

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, May 18, 2020

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

On a motion by Saucedo, second by Sauer, the agenda was approved as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Holliday, claims dated May 18, 2020 were approved in the amount of \$2,494,493.94. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

Mike Nolan, Horizon Architecture, reviewed bids received by 10:00 A.M. on May 14, 2020 for the Muscatine County Sheriff's Deputy's Quarters Addition/Renovation Project as follows: Myers Construction - \$592,890.00; Wolfe Contracting - \$630,000.00; Todd Hackett Construction - \$644,447.00; Hy-Brand Industrial Contractors - \$648,768.00; Sheets Design Build, LLC - \$693,000.00; and Swanson Construction - \$787,000.00. Nolan stated the access control system will be separately contracted through FSS Electronics. Nolan stated there will also be a separate direct contract with Johnson Controls for the fire alarm system. On a motion by Saucedo, second by Mather, the Board accepted a bid from the apparent low bidder Myers Construction in the amount of \$592,890.00. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Saucedo, the Board accepted a proposal from Nelson Electric, Inc. for the Jail UPS Replacement Project in the amount of \$17,900.00. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Mike Nolan, Horizon Architecture, regarding a change order for the Muscatine Maintenance Facility Project to add a sub panel to get power to the hoist. Nolan stated the current panel does not have the capacity to provide the 3 phase power required. On a motion by Sauer, second by Saucedo, the Board affirmed COR#12 Tool Work Area Sub Panel for the Muscatine County Maintenance Facility Project in the amount of \$792.01. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

Nolan updated the Board on progress with the Muscatine County Maintenance Facility Project.

Discussion was held with Community Services Director/Disability Services Coordinator Felicia Toppert regarding outcome-based performance contracting. Toppert stated historically, Community Services has contracted by block grant or unit rate, while she comes from a background of outcome based performance contracting. Toppert asked how the Board felt about outcome based performance contracting. Mather stated he is in favor of outcome based performance contracting. Sorensen stated this is exactly how DHS contracts, so this would put the County more in line with what the County believes the future direction for all agencies will look like. Toppert stated she would like to see a little more active contract management process to acclimate the providers to a very different way of looking at services. Mather asked how the Region will respond to this, Toppert stated the Region does not have a lot of experience in this area. Toppert stated she believes it will require working with the steering committee and the

management team about how this works by getting someone to train and help explain how performance contracting works. Sauer asked if everyone in the Region has to work in the same direction. Toppert stated she is interested in getting this done locally in the areas of shelter and HCBS services that the County utilizes and pays for as opposed to Medicaid payment. Sorensen stated discussion has been held at the Regional level on continuity of contracts. Board consensus was for Toppert to proceed with pursuit of outcome based performance contracting.

Toppert updated the Board on Community Services activities stating from a budgetary standpoint they are in decent shape, but they lost a significant number of consumers in the Trust department due to COVID-19. Toppert stated they also lost people in the community that did not have the resources for burial so she is concerned about that area at this time and will be submitting a budget amendment for that. Toppert stated Community Services is doing a lot of services by mail or phone and will continue to operate that way for the foreseeable future. Toppert stated she believes July 1<sup>st</sup> will see an increase of assistance needed for food, utilities and rent assistance. In response to a question from Sorensen, Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber stated a budget amendment will increase wages, personal protective equipment and autopsy for the Medical Examiner's Office. Mather asked Toppert what is happening with the adoption of children's services. Toppert stated children's services have been integrated into the 28E Agreement that needs to be passed by all of the Boards of Supervisors and the Counties will be absorbing the duties of the Children's Coordinator because the Region does not have the funds to hire the position. Toppert stated she is confident with her ability to do that due to her background in children's services. Sorensen stated the Region's governing board will be working on this for the next couple of months.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Holliday, the Board approved the following utility permit: Alliant Energy – rebuilding an existing unfilled electrical line located on F58 from Verde Avenue to the Scott County line at Walcott. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

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

On a motion by Saucedo, second by Mather, the Board approved revised minutes of the March 9, 2020 regular meeting correcting the approved hiring salary for the Receptionist at Community Services. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, minutes of the May 11, 2020 regular meeting were approved as written. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

#### Correspondence:

Saucedo reported a call from a small nonprofit group looking for hand sanitizer.

Saucedo reported a call regarding when buildings will reopen.

Saucedo reported several contacts regarding an employee no longer working for the County.

Sauer reported there will be a meeting with judicial tomorrow to discuss possibly reopening the Courthouse June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Holliday reported a discussion with Fair Board Manager Kelsey Morris regarding a Concession Drive through Fundraiser May 20-25, 2020 and May 29-31, 2020.

Mather and Sorensen reported calls and emails expressing approval of the County Attorney appointment.

Sorensen stated some counties are looking at a reopening target date of June 8<sup>th</sup> and requested discussion regarding reopening county buildings be placed on the June 1, 2020 agenda.

Committee Reports:

Saucedo attended a West Liberty Economic Area Development (WeLead) electronic meeting May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mather and Sauer attended an electronic MAGIC meeting May 11<sup>th</sup>.

Sauer attended an Assessor Conference Board electronic meeting May 11<sup>th</sup>.

Holliday reported a Rural 360 home was sold in Wilton.

Sorensen attended a Mississippi Valley Workforce Authority electronic meeting May 14<sup>th</sup>.

Sorensen attended an EOC meeting May 13<sup>th</sup>.

Sorensen reported the State Workforce Board met on May 15<sup>th</sup> to approve consolidation of Regions 9 and 16.

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

On a motion by Saucedo, second by Sauer, the Board approved a 3.70% increase for the County Engineer for FY20/21. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

Edward Askew, 2952 155<sup>th</sup> Street, Muscatine, expressed concern that Supervisors are using their personal email for County business rather than their County email. Askew stated he still has outstanding open records requests and there will be more coming.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 A.M.

ATTEST:

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Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

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Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors