

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, September 16, 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.

Sorensen stated Josh Leyh of Klingner & Associates will attend today's meeting to give an update on the Levee Project.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Kirchner, the Board approved claims dated September 16, 2024 in the amount of \$237,231.39. Ayes: All.

Nora Dwyer, Leveraging Activities and Partnerships (LEAP) Program Assistant, gave an informational presentation on the Iowa Obesity Program Leveraging Activities and Partnerships to Address Obesity. Dwyer reviewed the LEAP assessment and strategies to promote healthy eating and active living for county residents. LEAP is in conjunction with six local Extension offices and their partners. Dwyer announced October 2, 2024, has been named Healthiest State Walk Day for Muscatine by City Mayor, Brad Bark. Citizens are encouraged to walk for at least 30 minutes on that day. Dwyer presented an overview handout to the Board members.

On a motion by Chick, second by Mather, the Board approved the purchase of one 2025 Chevy Silverado 1500 Light Duty Truck from Ed Morse, Muscatine, Iowa, with a potential trade of Unit 12 - 2012 Ford 150 truck. Ayes: All.

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

Joshua Leyh of Klingner & Associates updated the Board on the Levee Project. Leyh stated Feature 1 is projected to be completed by the end of October 2024 and Feature 2 is on track for completion by the end of September 2024.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas reviewed a Special Use Permit granted by the Muscatine County Board of adjustment on September 6, 2024. Case #24-09-01, an application has been filed by Manatt's Inc., Applicant and Wendling Quarries, Inc., Record Owner. If approved this request would allow a temporary concrete plant for road construction on the parcel. The affected property is located at 1148 Noble Avenue, Atalissa in Moscow Township, in parts of the NW ¼ of Section 8-T78N-R2W, containing approximately 169.49 acres, and is zoned A-1 Agricultural District. The Board of Adjustment approved this request.

Furnas reviewed Resolution #09-16-24-01 Approval of the Combined Preliminary and Final Plat of Hale Street Addition Subdivision. Furnas stated in addition to the re-plat process, Hale Street will be finished with a cul-de-sac, which will create a proper turn around.

On a motion by Chick, second by Kirchner, the Board approved Resolution #09-16-24-01

Approval of the Combined Preliminary and Final Plat of Hale Street Addition Subdivision. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION #09-16-24-01**  
**APPROVAL OF THE COMBINED PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT OF**  
**HALE STREET ADDITION SUBDIVISION**

WHEREAS, there has been presented before the Board of Supervisors of Muscatine County, Iowa, a dedication and plat of the proposed subdivision “Hale Street Addition Subdivision”; 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 September 16, 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 “Hale Street Addition 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 16th day of September, 2024.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden  
Muscatine County Auditor

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

Furnas updated the Board on the Courthouse Roof Project and other projects. Furnas stated Teracon is expected on September 18, 2024 to conduct anchor testing on the courthouse roof. Furnas stated

there will be a pre-project meeting with a bid tour for jail access panel projects (for better access in existing areas for plumbing) on September 18, 2024. Furnas stated bid documents have been issued for a project to replace the concrete behind the deputy's quarters. Furnas stated the approved jail panel project is delayed as not all materials have been received.

Furnas reviewed the Comprehensive Plan stating the Steering Committee will meet this week to review the draft language document. The Steering Committee will have one to two more meetings and then hold public hearings with the Zoning Committee, in the coming weeks. Furnas stated input from the public has been low however the Steering Committee discussions have been beneficial.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, the Board authorized the Chair to sign a purchase agreement for a property adjacent to Deep Lakes Park, Parcel located at 2570 Pettibone Avenue, Muscatine, Iowa, Parcel #1322300007. Ayes: All.

Chick reviewed CO2 pipelines/ eminent domain concerns with the Board. The Board consensus was to send a letter to the legislators, with a copy to the Utility Board, to state objections to land use with pipelines and eminent domain due to concerns with local control, private for-profit enterprise and the risk the pipeline poses to land.

On a motion by Mather, second by Kirchner, the Board approved the minutes of the September 9, 2024 regular meeting. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Sauer received a call from a resident regarding water testing. The resident was directed to contact the zoning department.

Committee & Meeting Reports:

Kirchner attended a WELEAD Board meeting on September 12, 2024.

Chick attended a Greater Muscatine Chamber of Commerce Economic Development meeting on September 10, 2024.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #09-16-24-02 Abating Taxes on a Parcel Owned by Muscatine County. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION # 09-16-24-02**  
**ABATING TAXES ON A PARCEL OWNED BY MUSCATINE COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Muscatine County holds title to parcel #13-22-300-004 located at 2554 Pettibone Avenue, Muscatine, IA; and

WHEREAS, the property was acquired by Muscatine County on December 29, 2023 and is exempt from property taxation; and

WHEREAS, taxes were prorated and collected from the seller through December 29, 2023 and the remaining amount of taxes owing is \$669.00; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, pursuant to Section 445.63, Code of Iowa, has the authority to abate prior owing taxes on parcels acquired by a political subdivision of the state.

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

1. That the taxes shown as owing against the parcel listed above are hereby abated.
2. That the Muscatine County Treasurer is directed to enter this action upon the appropriate records maintained in the office of the Treasurer.

Passed and approved this 16th day of September, 2024.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden  
Muscatine County Auditor

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

Conservation Director Katie Hammond stated the Conservation Board will meet tonight and be discussing an application for a Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust grant for an improved life support filtration system for the conservation department aquariums. Hammond stated the current system is 20 years old and parts are no longer available. Hammond stated Adam Reisbeck, Muscatine Police Department has contacted her with an interest to hold a Tri-Athlon at Deep Lakes Park on August 2, 2025. Reisback will present the information at the Conservation Board meeting tonight. Hammond stated if the request is approved by the Conservation Board, a committee will need to be formed. Sorensen stated an event like this will showcase Deep Lakes Park. Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber stated if the Conservation Board approves the application for the Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust grant, it is recommended the grant be brought to the Board to affirm the grant, as the funds will flow through the budget.

On a motion by Chick, second by Mather the Board went into a Non-Public session at 10:25 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 Mather, the Board returned to open session at 11:21 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 A.M.

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Jane Claussen  
First Deputy Auditor

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Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors