

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, November 14, 2023

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met in a special session at 9:00 A.M. with Chick, Kirchner, Sauer and Sorensen present. Mather was absent. Chairperson Sauer presiding.

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

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met as a Board of Canvassers for the city and school elections held Tuesday, November 7, 2023. The Board of Canvassers certified the following results to be a true and correct abstract of the votes cast in the elections:

CITY OF MUSCATINE

Mayor (two-year term) – there were 1,927 votes cast: Brad Bark received 1,664 votes and there was a scattering of 59 votes. Brad Bark was elected.

Councilmember At-Large (four-year term) – there were 1,927 votes cast: Matt Conard received votes 1,536 and there was a scattering of 32 votes. Matt Conard was elected.

Councilmember-1st Ward (four-year term) – there were 611 votes cast: Don Lampe received 474 votes and there was a scattering of 12 votes. Don Lampe was elected.

Councilmember-3rd Ward (four-year term) – there were 579 votes cast: Peggy Gordon received 360 votes and Madison O’Brien-Espinoza received 155 votes and there was a scattering of 2 votes. Peggy Gordon was elected.

Councilmember-5th Ward (four-year term) – there were 317 votes cast: John P. Jindrich received 247 votes and there was a scattering of 9 votes. John P. Jindrich was elected.

CITY OF ATALISSA

Mayor (two-year term) – there were 69 votes cast: Angie Dickey received 39 votes and Kandice Blick received 27 votes and there was a scattering of 2 votes. Angie Dickey was elected.

Councilmember At-Large (four-year term-three positions) – there were 207 votes cast: Annie Gerstbrein received 47 votes, Brian VanDusen received 26 votes, Tim Devore received 12 votes and there was a scattering of 37 votes. Annie Gerstbrein, Brian VanDusen and Tim DeVore were elected.

CITY OF BLUE GRASS

Mayor (two-year term) – there were 5 votes cast: Brad Schutte received 5 votes. Scott County is the Control County for this election and totals from Muscatine County are added to other counties to determine the winner.

Councilmember At-Large (four-year term-three positions) – there were 15 votes cast: Timothy J. Brandenburg received 5 votes, Schuyler Dean Bowman Jr. received 4 votes, Robert W. Blok received 4 votes. Scott County is the Control County for this election and totals from Muscatine County are added to other counties to determine the winner.

CITY OF BLUE GRASS

Public Measure SX – “Shall the two-year term of Mayor be changed to a four-year term?” There were 5 votes cast: 2 votes were cast “YES” in favor of the public measure and 2 votes were cast “NO” against the public measure and there was one under vote. Scott County is the Control County

for this election and totals from Muscatine County are added to other counties to determine the winner.

CITY OF CONESVILLE

Mayor (two-year term) – there were 52 votes cast: Thomas Van Auken received 41 votes, Forrest Skip Kirk received 8 votes and there was a scattering of 2 votes. Thomas Van Auken was elected.

Councilmember At-Large (four-year term-three positions) – there were 156 votes cast: Azure Van Auken received 47 votes, Carolina Izaquirre received 36 votes, Kassandra Espinoza received 32 votes and there was a scattering of 9 votes. Azure Van Auken, Carolina Izaquirre and Kassandra Espinoza were elected.

Councilmember At-Large to Fill A Vacancy (unexpired term) – there were 52 votes cast: Hugh Probst received 37 votes and there was a scattering of 7 votes. Hugh Probst was elected.

CITY OF DURANT

Mayor (two-year term) – there were 57 votes cast: Scott Spengler received 52 votes and there was a scattering of 1 vote. Cedar County is the Control County for this election and totals from Muscatine County are added to other counties to determine the winner.

Councilmember At-Large (four-year term, two positions) – there were 114 votes cast: Kevin Mundt received 36 votes, Brad Utter received 31 votes, Marcus L. Ostofi received 31 votes, and there was a scattering of 1 vote. Cedar County is the Control County for this election and totals from Muscatine County are added to other counties to determine the winner.

CITY OF FRUITLAND

Mayor (two-year term) – there were 80 votes cast: Marty Hills received 11 votes, Justin Allison received 8 votes, Bill Brockert received 6 votes, Shad Fordyce received 5 votes, Jeffrey Brozovich received 3 votes, Jason Smith received 3 votes and there was a scattering of 10 votes. Marty Hills was elected.

Councilmember At-Large (four-year term, two positions) – there were 160 votes cast: Sarah Hillman received 60 votes, Susan Garrett received 50 votes and there was a scattering of 16 votes. Sarah Hillman and Susan Garrett were elected.

CITY OF NICHOLS

Mayor (two-year term) – there were 34 votes cast: Linsey S. Reimers received 27 votes and there was a scattering of 2 votes. Linsey S. Reimers was elected.

Councilmember At-Large (two-year term, five positions) – there were 170 votes cast: Cynthia Massey received 29 votes, Russell E. Grim received 24 votes, Jay Hora received 17 votes, John J. Hudson received 25 votes, Kelsie Lampe received 29 votes, and there was a scattering of 5 votes. Russell E. Grim, John J. Hudson, Jay Hora, Kelsie Lampe and Cynthia Massey were elected.

CITY OF STOCKTON

Mayor (two-year term) – there were 62 votes cast: Lance McConnell received 46 votes, and there was a scattering of 4 votes. Lance McConnell was elected.

Councilmember At-Large (four-year term, three positions) – there were 186 votes cast: Scott Wolf received 55 votes, Cody Drapeaux received 41 votes, Joshua Smyser received 47 votes and there was a scattering of 3 votes. Scott Wolf, Cody Drapeaux and Joshua Smyser were elected.

Councilmember At-Large to Fill A Vacancy (unexpired term)- there were 62 votes cast: Derryl Glenn Van Dee received 44 votes and there was a scattering of 5 votes. Derryl Glenn Van Dee was elected.

CITY OF WEST LIBERTY

Mayor (two-year term) – there were 430 votes cast: Mark Danner Smith received 226 votes, Joe Elizondo received 193 votes and there was a scattering of 3 votes. Mark Danner Smith was elected.

Councilmember At-Large (four-year term, three positions) – there were 1,290 votes cast: Cara McFerren received 300 votes, Joshua Shiltz Costa received 322 votes, Tim Parizek received 20 votes and there was a scattering of 55 votes. Cara McFerren, Joshua Shiltz Costa and Tim Parizek were elected.

CITY OF WILTON

Mayor (two-year term) – there were 245 votes cast: Keith W. Stanley received 216 votes and there was a scattering of 7 votes. Muscatine County is the Control County for this election and totals from Cedar County will be added at a second canvass on November 20th to determine a winner for the Mayor and Councilmember races in the City of Wilton.

Councilmember At-Large (four-year term, three positions) – there were 735 votes cast: Stevie Whitehead received 160 votes, Wayne Budding received 206 votes, Ted Marolf received 171 votes, Michael Rohwer received 110 votes and there was a scattering of 10 votes. Muscatine County is the Control County for this election and totals from Cedar County will be added at a second canvass on November 20th to determine a winner for the Mayor and Councilmember races in the City of Wilton.

COLUMBUS SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER (four-year term, two positions) – there were 108 votes cast: Stacy Storm received 51 votes, Dan Heindel received 41 vote and there was a scattering of 0. Louisa County is the Control County for this election and totals from Muscatine County are added to other counties to determine the winner.

DAVENPORT SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER (four-year term-four positions) – there were 52 votes cast: Karen Kline-Jerome received 4 votes, Linda Hayes received 5 votes, Daniel Gosa received 4 votes, Andrew Kaufman received 10 votes, Connie King received 3 votes, Kent Paustin received 10 votes and there was a scattering of 1 vote. Scott County is the Control County for this election and totals from Muscatine County are added to other counties to determine the winner.

DAVENPORT SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER to Fill a Vacancy (unexpired term) – there were 13 votes cast: W. Kent Barnds received 8 votes and there was a scattering of 1 vote. Scott County is the Control County for this election and totals from Muscatine County are added to other counties to determine the winner.

DURANT SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER (four-year term, three positions) – there were 702 votes cast: Tara Lindsay received 162 votes, Marie Richman received 165 votes, Carla Whitlock received 163 votes and there was a scattering of 4 votes. Cedar County is the Control County for this election and totals from Muscatine County are added to other counties to determine the winner.

DURANT SCHOOL PUBLIC MEASURE DQ – there were 234 votes cast. Shall the following public measure be adopted? Shall the Board of Directors of the Durant Community School District in the Counties of Cedar, Muscatine, and Scott, State of Iowa, be authorized to contract indebtedness and issue General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$11,060,000 to provide funds to renovate, remodel, repair, improve, expand, furnish and equip portions of the existing building, including gymnasium spaces, classrooms, HVAC and electrical systems, and administrative office spaces, including security improvements? 115 votes were cast “YES” in favor of the public measure and 119 votes were cast “NO” against the question. Cedar County is the Control County for this election and totals from Muscatine County are added to other counties to determine the winner.

DURANT SCHOOL PUBLIC MEASURE DR – there were 234 votes cast. Shall the following public measure be adopted? Shall the Board of Directors of the Durant Community School District in the Counties of Cedar, Muscatine, and Scott, State of Iowa, for the purpose of purchasing and improving grounds; constructing schoolhouses or buildings and opening roads to schoolhouses or buildings; purchasing of buildings; purchase, lease or lease-purchase of technology and equipment; paying debts contracted for the erection or construction of schoolhouses or buildings, not including interest on bonds; procuring or acquisition of libraries; repairing, remodeling, reconstructing, improving, or expanding the schoolhouses or buildings and additions to existing schoolhouses; expenditures for energy conservation; renting facilities under Iowa Code Chapter 28E; purchasing transportation equipment for transporting students; lease purchase option agreements for school buildings or equipment; purchasing equipment authorized by law; or for any purpose or purposes now or hereafter authorized by law, be authorized for a period of ten (10) years to levy and impose a voter-approved physical plant and equipment tax of not exceeding One Dollar Thirty-Four Cents (\$1.34) per One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) of assessed valuation of the taxable property within the school district, and be authorized annually, in combination, as determined by the board, to levy a physical plant and equipment property tax upon all the taxable property within the school district commencing with the levy of property taxes for collection in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and to impose a physical plant and equipment income surtax upon the state individual income tax of each individual income taxpayer resident in the school district on December 31 for each calendar year commencing with calendar year 2024, or each year thereafter? 110 votes were cast “YES” in favor of the public measure and 123 votes were cast “NO” against the question. Cedar County is the Control County for this election and totals from Muscatine County are added to other counties to determine the winner.

LOUISA-MUSCATINE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER (four-year term, three positions) – there were 378 votes cast: Matt McCleary received 112 votes, Bryce Hoben received 93 votes, Carol Whittaker received 80 votes and there was a scattering of 9 votes. Muscatine County is the Control County for this election and totals from Louisa County will be added at a second canvass on November 20th to determine a winner.

MUSCATINE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER (four-year term, four positions)– there were 9,488 votes cast: Kim Schneider received 1,474 votes, Dennis Schuur received 1,456 votes, John Dabeet received 1,373 votes, Karen Cooney received 1,319 votes, Jennifer Lofgren received 324 and there was a scattering of 38 votes. Kim Schneider, Dennis Schuur, John Dabeet and Karen Cooney were elected.

MUSCATINE SCHOOL PUBLIC MEASURE QD - there were 2,372 votes cast. Shall the following public measure be adopted? To adopt a Revenue Purpose Statement specifying the use of revenues the Muscatine Community School District will receive from the State of Iowa Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund? There were 2,372 votes cast: 1,815 votes were cast “YES” in favor of the public measure and 317 votes were cast “NO” against the question. Public Measure QD for the Muscatine Community School District was adopted.

WEST LIBERTY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER (four-year term, three positions) – There were 2541 votes cast: Courtney Crees received 239 votes, Jacob Burroughs received 394 votes, Audra Daufeldt received 426 votes, Emily Daufeldt received 301 votes, Hannah Chesmore-Potts received 321 votes, Kira Achen received 379 votes, Samira Deahr received 204 votes, Joshua B. Jackson received 101 votes and there was a scattering of 3 votes. Muscatine County is the Control County for this election and totals from Cedar County will be added at a second canvass on November 20th to determine a winner.

WILTON SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER (four-year term, three positions) – there were 783 votes cast: Tom Fitzer received 223, Tim Barrett received 231 votes, Sam Wilson received 206 votes and there was a scattering of 3 votes. Muscatine County is the Control County for this election and totals from Cedar and Johnson Counties will be added at a second canvass on November 20th to determine a winner.

EASTERN IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE MERGED AREA IX-DIRECTOR DISTRICT 8 To Fill a Vacancy (unexpired term) – there were 2498 votes cast: Yuliana Diaz received 1760 votes and there was a scattering of 29 votes. Scott County is the Control County for this election and totals from Muscatine County are added to other counties to determine the winner.

EASTERN IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE MERGED AREA IX-DIRECTOR DISTRICT 9 (four-year term, one position)- there were 1396 votes cast: Michelle L. Garvin received 1,050 votes and there was a scattering of 11 votes. Scott County is the Control County for this election and totals from Muscatine County are added to other counties to determine the winner.

County Auditor Tibe Vander Linden thanked the Sheriff Deputy Reserve Officers who volunteered their time to deliver election night results to the Auditor's office and thanked the election workers for their commitment.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 A.M.

ATTEST:

Cathy Ribbink
2nd Deputy Auditor

Scott Sauer, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors