

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, November 13, 2024

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met in special session at 9:03 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.

County Auditor Tibe Vander Linden stated the Board needs to draw a winner from the Fulton Township Trustee write in race (race was “vote for two with only one candidate who filed”). Vander Linden stated there are six candidates, each receiving one vote with a scattering of 3 votes for the draw. Chairperson Sorensen drew Tony Brus, Blue Grass, Iowa as the winner of the Fulton Township Trustee (elect two) race. Vander Linden will contact Brus to determine if he will accept the position and file an Affidavit of Candidacy by the deadline.

The Board met as a Board of Canvassers for the General Election held on Tuesday November 5, 2024. The Board of Canvassers certified the following results to be a true and correct abstract of the votes cast in the election:

FOR PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT – 19,752 total votes were cast: Donald J. Trump/J.D. Vance received 11,152 votes, Kamala D. Harris/Tim Walz received 8,212 votes, Chase Oliver/Mike ter Maat received 87 votes, Claudia De la Cruz/Karina Garcia received 26 votes, William P. Stodden/Stephanie J. Cholensky received 8 votes, Robert F. Kennedy, Jr./Nicole Shanahan received 204 votes, Shiva Ayyadural/Crystal Ellis received 6 votes, and there was a scattering of 57 votes.

FOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE-DISTRICT 1 – 19,308 total votes were cast: Mariannette Miller-Meeks received 10,137 votes, Christina Bohannon received 9,129 votes, and there was a scattering of 42 votes.

FOR STATE SENATOR-DISTRICT 48 – 16,256 total votes were cast: Mark S. Lofgren received 9,627 votes, John Dabeet received 6,617 votes, and there was a scattering of 12 votes.

FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE-DISTRICT 82 – 3,121 total votes were cast: Bobby Kaufmann received 1,611 votes, Phil Wiese received 1508 votes, and there was a scattering of 2 votes.

FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE-DISTRICT 95 – 2,172 total votes were cast: Taylor Collins received 1,536 votes, Jeff Poulter received 634 votes and there was a scattering of 2 votes.

FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE-DISTRICT 96 – 13,739 total votes were cast: Mark Cisneros received 8,071 votes, Mandy Moody received 5,649 and there was a scattering of 19 votes.

FOR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS-DISTRICT 3 – 18,105 total votes were cast: Scott Sauer received 11,105 votes, Kim Schneider received 6,946 votes, and there was a scattering of 54 votes. Scott Sauer was elected.

FOR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS-DISTRICT 4 – 15,180 total votes were cast: Nathan Mather received 14,817 votes and there was a scattering of 363 votes. Nathan Mather was elected.

FOR COUNTY AUDITOR – 15,821 total votes were cast: Tibe Vander Linden received 15,566 votes and there was a scattering of 255 votes. Tibe Vander Linden was elected.

FOR COUNTY SHERIFF – 15,681 total votes were cast: Quinn D. Riess received 15,340 votes and there was a scattering of 341 votes. Quinn D. Riess was elected.

FOR SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSIONER (FOUR YEAR TERM) (ELECT THREE) – 33,528 total votes were cast: Kurt Van Nice received 10,388 votes, Scott Eichelberger received 12,294 votes, Stacy Hansen received 10,685 votes and there was a scattering of 161 votes. Kurt Van Nice, Stacy Hansen and Scott Eichelberger were elected.

FOR AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION COUNCIL MEMBER (FOUR YEAR TERM) (ELECT FOUR) – 41,954 total votes were cast: Betty Collins received 11,355 votes, Camille Maurer received 10,329 votes, Chelsea Theobald received 10,654, Daleta Thurness received 9,451 votes, and there was a scattering of 165 votes. Betty Collins, Camille Maurer, Chelsea Theobald and Daleta Thurness were elected.

FOR AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION COUNCIL MEMBER (UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026) – 13,794 total votes were cast: Consuelo Casillas received 13,684 votes and there was a scattering of 110 votes. Consuelo Casillas was elected.

FOR BLOOMINGTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE – 1,159 total votes were cast: John R. Flake received 1,148 votes and there was a scattering of 11 votes. John R, Flake was elected.

FOR CEDAR TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE - 124 total votes were cast: Bob Sywassink received 124 votes and there was no scattering. Bob Sywassink was elected.

FOR FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE (ELECT TWO) - 519 total votes were cast: Mark Yerington received 253 votes, Donald Briggs received 257 votes and there was a scattering of 9 votes. Mark Yerington and Donald Briggs were elected.

FOR FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE (UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026) - 324 total votes were cast: Kerry Keller received 321 vote and there was a scattering of 3 votes. Mary Ann Bard was elected.

FOR FULTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE (ELECT TWO) – 245 total votes were cast: Dennis N. Price received 236 votes, Tony Brus received 1 vote and there was a scattering of 8 votes. Dennis N. Price and Tony Brus were elected.

FOR GOSHEN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE - 28 total votes were cast: Mike Smock received 9 votes and there was a scattering of 19 votes. Mike Smock was elected.

FOR LAKE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE (ELECT TWO) - 377 total votes were cast: Donald Eichelberger received 226 votes, Clarence Finchum received 149 votes and there was a scattering of 2 votes. Donald G. Eichelberger and Clarence Finchum were elected.

FOR MONTPELIER TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE - 423 total votes were cast: Maurice Strong received 412 votes and there was a scattering of 11 votes. Maurice Strong was elected.

FOR MOSCOW TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE - 350 total votes were cast: Robert L. Beatty received 345 votes and there was a scattering of 5 votes. Robert Beatty was elected.

FOR MOSCOW TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE (UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026) - 336 total votes were cast: John H. Brown received 334 votes and there was a scattering of 2 votes. John H. Brown was elected.

FOR ORONO TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE - 57 total votes were cast: Jerry Murphy received 54 votes and there was a scattering of 3 votes. Jerry Murphy was elected.

FOR ORONO TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE (UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026) - 58 total votes were cast: Terry Westaway received 57 votes and there was a scattering of 1 vote. Terry Westaway was elected.

FOR PIKE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE - 209 total votes were cast: Andy Carter received 209 votes, and there was no scattering. Andy Carter was elected.

FOR SEVENTY-SIX TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE – 203 total votes were cast: Scott Eichelberger received 202 votes and there was a scattering of 1 vote. Scott Eichelberger was elected.

FOR SEVENTY-SIX TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE (UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026) – 190 total votes were cast: Matt Guldenpfennig received 189 votes and there was a scattering of 1 vote. Matt Guldenpfennig was elected.

FOR SWEETLAND TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE (ELECT TWO) – 1,279 total votes were cast: Richard Leach received 640 votes, Jody Connor received 635 votes, and there was a scattering of 4 votes. Richard Leach and Jody Connor were elected.

FOR WAPSINONOC TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE - 458 total votes were cast: Brent P. Daufeldt received 453 votes and there was a scattering of 5 votes. Brent P. Daufeldt was elected.

FOR WILTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE (ELECT TWO) - 307 total votes were cast: Brad Longlett received 139 votes, Trent Barrett received 167 votes and there was a scattering of 1 vote. Brad Longlett and Trent Barrett were elected.

FOR THE RETENTION OF JUDGES (SUPREME COURT):
David May received 10,492 affirmative votes and 5,224 negative votes.

FOR THE RETENTION OF JUDGES (COURT OF APPEALS):

Mary Elizabeth Chicchelly received 10,579 affirmative votes and 4,351 negative votes.
Samuel Langholz received 9,927 affirmative votes and 4,768 negative votes.
Mary Ellen Tabor received 10,757 affirmative votes and 4,063 negative votes.
Tyler J. Buller received 10,270 affirmative votes and 4,414 negative votes.

FOR THE RETENTION OF JUDGES (SEVENTH DISTRICT COURT):

Thomas Reidel received 11,804 affirmative votes and 3,722 negative votes.

FOR THE RETENTION OF JUDGES (SEVENTH DISTRICT ASSOCIATE COURT):

Gary Patrick Strausser received 10,999 affirmative votes and 4,047 negative votes.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 1: Summary: Provides for only U.S. citizens aged 18 or older and meeting state and county residency requirements to vote in all elections. Further provides that 17-year-olds who will be 18 years old by the General Election are eligible to vote in the primary election, subject to the same citizenship and residency requirements. Received 13,980 affirmative votes and 3,673 negative votes.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 2: Summary: Provides that the lieutenant governor will act as the governor if there is a temporary disability of the governor. Further provides that the lieutenant governor or lieutenant governor-elect will be the governor or governor-elect in the case of the resignation, death, or permanent disability of the governor or governor-elect thus creating a vacancy in the office of lieutenant governor or lieutenant governor-elect, as appropriate. Received 14,290 affirmative votes and 3,106 negative votes.

FOR LOUISA-MUSCATINE SCHOOL PUBLIC MEASURE QD: Shall the Board of Directors of the Louisa-Muscatine Community School District in the Counties of Louisa and Muscatine, State of Iowa, be authorized to contract indebtedness and issue General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$8,895,000 to provide funds to build, furnish, and equip an addition to the junior/senior high school building for a competition gymnasium, including locker rooms and related spaces? There were 697 affirmative votes and 419 negative votes. There were 70 undervotes.

Mike Van Sickle, 15817 L Avenue, Letts, Iowa, spoke to the Board. Van Sickle stated he is the Louisa-Muscatine School District Superintendent. Van Sickle expressed his concern with calls he received from a few voters who believe they may have received the wrong ballot style when voting at Musserville Methodist Church polling location (statements were made after casting their ballot). The Board held discussion on the election process and the how the Declaration of Eligibility (DOE) forms signed by each voter on election day (and early voting) is the process for issuing the correct ballot when voting. Van Sickle stated he aware of a voter at Fruitland Community Center who was issued an incorrect ballot, however he alerted an election official and spoiled the ballot and was then issued a correct ballot. Sorensen stated he has spoken with Vander Linden and the audit of

the election day ballot totals confirm the ballots for each location with Louisa-Muscatine Public Measure QD, balance in accordance with what was issued to each polls, voted on election day and returned to the Auditor's office after the polls closed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 A.M.

ATTEST:

Tibe Vander Linden
County Auditor

Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors