from the front lot line, instead of the required 50 foot setback. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, the Board accepted the Variances. Ayes: All.

Emergency Manager, Brian Wright reviewed the outdoor warning system locations and the maintenance schedules and progress with the system. Wright reviewed the inventory, distribution and guidelines for requesting of PPE through EMA over the past 12 months. The Board requested that Wright show the dates that sirens have been updated next to their location on the Outdoor Siren Location list.

The Board canvassed the Drainage District #2 Election held on January 16, 2021. Results were as follows: For the office of Trustee for the three-year term beginning January 23, 2021 – 2 votes were cast. Mark Elder received 2 votes. Mark Elder was elected.

On a motion by Sorenson, second by Holliday, minutes of the February 1, 2021 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Holliday and Saucedo reported contact from Emergency Manager Brian Wright on severe weather updates.

Holliday and Saucedo received COVID-19 updates from Unity Public health Director Roby-Williams.

Saucedo attended the West Liberty City Council meeting on February 2, 2021.

Saucedo attended a meeting with Boy Scout Troop 783.

Sauer received a call regarding snow plowing on County roads

Sorensen received a phone call from concerned citizen about COVID vaccines.

Sorensen received call from Representative David Kerr about distribution of vaccines.

Committee Reports:

Mather attended the Muscatine County Health Association meeting on February 3, 2021.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved the proposed FY21/22 Muscatine County Budget for publication. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board set a public hearing on the proposed FY21/22 Muscatine County maximum property tax dollars for general county services and rural county services for Monday, February 22, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board set a public hearing on the proposed FY20/21 Muscatine County Budget amendments for Monday, March 8, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board set a public hearing on the FY21/22 Muscatine County Budget for Monday, March 8, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Ayes: All.

Emergency Manager Brian Wright updated the Board on COVID-19 statistics in Muscatine County. Wright stated he visited the Trinity Public Health clinic held for vaccine rollout and the West Liberty School District held a pod for vaccine distribution on February 6, 2021.

The Board recessed at 10:46 A.M. and reconvened at 10:51 A.M.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, the Board went into closed session at 10:52 A.M. pursuant to Chapter 21.5(c), Code of Iowa, to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation. Roll call vote. Ayes: All. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board returned to open session at 11:04 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, the Board approved and authorized County Attorney Jim Barry to sign a settlement agreement in the Dickess v. Sexton Trucking et al. litigation. Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 A.M.

ATTEST:

Tibe Vander Linden
Auditor

Santos Saucedo, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors