

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, December 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.

On a motion by Chick, second by Kirchner, the Board authorized the Chair to execute a Methamphetamine Drug Hot Spots Grant Program (CAMP) contract increasing the amount \$1,500 and extending the contract to December, 31 2024, presented by Sheriff Quinn Riess. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Mather, the Board authorized the Chair to sign a Statement of Election Costs for the November 5, 2024 Louisa-Muscatine Community School District Election for Public Measure QD, in the amount of \$2,807.35. Ayes: All.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas reviewed an application filed by Ryan and Christine Oberman, Record Owners, requesting approval of the combined preliminary/final plat of the one lot, A-1 Agricultural subdivision, MTM2024 Subdivision. The proposed subdivision would be located at 1493 195<sup>th</sup> Street, West Liberty, in Pike Township, in the NW1/4 of Section 24-T77N-R4W, and would contain approximately 12.46 acres. The Muscatine County Zoning Commission approved the request on December 6, 2024, as the Commission found that the lot would meet the required lot size of the A-1 Agricultural District and the property will remain zoned A-1 Agricultural District and development would be restricted to the A-1 District ordinance provisions.

On a motion by Chick, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #12-16-24-01 Approval of the Combined Preliminary and Final Plat of MTM2024 Subdivision. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION #12-16-24-01**  
**APPROVAL OF THE COMBINED PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT OF**  
**MTM2024 SUBDIVISION**

WHEREAS, there has been presented before the Board of Supervisors of Muscatine County, Iowa, a dedication and plat of the proposed subdivision “MTM2024 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; and

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 December 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 “MTM2024”, 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 December, 2024.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden  
Muscatine County Auditor

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

Furnas reviewed an application filed by Gary and Mary Whitacre, Record Owners, requesting approval of the combined preliminary/final plat of the one lot, R-1 Residential subdivision, Outlot A” Arrowhead Prairie – Part Two. The proposed outlot would be located to the east of Bluestem Road, in Seventy-Six Township, in the NE ¼ of Section 1-T76N-R3W, and would contain approximately 2.25 acres. The Muscatine County Zoning Commission approved the request on December 6, 2024, as the Commission found that the proposed outlot consists of a wooded ravine and as an outlot would be a “non” buildable lot.

On a motion by Chick, second by Kirchner, the Board approved Resolution #12-16-24-02 Approval of the Combined Preliminary and Final Plat of Outlot “A” Arrowhead Prairie – Part Two Subdivision. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION #12-16-24-02**  
**APPROVAL OF THE COMBINED PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT OF**  
**OUTLOT “A” ARROWHEAD PRAIRIE – PART TWO SUBDIVISION**

WHEREAS, there has been presented before the Board of Supervisors of Muscatine County, Iowa, a dedication and plat of the proposed subdivision “Outlot “A” Arrowhead Prairie – Part Two 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; and

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 December 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 “Outlot “A” Arrowhead Prairie – Part Two 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.

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Furnas updated the Board on the Courthouse Roof project and stated the Muscatine County Jail exterior panel project is on hold as not all the supplies have not arrived.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Chick, the Board approved the minutes of the December 9, 2024. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Sorensen, Sauer and Mather received a call from a resident with questions regarding solar projects in Muscatine County.

Sorensen received an announcement on December 11, 2024 from Iowa Department of Health and Human Services regarding the selection of one entity as the statewide ASO (Administrative Service Organization) as Iowa Primary Care Association.

Sorensen received a call on December 13, 2024 from Robert Young Center indicating

they will be sending a letter to terminate their contract with the mental health region. The governing board will meet this week to discuss this.

Chick asked County Attorney Jim Barry the status of the 28E Agreement with the City of Muscatine landfill. Barry stated an email was sent to Chick over a month ago with a comprehensive list to review.

Kirchner received an email from a resident regarding solar project in the county.

#### Committee & Meeting Reports:

All Supervisors attended a Conference Board meeting on December 11, 2024.

Sorensen attended a Ports of Eastern Iowa Board meeting on December 11, 2024.

Sauer and Kirchner attended a Public Hearing for the Muscatine County Comprehensive Plan on December 12, 2024. A quorum was not present for the public hearing.

Furnas announced a Public Hearing for the Muscatine County Comprehensive Plan has been rescheduled for January 3, 2025 at 10:30 A.M. in the board room.

County Attorney Jim Barry stated the full payment has been received from Muscatine-Louisa Drainage District #13 for the pump repair project and the stamped warrant needs to be cancelled.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, the Board approved receipt of payment and cancelling stamp warrants issued to Muscatine-Louisa Drainage District #13. Ayes: All.

On a motion by motion by Mather, second by Sauer, the Board authorized the Chair to sign the Certification Statement for the Muscatine County FY2324 Cost Allocation Plan (available for review in the Administration Office). Ayes: All.

Mather questioned if the county is reimbursed for the cost of the recount of the U.S. Representative District 1 as he has heard reports that the State bears the cost. Vander Linden stated the county tax payer bears the cost when the margin of votes is under 1% of the race called to be recounted. Sorensen recommended the county recount incurred costs should be reviewed by legislators.

On a motion by Chick, second by Kirchner, the Board approved to execute a revised Employer of Record Contract with the Mississippi Valley Workforce Development Board to add a Fiscal Agent position. Ayes: All.

Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber reviewed legislation that dissolved county compensation boards effective July 1, 2024. Schreiber stated the Board must decide whether they want to utilize a compensation board or take on the duties and responsibilities themselves. The Board consensus was to take no action to establish a county compensation board and transfer the duties and responsibilities to the board of supervisors as contained in Iowa Code 331.905.

Discussion was held with the Board regarding the contract for services of a labor law attorney. Schreiber and Barry recommend the services be contracted with Lynch Dallas, P.C. Schreiber stated their attorney fees are lower and travel time from Cedar Rapids is shorter than the current agreement with Ahlers Cooney of Des Moines, Iowa.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, the Board approved a contract for services of a labor law attorney between Lynch Dallas, P.C. and Muscatine County, Iowa beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025. Ayes: All.

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

County Treasurer Amy Zybarth updated the Board regarding HF674, effective January 1, 2025 is related to registering and titling a vehicle at any county treasurer's office, rather than being limited to the county of the owner's residence or a contiguous county. The additional fees for a vehicle title, lien and new registration cost will be \$10 for each service with that county's plates to be issued (with permission signed by the owner). The county will gain the additional fees but increased traffic to the Treasurer's office is anticipated. Zybarth stated there will be an upcoming budget amendment for the January 1 to June 30, 2025 due to the legislation changes. Zybarth stated she has been in contact with General Services to review a possible remodel of the current handicap window to improve the work station, as there may be increased traffic for the department. Schreiber stated the Treasurer's department proposed FT25/26 budget reflects an additional employee for the Board to review.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 A.M.

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Jane Claussen  
1<sup>st</sup> Deputy Auditor

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Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors