

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, October 7, 2019

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 Mather presiding.

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

On a motion by Sauer, second by Saucedo, claims dated October 7, 2019 were approved in the amount of \$319,978.44. Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed a Special Use Permit approved by the Muscatine County Board of Adjustment on Friday, October 4, 2019. Case #19-10-01 is an application filed by Harold L. and Julie A. Smith, Record Owners. This property is located in Moscow, Lots 3-8, Block 2 & Alley Adjacent, 1578 Cedar Street, containing approximately 1.22 acres, and is zoned R-2 Residential District. This request, if approved, would allow the Zoning Administrator to issue a Special Use Permit in order for the Smith's to place a mobile home on their property for Mrs. Smith's elderly parents to live in. The Board of Adjustment approved this request. Case #19-10-02 is an application filed by Joel R. and Shirley A. Rock, Record Owners and Stan Price of Price Oil, Proposed Lessee. This property is located in Wapsie Township, in the NE ¼ of Section 18-T78N-R3W, South of Hwy. 6, 1674 Hwy. 6, containing approximately 1.50 acres, and is zoned I-2 Heavy Industrial District. This request, if approved, would allow the Zoning Administrator to issue a Special Use Permit in order for Mr. Price to place a bulk LP storage tank on site. The Board of Adjustment approved this request.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Saucedo, the Board set a public hearing for Monday, October 28, 2019 at 9:00 A.M. on a request to rezone approximately 20.53 acres in Wapsie Township from A-1 Agricultural District to R-1 Residential District. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Saucedo, second by Sauer, the Board approved the following utility permits: Eastern Iowa Light and Power – installation of a new service line to 1692 Lindle Avenue; Eastern Iowa Light and Power – installation of new poles along North Mulberry from 170th Street North to new service at 1668 North Mulberry. Ayes: All.

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

On a motion by Sauer, second by Saucedo, the Board approved the Muscatine County Sheriff's Office - Civil Department Report of Fees Collected for the quarter ending September 30, 2019 in the amount of \$21,538.86. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Saucedo, the Board approved the Muscatine County Treasurer's Report of Fees Collected for the quarter ending September 30, 2019 in the amount of \$276,282.23. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Saucedo, the Board approved the Muscatine County Auditor's Report of Fees Collected for the quarter ending September 30, 2019 in the amount of \$246.75. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Saucedo, second by Holliday, minutes of the September 30, 2019 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

All Supervisors received an email from Dr. Askew regarding a slag update.

Committee Reports:

Holliday attended a Muscatine County Safety Committee meeting October 2nd.
Sauer attended a Muscatine County Conservation Board meeting September 30th.

Muscatine County Auditor Leslie Soule announced that in-office and by mail absentee voting has begun for the upcoming City/School Elections which will be held on November 5, 2019.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Saucedo, the Chairperson was authorized to execute a letter in support of an exploratory effort to form a Mississippi River Ports of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois Port Statistical Area. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Saucedo, second by Sauer, the Board authorized renewal of the Muscatine County Flexible Benefits Plan for 2020 and set the open enrollment period for October 21 through November 8, 2019. Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed the health/dental fund balance as of September 30, 2019.

Discussion was held regarding the requested FY19/20 transfer payment to the Eastern Iowa Mental Health Region in the amount of \$311,300. Community Services Director/Disability Services Coordinator Felicia Toppert stated if the County submits the \$311,300, the County will have a fund balance of \$58,670 which is 4.29% and well under the 40% allowed. Mather stated the region is going to have a \$400,000 negative fund balance by this time next year. Mather stated Toppert tried to get a 3-year fund balance projection from the Region but they responded that due to constantly changing legislation, they could not create a 3-year projection. Budget Coordinator Sherry Seright confirmed that the \$311,300 transfer was not included in the FY19/20 Muscatine County Budget. Mather stated the Region takes in \$9,000,000, but expends \$12,000,000 annually and only has a \$1,500,000 fund balance, so it cannot continue to run that kind of deficit. Mather stated he has been told not to expect a last minute solution from the Legislature. Saucedo stated he does not understand how the region could explain a budget of \$12,000,000, when they were only bringing in \$9,000,000. Mather stated the governing board was previously provided with different financial information than they are being given now. Toppert stated if the County makes the transfer, then Muscatine County will probably have to reduce staff. Saucedo requested advice from the County Attorney regarding whether the County can refuse to transfer the funds to the Region. The Board will vote next week on whether or not to send the payment to the region.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 A.M.

ATTEST:

Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

Nathan Mather, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors