

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, March 18, 2024

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

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

On a motion by Sauer, second by Kirchner, the Board approved claims dated March 18, 2024 in the amount of \$377,546.57. Ayes: All.

A Public Hearing was called to order by Chairperson Jeff Sorensen at 9:01 A.M. on the proposed amendments to the Fiscal Year 23/24 Muscatine County Budget. Budget Administrator Kala Naber stated the proposed amendments are to decrease expenditures and increase revenues with an overall net increase of \$1,501,434.00. Naber reviewed the larger budget proposed amendments by service area. Naber stated Service Area 1-Public Safety & Legal Services adjustments are to repurpose the budget for full-time salaried nurses (for the jail) with part-time contracted nurses, which allows for a reduction in benefits. Naber stated an increase in funds for Jail Food and Provisions and an increase in Court Services Juvenile Detention. Service Area 3-Physical Health & Social Services has received grant funding since the budget was finalized. Service Area 6 -County Environment & Education has a close out of FEMA Buyout Program and CDBG Buyout Program and in addition the Conservation Department is requesting funds for an additional mower. Naber stated Outside Agencies and Libraries budget adjustments are for funds that were requested but not allocated. Naber stated the funds were returned to the State Economic Revolving Loan grant which were repurposed to the City of Muscatine for a Neighborhood Revitalization grant. Service Area 8-Government Services to Residents has adjustments for election workers with funds used from Area 9-Auditor salary budgeted funds. Service Area 9-Administration has an increase for liability insurance premiums as there is an anticipated 40% increase in renewal premiums. Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber stated in addition to the anticipated 40% premium increase, the liability insurance cycle renews on December 6th of each year, however the insurance renewal premium cycle has been changed for this fiscal year to December 6, 2023 through June 30, 2024, to align with the fiscal year. Schreiber stated the proposed budget amendment allows for the annual renewal cycle change to July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 (and for future renewals) to align with the fiscal year. Naber stated Capital Project amendments are for a grant to replace hot water heaters at the jail. Naber stated ARPA projects show reduced expenditures for secondary roads completed projects (that crossed over fiscal years); revenue interest revenue received and ARPA project reimbursements. Naber stated overall the amendments reduces expenditures by \$183,798 and increases revenue \$1,317,636. No one spoke for or against the proposed amendments.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Mather, the public hearing was closed at 9:05 A.M. Roll call vote. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #03-18-24-01 Amending the Fiscal Year 23/24 Budget. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION #03-18-24-01  
AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023/24 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has held a Public Hearing pursuant to Chapter 331, Code of Iowa, to amend the Fiscal Year 2023/24 County Budget; and

WHEREAS, the explanation is decreased expenditures and increased revenues during the current fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, after consideration of all comments at said hearing, the Board of Supervisors has determined that it will be necessary to amend the Fiscal Year 2023/24 budget; and

WHEREAS, the amendment does not increase the taxes to be collected in the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024;

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the following service area expenditures and revenues of the Fiscal Year 2023/24 County Budget be amended:

PUBLIC SAFETY & LEGAL SERVICES expenditures decreased by	(\$21,246)
PHYSICAL HLTH & SOCIAL SERVICES expenditures increased by	\$89,208
COUNTY ENVIRONMENT expenditures decreased by	(\$156,163)
ROADS & TRANSPORTATION expenditures increased by	\$0
GOV'T SERVICES TO RESIDENTS expenditures increased by	\$25,600
ADMINISTRATION expenditures increased by	\$477,600
NONPROGRAM expenditures increased by	\$0
CAPITAL PROJECTS expenditures decreased by	(\$600,542)
DEBT SERVICE expenditures increased by	<u>\$1,745</u>
	(\$183,798)

INTERGOVERNMENTAL revenues increased by	\$12,636
LICENSES & PERMITS revenues increased by	\$0
CHARGES FOR SERVICES revenues increased by	\$0
USE OF MONEY & PROPERTY revenues increased by	\$1,280,000
MISCELLANEOUS revenues increased by	\$25,000
LONG TERM DEBT PROCEEDS increased by	\$0
PROCEEDS OF FIXED ASSET SALES increased by	<u>\$0</u>
	\$1,317,636

PASSED AND APPROVED this 18th day of March, 2024.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden  
Muscatine County Auditor

/s/Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson  
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Mather, second by Kirchner, the Board approved Resolution #03-18-24-02 Fiscal Year 23/24 Budget Appropriations. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION # 03-18-24-02  
FY 2023/24 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS**

WHEREAS, a public hearing has been held pursuant to Section 331.434(6), Code of Iowa, regarding proposed increases and decreases in expenditure amounts for Fiscal Year 2023/24: and

WHEREAS, the amendment does not increase the taxes to be collected in the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024: and

WHEREAS, all comments from the public have been heard;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following amounts be appropriated as follows:

01	Board/Administration	0
02	Auditor	(12,300)
03	Treasurer	0
04	Attorney	0
05	Sheriff	11,376
06	Jail	(80,900)
07	Recorder	0
20	Engineer	0
22	Conservation Board	37,309
24	DHS	0
25	Community Services	1,400
28	Medical Examiner	0
30	Court Services	65,000
31	Board of Health	67,808
51	General Services	6,000
52	Information Services	16,500
53	Zoning	(25,222)
60	Mental Health Administration	0
99	Nondepartmental with Transfers	(270,769)

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(\$183,798)

It is further resolved that all appropriations made pursuant to this RESOLUTION lapse at the close of business on June 30, 2024.

Passed and approved this 18th day of March, 2024.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden  
Muscatine County Auditor

/s/Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson  
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Chick, second by Mather, the Board approved Resolution #03-18-24-03 Transferring Funds from the General Basic Fund to the Conservation Equipment Reserve Fund. Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION # 03-18-24-03**

**TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL BASIC FUND TO THE  
CONSERVATION EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND**

WHEREAS, it is desired to authorize the Auditor to transfer additional funding from the General Basic Fund to the Conservation Equipment Reserve Fund for the purchase of a mower; and

WHEREAS, said transfers must be in accordance with Section 331.429 and 331.432 of the Code of Iowa.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors that the Auditor is authorized to transfer \$3,425 from the General Basic Fund to the Conservation Equipment Reserve Fund.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 18th day of March, 2024.

ATTEST :

/s/Tibe Vander Linden  
Muscatine County Auditor

/s/Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson  
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Chick, second by Kirchner, the Board approved a Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau (GTSB) LE Highway Safety Grant application in the amount of \$63,644.00. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Kirchner, the Board approved the following utility permit: Eastern Iowa Light and Power, Wilton, Iowa – span 7,200V overhead electrical wire from an existing pole on the north to a new pole on the southside of the road at 3182 150<sup>th</sup> Street, Sweetland Township in Section 34, T78N-R1W. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Bryan Horesowsky stated he attended a Region 9 Transportation Technical Committee meeting last week. Horesowsky stated the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STGB) grant funding applications have been opened up for an additional round of grants for FY27/28 projects. Horesowsky stated the application review may take a several months.

On a motion by Chick, second by Kirchner, the Board approved the minutes of the March 11, 2024, regular meeting. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Mather had discussions with legislators regarding bills proposed for power generation and energy regulation.

Mather met with a group of citizens with their concern regarding nuclear power plants and concerns of increased electric rates.

Mather, Chick and Kirchner received a call from Diane Glenley stating her energy grid concerns.

All Supervisors received an email from Kayla Carlsten thanking the Board for a zoning change and questions on opioid settlement funds.

Sorensen received an email from Energy Champion regarding a public meeting to be held at Muscatine Community College with a speaker from Crawford Company regarding heat pumps.

Sorensen received a call from Dan Freeman stating his support for an additional staff employee in the Auditor's office.

Sorensen stated the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management held a Levee Safety Town Hall Meeting on March 14, 2024.

Chick received an email from Heather Stansel from Madison County stating concerns with Senate File 411 for wind and solar products in the county.

Chick reported citizens can attend a Muscatine County Comprehensive Plan Visioning Workshop on March 21, 2024 at the Environmental Learning Center in Discovery Park, 3300 Cedar Street from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Committee & Meeting Reports:

Sorensen attended a Greater Muscatine Chamber of Commerce and Industry Advocacy meeting on March 12, 2024.

Mather participated in an e-vote for the Decategorization Board to shift money to continue funding a school navigator for a mental health program.

County Attorney Jim Barry stated the Fines Collection employee submitted her resignation on March 18, 2024. The Fines Collection position has been posted.

County Auditor Tibe Vander Linden presented a Sample Budget Statement mailing in regards to Iowa Code 24.2A, which requires a budget year statement be postmarked by March 20, 2024 to inform parcel owners of the upcoming School, County and City public hearings where proposed property taxation for the next fiscal year will be presented.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas announced there will be a Muscatine County Comprehensive Plan Visioning Workshop on Thursday, March 21, 2024 at the Environmental Learning Center in Discovery Park, 3300 Cedar Street from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. The workshop is to seek citizens' input for the development of the comprehensive land use plan update for the county. The plan provides the foundation for future growth and development in Muscatine County.

Furnas stated the email the Board received from Kayla Carlsten was regarding a special use permit which was granted by the Zoning Commission on March 15, 2024. Furnas stated the special use permit will be placed on the Board agenda for review for a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 A.M.

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Tibe Vander Linden  
County Auditor

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Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors