

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, January 27, 2025

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

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

Muscatine County Fair Manager Kelsey Meyers reviewed a letter of support for the Muscatine County Fair Board application to obtain funding for the new event center. Meyers stated the Fair Board is in the process of applying for a CAT grant as over \$1,000,000 has been raised. The grant requires five letters of support and at this time, the City of Muscatine has signed a letter of support.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Chick, the Board authorized the Chair to sign a letter of support for the Muscatine County Fair Board application to obtain funding for the new event center, with. Ayes: All.

The Board canvassed the Muscatine Levee District 17 Election held on January 18, 2025. Results were as follows: For the office of Trustee for the three-year term beginning January 25, 2025 – 3 votes were cast. Keith Barnhart received 3 votes. Keith Barnhart was elected.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner the Board approved for publication the Muscatine County Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report for the period July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kirchner, second by Sauer the Board approved the minutes of the January 20, 2025 regular meeting and January 21, 2025 special meeting. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

All Supervisors received an email invitation to an affordable housing energy event on February 5, 2025.

Committee and Meeting Reports:

Chick and Sorensen attended a Bi-State Regional Planning Commission meeting on January 22, 2025.

Sorensen attended a Muscatine County Emergency Management Commission meeting on January 20, 2025.

Sorensen attended a City of Muscatine Public Hearing electronically on updating their Comprehensive Plan

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer the Board approved to sign a contract in the amount of \$8,615.00 with Raynor Door of Davenport, Iowa, for repairs to the Treasurer's Office handicap accessible window. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Chick, second by Sorensen, the Board accepted the January 2025 payroll claims.  
Ayes: All.

Chick asked for an update on the 245<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge. County Attorney Jim Barry stated he has received revisions to the release of a settlement agreement and will respond to inquire if a meeting should be called regarding a few changes in the agreement.

John Elshoff, 106 Lord Avenue, Muscatine, announced he is now a certified yoga instructor with a nationally known group called Veterans Yoga Project. The certification is now a medically accepted method of treatment for veterans and first responders for symptoms of PTSD and trauma. Elshoff stated he is in the stages of finalizing a location in Muscatine. Elshoff stated the yoga classes will be open to participants for free and he is working with the VA clinic in Iowa City for referrals so that local veterans will not have to travel outside Muscatine.

The Board recessed at 9:16 A.M. and reconvened at 9:24 A.M.

The Board reviewed reports presented by Budget Administrator Kala Naber and Administrative Services Director Nancy Schreiber (who attended electronically), showing a proposed salary report with two wage increase steps instead of four steps for employees who were part of the salary study. The Board reviewed revised wage increase percentages for elected officials and the salary administration program and reviewed General Fund summaries, General Supplemental Fund report, levy rate options, salary administration salary program and the budgeted vs. actual expenditures/revenues over the past several years. Mather noted the county jail does not make money housing federal prisoners but it does help defray the operation costs.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:18 A.M.

ATTEST:

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

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Nathan Mather, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors