

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, March 22, 2021

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

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

On a motion by Sauer, second by Mather, claims dated March 22, 2021 were approved in the amount of \$353,161.75. Ayes: All.

A Public Hearing was called to order by Chairperson Saucedo at 9:01 A.M. on the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and cost estimate for the Muscatine County Attorney's Office Remodel Project. Mike Nolan reviewed the updated plans by virtual conference call. Saucedo asked if Nolan has completed the thermal imaging of the outside walls and Nolan confirmed the imaging has been done and no concerns were found. Sauer asked if the windows on the raised portion of the roof will be blocked in. Nolan stated the roof will be raised with better framework and better insulation but the new framework will allow for future roof projects to open the area back up if desired. On a motion by Mather, second by Holliday, the Public Hearing was closed at 9:09 A.M. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #03-22-21-01 approving Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract and Cost Estimate for the Muscatine County Attorney's Office Remodel Project. Discussion followed with Attorney Jim Barry and Mike Nolan concerning the start date of the project. Mike Nolan estimated the earliest the project will start is early to mid-June 2021. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION #03-22-21-01  
APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CONTRACT AND COST ESTIMATE  
FOR THE MUSCATINE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE REMODEL PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors has retained Horizon Architecture to provide consulting architectural/engineering services for the Muscatine County Attorney's Office Remodel Project; and

WHEREAS, Horizon Architecture has prepared plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated cost for the project, which documents have been on file and available for public inspection in the Muscatine County Administration Office since Thursday, March 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS, following notice of public hearing published in accordance with the law, a public hearing was held on Monday, March 22, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the Muscatine County Administration Building and via GoToMeeting at which members of the public were allowed to be heard on the issue of the Muscatine County Attorney's Office Remodel Project, and on the documents prepared in connection therewith.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors:

1. That the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated cost of the Muscatine County Attorney's Office Remodel Project are hereby approved.

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2. That the Muscatine County Administration Office shall advertise for sealed bids for the proposed improvement by publishing notice in accordance with the law.
3. That bids must be received as described in the Notice to Bidders on or before 10:00 a.m. on the 15th day of April, 2021.
4. That bids shall be publically announced at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, April 19, 2021 at the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors meeting.
5. That the sealed bids must be accompanied by a bid security equal to ten (10) percent of the bid.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Tibe Vander Linden  
Muscatine County Auditor

/s/Santos Saucedo, Chairperson  
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

Mike Nolan updated the Board on the Sheriff Deputy's Quarters Additions and Renovations project and stated the Public Review documents will be posted later this week. Nolan stated that the project is still waiting on Johnson Controls for the final occupancy certificate and he anticipates it will occur this week. Nolan stated he is working with Johnson Controls to improve communication. Nolan stated the Jail Hot Water Project final punch list inspection will be completed this week and the project will be closed out.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Holliday, the Board approved the following utility permit: Eastern Iowa Light & Power (REC) – bore under 171<sup>st</sup> Street to place a 120/240V cable to provide electricity for a cattle shed located at Sec 9-T77N-RIE. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Keith White updated the Board regarding concerns of how spring rains will affect secondary roads with regular semi-truck and grain truck traffic. White stated the public should be cautious this spring as these roads will need repair.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, minutes of the March 15, 2021 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

All Board members received emails regarding COVID-19 updates from Unity Public Health Director Christy Roby-Williams

All Board members received an email with concerns about hog confinement operations.

Saucedo received a call about the Elder Avenue area regarding wash board road conditions.

Saucedo met with House Representative Cisneros in Des Moines about the Levee Bill.

Saucedo received an email regarding the Iowa Economic Development Authority meeting to be held on March 23, 2021 at the Merrill Hotel.

Saucedo and Sorensen attended the Workforce Housing meeting on March 17, 2021.

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

the County Fair Board will be holding their Spring Consignment Auction on March 27, 2021.

Sauer attended the Muscatine County Conservation Board meeting on March 15, 2021.

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

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

On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, the Board approved Proclamation #03-22-21-01 for Historic Preservation Month – May 2021. Ayes: All.

**PROCLAMATION #03-22-21-01**  
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH – MAY 2021**

WHEREAS, historic preservation is an effective tool for managing growth and sustainable development, revitalizing neighborhoods, fostering local pride and maintaining community character while enhancing livability; and

WHEREAS, historic preservation is relevant for communities across the nation, both urban and rural, and for Americans of all ages, all walks of life and all ethnic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, it is important to celebrate the role of history in our lives and the contributions made by dedicated individuals in helping to preserve the tangible aspects of the heritage that has shaped us as a people; and

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors do hereby proclaim May 2021 as National Preservation Month, and call upon the people of Muscatine County to join their fellow citizens across the United States in recognizing and participating in this special observance.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden  
Muscatine County Auditor

/s/Santos Saucedo, Chairperson  
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

Mather thanked the Historic Preservation Board for their work.

Emergency Manager Brian Wright announced this is Iowa Severe Weather Awareness Week. Wright stated that on March 24, 2021 at 11:00 A.M. Muscatine County will be participating in a statewide tornado drill and the tornado sirens will be sounded. Wright reported that the M.A.G.I.C. website now shows where all the storm sirens are located in the County and by typing in your address the closest storm siren will show. Wright participated in the Army Corp of Engineer meeting and stated it was

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reported that minor flooding is predicted based on melting snow pack up north but recent rain predictions can affect the water ways and change the flood prediction.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas reported that he will be meeting with Johnson Controls on March 23, 2021 at 8:00 A.M. for the final testing and inspection of the fire alarm system at the Sheriff Deputy's Quarters Additions and Renovation project.

On a motion by Mather, second by Holliday, the Board went into Non-public session at 9:28 A.M. pursuant to Chapter 20.17(3), Code of Iowa, to discuss strategy in union negotiations. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: All. On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, the Board returned to open session at 9:43 A.M. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: All. .

The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 A.M.

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Tibe Vander Linden  
Auditor

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Santos Saucedo, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors