

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, June 3, 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 with a change to Agenda Item #14, to replace the wording of closed session to non-public session. Ayes: All.

A Public Hearing was called to order by Chairperson Sorensen at 9:01 A.M. on the proposed amendments to the Fiscal Year 23/24 Muscatine County Budget. Budget Administrator Kala Naber reviewed the proposed amendments to the Fiscal Year FY23/24 Muscatine County Budget.

On a motion by Mather, second by Kirchner, the public hearing was closed at 9:03 A.M. Roll call vote. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #06-03-24-01 Amending the Fiscal Year 23/24 Budget. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION #06-03-24-01
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 increased expenditures and 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 increased by	\$109,850
PHYSICAL HLTH & SOCIAL SERVICES expenditures increased by	\$27,000
COUNTY ENVIRONMENT expenditures decreased by	\$0
ROADS & TRANSPORTATION expenditures increased by	\$0
GOV'T SERVICES TO RESIDENTS expenditures increased by	\$0
ADMINISTRATION expenditures increased by	\$0
NONPROGRAM expenditures increased by	\$0
CAPITAL PROJECTS expenditures increased by	\$0

DEBT SERVICE expenditures increased by	\$0
	<u>\$136,850</u>
INTERGOVERNMENTAL revenues increased by	\$940,000
LICENSES & PERMITS revenues increased by	\$0
CHARGES FOR SERVICES revenues increased by	\$0
USE OF MONEY & PROPERTY revenues increased by	\$900,000
MISCELLANEOUS revenues increased by	\$30,000
LONG TERM DEBT PROCEEDS increased by	\$0
PROCEEDS OF FIXED ASSET SALES increased by	\$0
	<u>\$1,870,000</u>

PASSED AND APPROVED this 3rd day of June, 2024.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden
Muscatine County Auditor

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

On a motion by Kirchner, second by Chick, the Board approved Resolution #06-03-24-02 Fiscal Year 23/24 Budget Appropriations. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION # 06-03-24-02
FY 2023/24 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS**

WHEREAS, a public hearing has been held pursuant to Section 331.434(6), Code of Iowa, regarding proposed increases 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	0
03 Treasurer	0
04 Attorney	3,000
05 Sheriff	15,850
06 Jail	91,000
07 Recorder	0
20 Engineer	0

22	Conservation Board	0
24	DHS	0
25	Community Services	27,000
28	Medical Examiner	0
30	Court Services	0
31	Board of Health	0
51	General Services	0
52	Information Services	0
53	Zoning	0
60	Mental Health Administration	0
99	Nondepartmental with Transfers	0
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		\$136,850

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 3rd day of June, 2024.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden
Muscatine County Auditor

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

On a motion by Sauer, second by Chick, the Board approved Resolution #06-03-24-03 Transferring funds in the amount of \$20,000, from the County Attorney Fine Collection Fund to the General Basic Fund. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

RESOLUTION # 06-03-24-03
TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY FINE COLLECTION
FUND TO THE GENERAL BASIC FUND

WHEREAS, the Muscatine County Attorney desires to transfer funds determined to be in excess of the amount necessary for use by the County Attorney's Office from the County Attorney Fine Collection Fund to the General Basic Fund; and

WHEREAS, it is desired to authorize the Auditor to transfer those funds from the County Attorney Fine Collection Fund to the General Basic Fund; 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 \$20,000 from the County Attorney Fine Collection Fund to the General Basic Fund.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 3rd day of June, 2024.

ATTEST :

/s/Tibe Vander Linden
Muscatine County Auditor

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

Joshua Leyh of Klingner & Associates reviewed with the Board a Road and Right-of-Way Use Agreement with Legacy Corporation, for use during the Muscatine Island Levee Improvement project. Leyh stated the “Trucks Entering Highway” signage along the haul route at the borrow and at the Feature 2 project, were placed at the project area on Friday, May 31, 2024. Leyh stated a right to access property agreement has been requested with a private landowner, located across the road from River Trading Company on Pettibone Avenue and as once an agreement is signed, the County Engineer Bryan Horesowsky and County Attorney Jim Barry will be contacted to complete a haul agreement for that area of the project. Barry stated the haul road agreement is for Feature 2 (the Louisa County portion of the project) and further stated the agreement is appropriate for projects with excessive traffic, as the agreement is a mechanism to monitor and meet the requirements for traffic. Barry stated Feature 1 will be the project at the road crossing from the borrow pit and directly toward the levee, if that comes to fruition. Barry stated if it does not come to fruition then it will go the regular route down Pettibone Avenue to 41st Street for access. Barry stated the contract was bid with 57th Street being used to Pettibone Avenue and going out around Bayer Corporation, however it was changed to go east to Stewart Road, which increased the distance on 57th Street. Barry stated the contract has a lineal foot number to repair 57th Street toward Pettibone and not toward Stewart Road. Barry stated if the project can cross the road there will be some cost savings in the contract and change order may need to be presented if there are any repairs needed. Barry stated a haul road agreement will be created for Feature 1, which was previously called Phase II. Barry stated Feature 2 of the levee improvement project was previously called Phase III.

On a motion by Mather, second by Chick, the Board affirmed the Chair’s signing of a Road and Right-of-Way Use Agreement with Legacy Corporation, for use during the Muscatine Island Levee Improvement project. Ayes: All.

Leyh updated the Board in regards to the Muscatine Island Levee Improvement project and presented a project schedule.

On a motion by Chick, second by Sauer, the Board approved the purchase of one 2024 Smooth Drum Utility Compactor from Altorfer CAT, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in the amount of \$36,660.00, with

a potential trade of Unit #62-2012 Wacker RD 19-90 Roller, in the amount of \$5,000, for a net amount (if trade is applied) of \$31,660.00. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Bryan Horesowsky updated the Board on secondary road projects.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #06-03-24-04 Suspending the Collection of Taxes. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION #06-03-24-04
SUSPENDING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES**

WHEREAS, notice from the Director of Human Services has been received regarding the eligibility of Teresa Phillips, Muscatine, Iowa, (the ‘recipient’) for medical and facility care; and

WHEREAS, as such recipient of such assistance is deemed to be unable to contribute to the public revenue pursuant to Section 427.9, Code of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, the recipient is the owner of property described as follows:

Address: 201 Ash St, Muscatine, IA 52761
Parcel No: 1302177010
Legal Description: 2-76-2W
Lots 1 & 2 BLK 41

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors:

1. That the County Treasurer is hereby ordered to suspend the collection of all taxes, including special assessments, rates or charges, interest, fees and costs for the current year and those unpaid from prior years. As long as the petitioner is authorized by DHS no interest accrues during suspension but payments can be made.
2. If the parcel is sold, passes by bequest or inheritance to any person other than the spouse or minor child of the petitioner, all taxes and special assessments become due and payable by the next semi-annual installment date. Interest at the rate of 1 ½% per month will start on the next delinquency date after the suspended taxes become due.

Passed and approved this 3rd day of June, 2024.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden
Muscatine County Auditor

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

On a motion by Sauer, second by Kirchner, the Board approved renewal of an Iowa Retail Cigarette/Tobacco/ Nicotine/Vapor Permit for Stewart Road Truck Stop, 2418 Stewart Road, Muscatine, Iowa. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Kirchner, the Board approved the minutes of the May 20, 2024 regular meeting. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

All Supervisors received a call from a resident with questions regarding 3D print houses.

Mather had a discussion with a resident in the Moscow area regarding speed limit signs. Mather contacted County Engineer Bryan Horesowsky.

Sorensen received an email from Chuck Houseman who expressed his discontent with the process of the 245th Street bridge.

Kirchner received a call from Bill Furlong regarding the Visioning meeting for the County Comprehensive Plan held in West Liberty, Iowa, as he did not attend the meeting and requested information on how to submit his issues, suggestions and complaints. Kirchner has talked to Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas to obtain information for Furlong.

Committee Reports:

Kirchner and Sorensen attended a Visioning meeting for the County Comprehensive Plan held in West Liberty, Iowa on May 22, 2024.

Kirchner announced the Muscatine County Fair Board will be hosting harness horse races on Saturday, June 5, 2024 at the Muscatine County Fairgrounds. Kirchner stated it is the 5th year for this event.

Chick attended a Landfill Committee meeting on May 21, 2024.

Chick attended a Bi-State Trails Committee meeting on May 23, 2024.

Chick attended a Greater Muscatine Chamber of Commerce and Industry meeting on May 29, 2024.

Chick attended a Mississippi Valley Workforce Development Finance meeting on May 29, 2024.

Sorensen attended a Robert Young Center Board meeting on May 21, 2024.

Sorensen attended a Bi-State Regional Planning Commission meeting on May 22, 2024.

Mather attended a Community Action of Eastern Iowa meeting on May 23, 2024. Mather stated the Director has submitted a resignation.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, the Board authorized the Chair to execute the FY 24/25 Contract for Specialized Transportation services with River Bend Transit, in the amount of \$7,000.00. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Kirchner, the Board authorized the execution of the Wellmark third party administration documents for FY24/25. Ayes: All.

Administrative Director Nancy Schreiber reviewed the proposed FY24/25 health and dental premiums with the Board. Schreiber stated the current year health insurance costs have had a significant increase. Schreiber stated the proposed premium amounts are an attempt to set costs for adequate funding so the plan is approved by the state as a self-funded plan. Schreiber stated the consultants reviewed and strongly recommended the county remains covered with Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) as a self-funded health plan. In addition, Wellmark BCBS offers deep discounts with their provider agreements. Schreiber reviewed the five proposed plan options and stated there are two additional plan offerings that are an HMO option, which requires using providers within the HMO network and requires a pre-authorization and recommendation from a network physician to see a specialist. Schreiber recommended to remain with the same employee costs for the dental plan. Schreiber stated Wellmark BCBS typically requires a minimum of 10% employee participation per plan or a plan with low participation maybe dropped; however, Wellmark is waiving the requirement for the next two years.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, the Board set the FY24/25 health and dental premiums.
Ayes: All.

On a motion by Chick, second by Sauer, the Board set Action to set the health insurance annual enrollment and dental insurance open enrollment periods for FY24/25 for June 5 –19, 2024.
Ayes: All.

Chick stated the current 28E agreement with the City of Muscatine in regards to the Muscatine County Solid Waste Management Agency is outdated and he had a discussion with Muscatine City Administrator Carol Webb, who stated the City of Muscatine will review and present an updated 28E agreement to the Board.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas updated the Board on the Courthouse Roofing Project stating the scaffolding is being erected around the majority of the building and some of the areas of the courthouse have been taped off and barricaded for walking traffic. Furnas stated the project material lay down area is set at the old jail.

County Auditor Tibe Vander Linden stated the 2024 Primary Election is June 4, 2024. Polls are open 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. Vander Linden stated voters can call the Auditor's office if they need to inquire about the location of their precinct/poll or check on the Iowa Secretary of State website. The final day for early voting is today in the Auditor's office until 4:30 P.M. Vander Linden stated approximately 350 voters have cast an early vote in person or by mail.

Schreiber reminded the Board the Primary Election Canvass will be Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 9:00 A.M.

Mark Temple, 720 Leroy Street, Muscatine, stated his concerns with the 3D house projects in Muscatine. Temple stated he believes there is large amount of funding from the government

thrown into the projects and stated there is zero progress on 3D house projects. Temple stated one of the projects is only partially completed and no one has mowed the lot. Chick stated his understanding is the projects are on hold. Sorensen recommended Temple contact Community Foundation Housing Initiative Manager Ron Monahan with questions and concerns. Temple asked who owns the property of the partially completed 3D project. Sorensen stated the property is owned by Ace Signature Homes, LLC. Sorensen stated the City of Muscatine can be contacted and a nuisance complaint filed if Temple so desires.

The Board recessed at 9:50 A.M. The Board reconvened at 9:57 A.M.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, the Board went into a non-public session at 9:57 A.M. pursuant to Chapter 20.17(3), Code of Iowa, to discuss strategy in union negotiations. Roll call vote: Ayes: All. On a motion by Sauer, second by Chick, the Board returned to open session at 11:04 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 A.M.

ATTEST:

Tibe Vander Linden
County Auditor

Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors