

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, October 28, 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 October 28, 2024 in the amount of \$424,367.14. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Chick, second by Kirchner, the Board approved the following utility permit: Eastern Iowa Light and Power, Wilton, Iowa – bore 7,200 cable, in inner-duct from an existing transformer on the south side of the road, into private property on the north side. Section T-77-N R1-W, Sweetland Township. Ayes: All.

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

Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas reviewed Change Order #005 stating the supplemental roof batten attachment is to install and secure additional anchor and perimeter battens for wind exposure on the Muscatine County Courthouse Roof Project.

On a motion by Chick, second by Mather, the Board approved Change Order #005 for supplemental roof batten attachment for the Muscatine County Courthouse Roof Project in the amount of \$7,142.93. Ayes: All.

Furnas updated the Board on the Muscatine County Courthouse Roof Project and Sheriff Office Sidewalk Project.

On a motion by Mather, second by Chick, the Board approved Resolution #10-28-24-01 Suspending the Collection of Taxes. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION #10-28-24-01
SUSPENDING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES**

WHEREAS, notice from the Director of Human Services has been received regarding the eligibility of David Fuget, 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: 3076 M & W Ln, Muscatine, IA 52761
Parcel No: 35384
Legal Description: 70AB46018 1985 MAFD 3B FK 2FB 35384 08 Tan, Bro M & W

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 28th day of October, 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 County Recorder's Report of Fees Collected for the quarter ending September 30, 2024 in the amount of \$66,235.40. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Chick, the Board approved Muscatine County Sheriff's Office – Civil Department's Report of Fees Collected for the quarter ending September 30, 2024 in the amount of \$26,299.02. Ayes: All.

Oa motion by Kirchner, second by Sauer, the Board approved the minutes of the October 21, 2024 regular meeting. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Sauer received a call from a resident regarding a real estate parcel and the field entrance. Mather had a discussion with a resident regarding residential building restrictions with a building within the city limits, therefore it was not a county concern.

Sorensen received an email from Colonel Robert Sinkler regarding the Ports of Eastern Iowa.

Sorensen received an email regarding the mental health region.

Sorensen stated he forwarded an email last week on the Muscatine County Jail Inspection Report to all Supervisors. There was no action required by the Board.

Committee & Meeting Reports:

Sorensen, Sauer, Kirchner and Chick attended a County Safety Action Plan Workshop on October 22, 2024.

Sorensen and Chick attended a GMCCI Member Business Forum held at the Merrill Hotel on October 24, 2024.

Sauer and Kirchner attended the County Conservation Deep Lake meeting on October 21, 2024.

Sauer and Kirchner and Chick attended the Muscatine County Fair Board Annual meeting on October 22, 2024.

Sorensen attended an Eastern Iowa Mental Health Region meeting on October 21, 2024.

Sorensen attended a Bi-State Commission meeting on October 23, 2024.

Sauer attended a County Conservation meeting on October 21, 2024.

Mather reported a Community Action of Eastern Iowa meeting was cancelled.

County Auditor Tibe Vander Linden announced as of this morning approximately 5600 voters have cast a ballot with the early voting and mailed ballot process. The Auditor's office hours this week for early voting are Monday through Thursday from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.; Friday open 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. and Saturday open from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Vander Linden reported a Satellite Voting Station was held on Sunday, October 27, 2024 at West Liberty Public Library, 400 North Spencer Street, West Liberty, Iowa, with 296 voters.

Furnas thanked Brandy Harfst, 2nd Deputy/Real Administrator for her work with keeping up with real estate questions and parcel mapping during the busy election season. Furnas stated he attended a meeting with County Engineer Bryan Horesowsky with Muscatine City Engineer and City Planner to discuss the proposed data center on Solomon Avenue, Muscatine and how it may impact county roads and city streets.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 A.M.

ATTEST:

Jane Claussen
1st Deputy Auditor

Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors