

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, February 22, 2021

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. with Holliday, Sauer, Saucedo, 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 22, 2021 were approved in the amount of \$345,242.53. Ayes: All.

A Public Hearing was called to order by Chairperson Saucedo at 9:02 A.M. to take comments on a confinement feeding operation construction permit application from Lucky LLC (Ryan O'Toole) in Section 29 of 76 Township. Several area citizens spoke in opposition of the application, citing their concerns regarding manure odor and air quality, water usage and quality, reduced property values, sewage run off, impact on road conditions with increased semi traffic and the economic impact on Ardon Creek Vineyard and Winery. The Board of Supervisors also acknowledged receipt of multiple emails as well as a petition opposing the application. Rachel Rinner with Knee Deep Solutions LLC stated that most of the concerns being expressed by area residents are addressed in the Master Matrix, noting the scoring criteria of the matrix are set by state law. Ryan O'Toole of Lucky LLC stated the facility will be placed on his father's farm and the site selection is set as far away as possible from Ardon Creek Vineyard and Winery.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, the public hearing was closed at 9:50 a.m. Roll Call vote. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, the Board approved a letter to the IDNR recommending approval of the Lucky LLC construction permit application, with added conditions regarding establishing a vegetative windbreak along the north and east sides of the confinement buildings to assist with odor mitigation and dispersion and changes to the Manure Management Plan to ensure that no manure is applied closer than one mile from any point of Ardon Creek Vineyards on Independence Avenue. Saucedo requested to delay the vote for two week to allow more time for discussion. Mather stated he will abstain from the vote as both parties are represented by his law firm. Roll call vote. Ayes: Holliday, Sorensen, Sauer. Opposed: Saucedo. Abstain: Mather.

A public hearing was called to order by Chairperson Saucedo at 9:56 A.M. on the proposed FY21/22 Muscatine County maximum property tax dollars for general county services and rural county services.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board approved Resolution #02-22-21-01 authorizing FY21/22 Maximum Property Tax Dollars. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

RESOLUTION #02-22-21-01
February 22, 2021
APPROVAL OF FY21/22 MAXIMUM PROPERTY TAX DOLLARS

WHEREAS, the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors have considered the proposed FY21/22 county maximum property tax dollars for both General County Services and Rural County Services, and

WHEREAS, a notice concerning the proposed county maximum property tax dollars was published as required and posted on county web site,

WHEREAS, a public hearing concerning the proposed county maximum property tax dollars was held on February 22, 2021,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Muscatine County that the maximum property tax dollars for General County Services and Rural County Services for FY21/22 shall not exceed the following:

General County Services-\$13,328,814
Rural County Services-\$2,795,255

The Maximum Property Tax dollars requested in General County Services for FY21/22 represents an increase of 3.02% from the Maximum Property Tax dollars requested for FY20/21.

The Maximum Property Tax dollars requested in Rural County Services for FY21/22 represents an increase of 2.63% from the Maximum Property Tax dollars requested for FY20/21.

Roll Call Vote:

Jeff Sorensen - aye
Doug Holliday - aye
Scott Sauer - aye
Nathan Mather - aye
Santos Saucedo – aye

PASSED AND APPROVED this 22nd day of February, 2021.

/S/ Tibe Vander Linden
Muscatine County Auditor

/S/ Santos Saucedo
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved Ordinance #02-22-21-01 rezoning approximately 2.74 acres in Fruitland Township from R-1 Residential District to C-1 Commercial District on the third and final reading. Roll call vote. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, the Board approved the following utility permits:
Alliant Energy (Interstate Power & Light) – Electric Distribution, replace existing OH Facilities with UG facility for voltage conversion from 1265 N Isett Ave to 1183 N Isett Ave.; replace OH facilities with UG facilities for voltage conversion Hwy 38 along 122nd St and Moscow Rd to Hwy 6;; convert OH taps at 2533 and 2525 122nd St to UG; 122nd St East of Moscow Road, replace equipment like for like for voltage conversion, Town of Moscow. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Keith White reported that Salvation Army Kids Club showed their gratitude to the Secondary Roads workers by delivering blessing bags.

On a motion by Sorenson, second by Mather, minutes of the February 15, 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 Christy Roby-Williams.

All Board members received numerous emails with concerns about a hog confinement feeding operation construction permit application.

Sauer received a call regarding semis on the by-pass using engine brake.

Saucedo received email from City Mayor Broderson regarding joint meeting with the City Council and the Board of Supervisors regarding Deep Lakes Park on March 30, 2021.

Saucedo received an email from Holly Barrett at Public Health regarding vaccine updates.

Sorensen received an email from Brian Stineman with City of Muscatine asking if the County's Washington Street Facility could be used to house supplies for 30-45 days. The City supplies would be housed in the Search and Rescue area of the building. Nancy Schreiber will discuss the County liability insurance with County Attorney Jim Barry regarding the request and report at next meeting.

Mather received emails on vaccine updates.

Committee Reports:

Holliday attended the Wilton Development Corporation meeting on February 17, 2021.

Holliday attended the Muscatine County Fair Board meeting on February 18, 2021.

Sauer attended the River Bend Transit meeting on February 17, 2021.

Sauer attended the Muscatine County Board of Health meeting on February 17, 2021.

Mather attended the Muscatine County Veterans Affairs meeting on February 16, 2021.

Sorensen attended the Muscatine County E911 Service Board meeting on February 18, 2021.

Sorensen attended the Muscatine County/Muscatine City Joint Administration Board meeting on February 18, 2021.

Sorensen attended the Eastern Iowa Mental Health meeting on February 19, 2021.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Holliday, the Board approved the hiring request for Sergeant Positon for the Muscatine County Jail. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved a credit card for the County Attorney's office with a \$5,000 limit. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Keith White stated that he attended the virtual County Board of Engineers Executive Meeting. White stated he is concerned with the proposed Federal Highway Bill in regards to funding for deficient and defective bridges. White requested that the Board consider starting each Board of Supervisors meeting with reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chad Furlong of Ardon Creek Vineyard and Winery stated that he strongly disagrees with the Board's decision to approve the Lucky LLC construction permit application. Furlong feels the system of communicating the notices of the permit application is broken as he did not receive notice of the proposal until February 15th at 2 P.M. nor were the handouts and maps presented today made available to the public.

The meeting was adjourned at 10.35 A.M.

ATTEST:

Tibe Vander Linden
Auditor

Santos Saucedo, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors