

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, August 26, 2024

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

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

Discussion was held with City of Wilton Mayor Keith Stanley regarding starting an Emergency Management Services (EMS) Countywide. Stanley stated the City of Wilton, for the past two years, are servicing the Wilton area with 8-10 volunteers whom do approximately 80% of the emergency calls. City of Wilton is paying the volunteers a stipend per call. Cedar County has begun services through a countywide surcharge. MEDIC EMS has been servicing the Durant area through Scott County. Mather stated Sorensen is more knowledgeable in this topic and was not present to respond, but confirmed that this topic is being discussed. Kirchner asked if contact has been made with other small towns. Stanley stated that City Administrator of Wilton, Jeff Horne, has drafted a 28E Agreement because legislation is changing. Horne stated the state is pushing for EMS countywide services, and because of this the larger counties in the area are already onboard, which leaves Muscatine County and other small communities to possibly make changes.

Discussion was held with Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission member Lynn Pruitt who updated the board on a survey conducted approximately two years ago. This survey identified two or three homes in Wilton to conduct an intensive survey through their own CLG Grant, which is separate from the county CLG grant. In West Liberty, the potential historic district is North Calhoun Street. Pruitt stated they would like to begin an intensive survey of this area. City of West Liberty has offered a cash match of up to \$5000 towards the funding. Pruitt asked the Board for permission to submit a CLG Grant for the remaining funding of this survey.

On a motion by Chick, second by Sauer, the Board authorized the Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission to apply for a CLG Grant for the Survey of the North Calhoun Street Potential Residential Historic District in West Liberty. Ayes: All.

Pruitt then updated the Board on other surveys.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas reviewed a Special Use Permit approved by the Muscatine County Board of Adjustment on August 9, 2024. Furnas stated Case #24-07-01 is an application filed by JohnPaul Baric, Applicant and Matthew Elam, Record Owner. The affected property is adjacent to 2913 University Drive, Muscatine, Iowa, Parcel #09-19-301-010, in Sweetland Township, in parts of the SW ¼ of Section 19-T77N-R1W, containing approximately 13.38 acres, and is zoned R-1 Residential District. Furnas stated there are two options to access the data center,

one is off of University Drive, the other is a private gravel road off of Solomon Avenue. The request allows the Zoning Administrator to issue a Special Use Permit to allow the applicant to build a data center to be placed on an approximate 3.5-acre portion of Parcel #09-19-301-010 with primary access from Solomon Ave. Easement permission was given by landowner for the use of a gravel road as the primary access to the data center, but during snow emergencies, access off of University Drive can be used as needed.

Furnas reviewed Resolution #08-26-24-01 Approval of the Combined Preliminary and Final Plat of Niemann Acres Subdivision. The property owner, Angela Niemann, submitted an annexation and a severance request, to align a two-lot subdivision located at 2720 Isett Avenue. This would adjust the Muscatine City limits with the boundary between two proposed lots.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Kirchner, the Board approved Resolution #08-26-24-01 Combined Preliminary and Final Plat of Niemann Acres Subdivision. Roll call vote: Ayes: All

**RESOLUTION #08-26-24-01
APPROVAL OF THE COMBINED PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT
OF
NIEMANN ACRES SUBDIVISION**

WHEREAS, there has been presented before the Board of Supervisors of Muscatine County, Iowa, a dedication and plat of the proposed subdivision “Niemann Acres”; and

WHEREAS, said plat has heretofore been approved by the Zoning Commission of Muscatine County, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, said dedication and plat fully conform with all laws of the State of Iowa and all ordinances of Muscatine County, Iowa, applicable thereto; and

WHEREAS, the platting of said subdivision is conducive to orderly development within Muscatine County, Iowa, is not in conflict with any extensions of the established road systems of Muscatine County, Iowa, and is in harmony with the comprehensive plan of zoning now in effect within Muscatine County, Iowa.

WHEREAS, the subdivision of said real estate and the plat thereof were accepted and approved by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors following a public meeting on August 26, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Muscatine County, Iowa, as follows:

- Section 1. The said subdivision is hereby designated as “Niemann Acres Subdivision”, a subdivision in Muscatine County, Iowa, and that the descriptions of lots and parcels of land located therein shall

be according to the number and designation thereof as set forth on said plat.

Section 2. The Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors and the Auditor of Muscatine County, Iowa, are hereby authorized and directed to certify this Resolution in order that the same and all other matters material to said subdivision may be recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Muscatine County, Iowa.

PASSED and APPROVED this 26th day of August, 2024.

ATTEST:

/s/Jane Claussen
First Deputy Auditor

/s/Nathan Mather, Vice Chairperson
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

Conservation Director Katie Hammond updated the Board on the proposed Deep Lakes Park Campground project. The Board discussed reallocating American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds from the Conservation Deep Lakes Park Water and Sewer Connection projects to the Conservation Deep Lakes Park Campground project.

On a motion by Chick, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #08-26-24-02 Reallocating American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds. Roll call vote: Ayes: All

**RESOLUTION # 08-26-24-02
REALLOCATING AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS**

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the 1.9 trillion-dollar American Rescue Plan Act to speed up recovery from the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and,

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan allocated \$8,286,982.00 to Muscatine County and on May 21, 2021 the first half of funds totaling \$4,143,491.00 was received and on June 9, 2022 the second half of the funds totaling \$4,143,491.00 was received and,

WHEREAS, the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors chooses the standard revenue loss allowance of up to \$10,000,000 for government services and,

WHEREAS, the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors allocated \$876,475 to the Conservation Deep Lakes Park Water Connection project and \$614,375 to the Conservation Deep Lakes Park Sewer Connection on September 19, 2023 and wishes to reallocate these funds to the following project:

Conservation Deep Lakes Park Campground in the amount of \$1,490,850

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Muscatine County.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 26th day of August, 2024.

ATTEST:

/s/Jane Claussen
First Deputy Auditor

/s/Nathan Mather, Vice Chairman
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Chick, second by Kirchner, the Board approved the republication of the Muscatine County Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report for January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kirchner, second by Sauer, the Board approved the minutes of the August 19, 2024 regular meeting. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Chick received a call from Ann Brumback about a 7-year-old birthday party that the Sheriff Department and Fire Departments attended. Chick wanted to thank the organizations who attended.

Chick received a call from Steve Crackley in regards to the potential flashing stop signs at Highway 6 in Moscow. Chick suggested he attend the Safety Plan Workshop on October 22, 2024

Kirchner received a call about concerns of grass clippings on roadways. Kirchner contacted County Attorney Jim Barry and County Engineer Bryan Horesowsky and was informed we do not have any resolutions or county ordinances in place at this time.

Committee & Meeting Reports:

Chick attended a Mississippi Valley Workforce Area Board meeting on August 21, 2024.

Chick and Mather attended a Housing Council strategy session with Dr. Jerry Anthony of the University of Iowa on August 23, 2024.

Mather attended a Muscatine County Veterans Affairs Commission Board meeting on August 21, 2024.

Sauer attended Muscatine County Conservation Board meeting on August 19, 2024, and the River Band Transit meeting on August 21, 2024.

On a motion from Kirchner, second by Mather, the Board authorized the Chair to execute a Methamphetamine Drug Hot Spots Grant Program (CAMP) contract increasing the amount \$4,000 and extending the contract to September 30, 2024. Ayes: All.

On a motion from Sauer, second by Kirchner, the Board accepted the August 2024 payroll claims. Ayes: All

County Engineer Bryan Horesowsky updated the Board on secondary road personnel open positions and road projects.

County Auditor Tibe Vander Linden announced August 27, 2024 is the first day to accept absentee ballot request forms through October 21, 2024 for ballots to be mailed. The first day to mail ballots will be October 16, 2024. Vander Linden stated important dates and extended office hours leading up to the General election can be found on the county website. A Special Election for the City of Blue Grass for the City Council to Fill a Vacancy, will be held by Scott County as they are the control county for City of Blue Grass. Muscatine County has less than 125 registered voters in the Blue Grass City District. Scott County will have one polling location at the Blue Grass Public Safety Building. The polling location will be open September 10, 2024 from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. Notice of the City of Blue Grass Election is also on our county website and a sample ballot for this election.

Conservation Director Katie Hammond presented the Board with a FY24 County Conservation Department Annual Report.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Kirchner, the Board went into a non-public session at 9:49 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 Chick, second by Sauer, the Board returned to open session at 10:29 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All

The meeting adjourned at 10:29 A.M.

ATTEST:

Tibe Vander Linden
County Auditor

Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors