

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, September 23, 2024

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

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

A Public Hearing was called to order by Chairperson Sorensen at 9:01 A.M. on a proposal to repurpose bond proceeds from construction of a bathroom addition at the Muscatine County Jail to repairs at the Muscatine County Jail and Sheriff's Office. Budget Coordinator Kala Naber stated that \$195,000 was allocated of the \$3,000,000 warranted on July 18, 2023, for the construction of a bathroom addition at the Muscatine County Jail. Since that time, the Muscatine County Facilities Master Plan has been updated. It has been found there is a higher need for repairs in other areas. Items identified are door replacements, access panels, split system conditioning, as well as parking lot and sidewalk repairs at the County Sheriff's office. Sheriff Quinn Riess stated he has been wanting to do repairs to the sidewalks at the Sheriff's office for a couple of years. Naber stated it has been recommended that these funds be repurposed for those repairs instead of the bathroom addition at the County Jail.

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

On a motion by Chick, second by Sauer, the Board approved the Resolution #09-23-24-01 Repurposing Bond Proceeds. Roll call vote. Ayes: All.

RESOLUTION #09-23-24-01

REPURPOSING BOND PROCEEDS

WHEREAS, on July 18, 2023, the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors (the "Board") entered into a \$3,000,000 General Obligation County Purpose Note, Series 2023, of which \$195,000 was allocated to construction of a bathroom addition at the Muscatine County Jail; and

WHEREAS, the Board held a Public Hearing on September 23, 2024 pursuant to Chapter 331, Code of Iowa, to discuss repurposing bond proceeds from construction of a bathroom addition at the Muscatine County Jail to repairs at the Muscatine County Jail and Sheriff's Office and,

WHEREAS, after consideration of all comments at said hearing, the Board determined the bond proceeds would be better utilized if they were repurposed to repairs at the Muscatine County Jail and Sheriff's Office and,

WHEREAS, all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors authorizes repurposing \$195,000 of the Series 2023 General Obligation Bond Proceeds from constructing a

bathroom addition at the Muscatine County Jail to repairs at the Muscatine County Jail and Sheriff's Office.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 23rd day of September, 2024.

ATTEST:

/s/Jane Claussen
First Deputy Auditor

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

Adam Raisbeck from the Muscatine Police Department asked the Board to allow him to move forward on a possible plan for a triathlon in and around Deep Lakes Park on August 2, 2025. Raisbeck stated the proposed event will be held by the local law enforcement, the Greater Muscatine Chamber of Commerce and Industry, USA Triathlon and with local sponsors. Raisbeck will meet with a major sponsor on October 10, 2024. Raisbeck stated with the Board and the sponsor's go ahead, he will make a ten-year commitment to this plan. County Engineer Bryan Horesowsky updated the Board on possible challenges due to scheduled road repairs to Steward Road from the Muscatine city limits to Fruitland Road. Sorensen stated the Board supports the effort and asked that Horesowsky contact the contractors and if there is an issue to come back to the Board to discuss. Raisbeck thanked the Board for their time.

County Engineer Bryan Horesowsky reviewed the request to purchase one 2025 Medium Duty F-550 Truck cab and chassis from Ed Morse Ford of Muscatine, Iowa \$62,245 Courtesy Ford of Davenport, Iowa \$64,994.81. The recommended purchase is from Ed Morse Ford at \$46,745.00 with a potential trade. The F 550 truck will be equipped with a dump style bed. and will be used a great deal, especially during the winter months for chipping and brush cutting.

On a motion by Chick, second by Kirchner, the Board approved the purchase of one 2025 Medium Duty Truck from Ed Morse Ford of Muscatine, Iowa for \$46,745.00, with the potential trade of Unit #26 2009 F-450 Crew Cab. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Chick, the Board approved a utility permit with AT&T Enterprises LLC of Blue Springs, Missouri – relocate 6-2-inch conduit package to back of Right-of-Way (R.O.W.) due to Bridge Replacement project on 120th St., Section 16-T78N, R1E, of the 5th Principal Meridian, Muscatine County, Iowa, tied to project LFM(FU-9-7x-70). Ayes: All.

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

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

On a motion by Sauer, second by Chick, the Board approved the minutes of the September 16, 2024 regular meeting. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

No correspondence reported.

Committee & Meeting Reports:

Kirchner attended a Muscatine County Fair Board Meeting on September 19, 2024.

Chick attended a Business After Hours meeting on September 17, 2024.

Sorensen attended an Emergency Management (EMA) Commission meeting and an Eastern Iowa Mental Health Region meeting on September 16, 2024.

Sorensen also noted that the Governing Board took action to make a three-million-dollar budget adjustment due to budget caps that legislature put on us. The county came in \$1.5 million short last year due to obligations and money already spent. After speaking with Sheriff Quinn Riess and members of the jail staff, one way to spend down the 1.5 million dollars this year, is to eliminate the existing processing inmate and mental health medications and services through electronic bank transfer (ACH) which are reimbursed to the Sheriff's office through the Mental Health Region. This has been discontinued as of last Monday. Sheriff Quinn Riess stated costs were approximately \$7500 per week.

Sauer attended Muscatine County Conservation Board meeting on September 16, 2024.

Sauer attended River Bend Transit Board meeting on September 18, 2024.

Sauer attended Muscatine County Board of Health meeting on September 18, 2024.

General Services Supervisor Oscar Alvarez reviewed the three bids to replace five boilers at Muscatine County Community Services Building. Crawford Company, Rock Island, IL \$45,220; Molina Mechanical, Milan, IL \$41,576 and Wynn Heat & Air, Milan, IL \$38,495. Alvarez stated his recommendation is to go with Crawford Company as they currently have the service contract on the Community Service Building. Alvarez stated he does not have experience with the other two bidders' installations. Alvarez also believes the benefits of choosing Crawford, they can obtain the units quickly and have available storage for the units. Crawford's service contracts in this building are responsible, warranty and after warranty for the function on these two boilers. Chick stated the extra money spent now will eliminate money spent later on warranty and labor services that we may have with the other two companies. Alvarez mentioned we already have two of these units at the Administration Building and one at the Jail, which have required very minimal maintenance. Sorensen stated his concern was are these services were in the service contract. Alvarez stated the current service contracts covers services and not parts. The units will be owned and serviced by Crawford. Administrative Service Director Nancy Schreiber stated that the county accepts the lowest bid unless an exception agreed upon by the Board. County Attorney Jim Barry agrees that the extra money spent now could eliminate multiple service calls with other bidders over time. Chick states that we should make sure those possible additional charges will be covered under the service agreement.

On a motion by Chick, second by Sauer, the Board awarded the contract to Crawford Company, Rock Island, Illinois, in the amount of \$45,220, with the understanding the contract will cover both parts and labor services. Ayes: All.

County Attorney Jim Barry spoke to the Board about two cemetery lots located in Greenwood Cemetery in Muscatine. These plots were previously donated to the county in 2012 by a brother and sister for possible use by the county for indigent persons. Joyce Kopf Andrew would like to buy these plots back to be buried with family. Barry stated he would have advised the county to stay clear of obtaining these plots. Barry stated plots were donated to the county by the family and the county will then donate them back to the family. Administrative Director Nancy Schreiber stated that back when this took place, the county had a General Assistance policy which included a very inexpensive burial. Schreiber also stated that the family offered to pay to buy the plots back at fair market value. Sauer stated that he is in agreement to donate the plots back to the family as long as they are willing to pay for any fees associated with this transaction. Schreiber stated that a public hearing will need to be set. Board consensus was to set a Public Hearing for October 7, 2024.

On a motion by Chick, second by Kirchner, the Board approved the appointment of Jeff Sorensen to the Ports of Eastern Iowa Authority Board of Directors. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Chick, the Board accepted the September 2024 payroll claims. Ayes: All.

County Administrative Director Nancy Schreiber reminded the Board of the flu shots available to county employees at no cost will be October 7th and 9th, 2024. A memo by email will be sent out to all employees.

County Treasurer Amy Zybarth reminded all property and mobile home owners that property taxes are due by next Monday September 30, 2024 by 4:30 P.M., either in the office, by mail, online or the drop box on the front of the Administration Building.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 A.M.

ATTEST:

Tibe Vander Linden
County Auditor

Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors