

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, January 2, 2025

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met in special session at 9:00 A.M. with Chick, Kirchner, Mather, Sauer and Sorensen present. Muscatine County Auditor Tibe Vander Linden called the meeting to order. Vander Linden conducted nominations for Board Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, Mather was elected Chairperson and Chick was elected Vice-Chairperson. Ayes: All. Chairperson Mather presided over the remainder of the meeting.

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

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, the Board approved Resolution #01-02-25-01 Authorizing the County Engineer to Sign for and Collect Disaster Relief Funds. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

RESOLUTION #01-02-25-01
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ENGINEER TO SIGN FOR AND
COLLECT FEDERAL DISASTER RELIEF FUNDS

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize the County Engineer for Muscatine County, Bryan J. Horesowsky, to sign for and collect Federal Disaster Relief funds on behalf of Muscatine County for any secondary road or bridge damage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 2nd day of January, 2025.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden
Muscatine County Auditor

/s/Nathan Mather, Chairperson
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #01-02-25-02 Authorizing the County Engineer to Execute Certification of Completion and Final Acceptance on Farm-to-Market Construction Projects. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

RESOLUTION #01-02-25-02
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ENGINEER TO EXECUTE
CERTIFICATION OF COMPLETION AND FINAL ACCEPTANCE ON FARM-TO-
MARKET CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Be it resolved by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors that Bryan J. Horesowsky, the County Engineer of Muscatine County, Iowa, is hereby designated, authorized and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of said County to execute the certification of completion of work and final acceptance thereof in accordance with plans and specifications therefore in connection with all Farm to Market construction projects in this county.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 2nd day of January, 2025.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden
Muscatine County Auditor

/s/Nathan Mather, Chairperson
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, the Board approved Resolution #01-02-25-03 Authorizing the County Engineer to Close Secondary Roads in Emergency Situations. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

RESOLUTION #01-02-25-03

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ENGINEER TO CLOSE SECONDARY ROADS IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

Be it resolved by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors that Bryan J. Horesowsky, the County Engineer for Muscatine County, Iowa, is hereby authorized to close secondary roads or portions thereof in emergency situations to safeguard the traveling public. Such road closures shall be confirmed by the Board of Supervisors at its next regular meeting.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 2nd day of January, 2025.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden
Muscatine County Auditor

/s/Nathan Mather, Chairperson
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #01-02-25-04 Authorizing the County Sheriff to Close Secondary Roads in Emergency Situations. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

RESOLUTION #01-02-25-04

AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY SHERIFF TO CLOSE SECONDARY ROADS IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

Be it resolved by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors that the Muscatine County Sheriff is hereby authorized to close secondary roads or portions thereof in Muscatine County in emergency situations to safeguard the traveling public. Such road closures shall be confirmed by the Board of Supervisors at its next regular meeting.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 2nd day of January, 2025.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden
Muscatine County Auditor

/s/Nathan Mather, Chairperson
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, the Board approved Resolution #01-02-25-05 Construction Evaluation Resolution. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION #01-02-25-05
CONSTRUCTION EVALUATION RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Iowa Code section 459.304(3) (2003), sets out the procedure if a Board of Supervisors wishes to adopt a “construction evaluation resolution” relating to the construction of a confinement feeding operation structure; and

WHEREAS, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution can submit to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) an adopted recommendation to approve or disapprove a construction permit application regarding a proposed confinement feeding operation structure; and

WHEREAS, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution and submitted an adopted recommendation may contest the DNR’s decision regarding a specific application; and

WHEREAS, by adopting a construction evaluation resolution, the Board of Supervisors agrees to evaluate every construction permit application for a proposed confinement feeding operation structure received by the Board of Supervisors between February 1, 2025 and January 31, 2026 and submit an adopted recommendation regarding that application to the DNR; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors must conduct an evaluation of every construction permit application using the master matrix created in Iowa Code section 459.305, but the Board’s recommendation to the DNR may be based on the final score on the master matrix or may be based on reasons other than the final score on the master matrix.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUSCATINE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS to hereby adopt this construction evaluation resolution pursuant to Iowa Code section 459.304(3).

PASSED AND APPROVED this 2nd day of January, 2025.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden
Muscatine County Auditor

/s/Nathan Mather, Chairperson
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #01-02-25-06 Designating Official Newspapers In and For Muscatine County for 2025. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

RESOLUTION #01-02-25-06
RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS IN AND FOR MUSCATINE
COUNTY FOR 2025

Be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Muscatine County, Iowa that in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 349 of the Code of Iowa, the following newspapers be designated official newspapers in and for Muscatine County for 2025:

Muscatine Journal
Wilton-Durant Advocate News
West Liberty Index

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ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden
Muscatine County Auditor

/s/Nathan Mather, Chairperson
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Kirchner, second by Sauer, the Board approved the minutes of the December 30, 2024 regular meeting. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Sauer received a phone call from a resident regarding an issue with a Class B Road. Sauer will contact County Engineer Bryan Horesowsky.

Mather had a discussion with a resident regarding an issue with a Class B Road. Mather contacted Horesowsky.

Committee Reports and Meetings:

No meetings were reported.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Chick, the Board set 2025 regular meeting dates for Mondays at 9:00 A.M. Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed Board of Supervisors appointments to Boards and Commissions for 2025. The Board will take action on the 2025 assignments at the next regular Board meeting.

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

Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas announced the Iowa Geological Survey is providing free water chemistry tests for private wells within a few miles of the Cedar River in Muscatine County. If residents are interested, they should contact the County Planning and Zoning Department.

Conservation Director Katie Hammond reported on the Deep Lake Campground Project stating the Conservation Board signed a notice of award with Triple B Construction, Wilton, Iowa. The Board approved the concrete cost rather than the asphalt. The total cost of the project for the septic system, electrical and water to shower house is \$940,162.50. Hammond stated a meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2025, to sign the contract. Furnas questioned who will be the oversight for the road base preparation/road project as his department does not have the knowledge and equipment for this type of testing. Hammond stated Triple B Construction will be conducting inspections throughout the project and County Engineer Bryan Horesowsky will be involved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 A.M.

ATTEST:

Tibe Vander Linden
County Auditor

Nathan Mather, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors