

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, January 3, 2023

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. with Chick, Kirchner, Mather, Sauer and Sorensen present.

County Auditor Tibe Vander Linden called the meeting to order. Vander Linden conducted nominations for Board Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, Sauer was elected Chairperson. Ayes: All. On a motion by Mather, second by Chick, Sorensen was elected Vice-Chairperson. Ayes: All. Chairperson Sauer presided over the remainder of the meeting. Sauer welcomed Danny Chick and Kurt Kirchner as new Supervisors to the Board.

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

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board approved Resolution #01-03-23-01 Authorizing the County Engineer to Sign For and Collect Federal Disaster Relief Funds. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

RESOLUTION #01-03-23-01
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ENGINEER TO SIGN FOR AND
COLLECT FEDERAL DISASTER RELIEF FUNDS

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize the County Engineer for Muscatine County, Bryan J. Horesowsky, to sign for and collect Federal Disaster Relief funds on behalf of Muscatine County for any secondary road or bridge damage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 3rd day of January, 2023.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden
Muscatine County Auditor

/s/Scott Sauer, Chairperson
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Chick, the Board approved Resolution #01-03-23-02 Authorizing the County Engineer to Execute Certification of Completion and Final Acceptance on Farm-To-Market Construction Projects. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

RESOLUTION #01-03-23-02
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ENGINEER TO EXECUTE
CERTIFICATION OF COMPLETION AND FINAL ACCEPTANCE ON FARM-TO-
MARKET CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Be it resolved by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors that Bryan J. Horesowsky, the County Engineer of Muscatine County, Iowa, is hereby designated, authorized and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of said County to execute the certification of completion of

work and final acceptance thereof in accordance with plans and specifications therefore in connection with all Farm to Market construction projects in this county.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 3rd day of January, 2023.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden
Muscatine County Auditor

/s/Scott Sauer, Chairperson
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board approved Resolution #01-03-23-03 Authorizing the County Engineer to Close Secondary Roads in Emergency Situations. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

RESOLUTION #01-03-23-03
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ENGINEER TO CLOSE SECONDARY
ROADS IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

Be it resolved by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors that Bryan J. Horesowsky, the County Engineer for Muscatine County, Iowa, is hereby authorized to close secondary roads or portions thereof in emergency situations to safeguard the traveling public. Such road closures shall be confirmed by the Board of Supervisors at its next regular meeting.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 3rd day of January, 2023.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden
Muscatine County Auditor

/s/Scott Sauer, Chairperson
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, the Board approved Resolution #01-03-23-04 Designating Official Newspapers in and for Muscatine County for 2023. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

RESOLUTION #01-03-23-04
RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS IN AND FOR MUSCATINE
COUNTY FOR 2023

Be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Muscatine County, Iowa that in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 349 of the Code of Iowa, the following newspapers be designated official newspapers in and for Muscatine County for 2023:

Muscatine Journal
Wilton-Durant Advocate News
West Liberty Index

PASSED AND APPROVED this 3rd day of January, 2023.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden
Muscatine County Auditor

/s/Scott Sauer, Chairperson
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board approved Resolution #01-03-23-05 Construction Evaluation Resolution. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION #01-03-23-05
CONSTRUCTION EVALUATION RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Iowa Code section 459.304(3) (2003), sets out the procedure if a Board of Supervisors wishes to adopt a “construction evaluation resolution” relating to the construction of a confinement feeding operation structure; and

WHEREAS, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution can submit to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) an adopted recommendation to approve or disapprove a construction permit application regarding a proposed confinement feeding operation structure; and

WHEREAS, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution and submitted an adopted recommendation may contest the DNR’s decision regarding a specific application; and

WHEREAS, by adopting a construction evaluation resolution, the Board of Supervisors agrees to evaluate every construction permit application for a proposed confinement feeding operation structure received by the Board of Supervisors between February 1, 2023 and January 31, 2024 and submit an adopted recommendation regarding that application to the DNR; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors must conduct an evaluation of every construction permit application using the master matrix created in Iowa Code section 459.305, but the Board’s recommendation to the DNR may be based on the final score on the master matrix or may be based on reasons other than the final score on the master matrix.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUSCATINE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS to hereby adopt this construction evaluation resolution pursuant to Iowa Code section 459.304(3).

PASSED AND APPROVED this 3rd day of January, 2023.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden
Muscatine County Auditor

/s/Scott Sauer, Chairperson
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board reappointed Matt Shutt as the Muscatine County Weed Commissioner for a one-year term ending December 31, 2023. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Chick, the Board appointed Rebecca Paulsen as the Eastern Iowa Tourism Association representative for a one-year term ending December 31, 2023. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Chick, the Board reappointed Megan Elliott as the Community Action of Eastern Iowa representative for a two-year term ending December 31, 2024. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, the Board reappointed Richard Buser to the Conesville Benefited Fire District for a three-year term ending December 31, 2025. (Subject to approval by the Louisa County Board of Supervisors). Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board reappointed Tim Nelson (licensed electrician) to the Muscatine County Building Board of Appeals for a three-year term ending December 31, 2025. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Chick, the Board reappointed Dr. Robert Weis as Muscatine County Medical Examiner for a two-year term ending December 31, 2024. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, the Board reappointed Tom Summitt (Chief MEI), Susan Garrett, Todd Heck, Julia Hilbert, Richard Hines, Alicia Wada and Tashia Wheeler as Muscatine County Medical Examiner Investigators for two-year terms ending December 31, 2024. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Chick, the Board reappointed Karen Harper and appointed Michelle Garvin to the Muscatine County Board of Health for three-year terms ending December 31, 2025. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, the Board reappointed Sue Hills to the Historic Preservation Commission for a three-year term ending January 1, 2026 (one vacancy remaining). Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed three applications received for the Muscatine County Conservation Board for two vacancies – one for a five-year term ending December 31, 2027 and one to fill a vacancy for a term ending December 31, 2025. Candidates: Jon Wolf, Sherry Seright and Julie Jindrich. The applications will be reviewed and placed on the January 9, 2023 agenda for Board action.

The Board reviewed three applications received for the Muscatine County Veterans Affairs Commission for a vacancy –for a term ending June 30, 2025. Candidates: Justin Johnson, Eric Bastin and LaVerne Strause. The applications will be reviewed and placed on the January 9, 2023 agenda for Board action.

On a motion by Chick, second by Sorensen, minutes of the December 19, 2022 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

All Supervisors received an email from Pam Green regarding the road issue on 245th Street, Conesville, Iowa.

Committee & Meeting Reports:

Sorensen attended a Muscatine County Joint Communications Commission meeting on December 28, 2022. Sorensen stated the annual budget was adopted.

Sauer attended a Bi-State Regional Planning Commission meeting on December 21, 2022.

Discussion was held regarding meeting dates and times for 2023. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, the Board set regular meeting dates for Mondays at 9:00 A.M. Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed Board of Supervisors appointments to Boards and Commissions for 2023. The Board will take action on the 2023 assignments at the next regular Board meeting.

Sorensen stated Santos Saucedo, former Board member, has been involved with the Housing Council and has maintained a good relationship with the Debi Durham and the Council. Sorensen urged the Board to continue Saucedo as an active member on the Housing Council to continue the respected relationship and grant opportunities.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board accepted the December 2022 payroll claims. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Brian Horesowsky thanked the secondary roads department for their work during the Christmas 2022 snow storm weekend. Horesowsky stated the snow plow crew worked on December 22, 23 and 24, 2022. Horesowsky stated the foremen checked roads on December 25 and the snow plow crew resumed on December 26 with additional clean up and plowing. Sauer and Mather complimented and thanked the crews for their work over the holiday weekend.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 A.M.

ATTEST:

Tibe Vander Linden
County Auditor

Scott Sauer, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors