

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, March 24, 2025

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

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

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #03-24-25-01 Suspending the Collection of Taxes. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION #03-24-25-01
SUSPENDING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES**

WHEREAS, notice from the Director of Human Services has been received regarding the eligibility of Alexis Anaya c/o Maggie Anaya and Georgina Munoz, Conesville, 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: 514 Burlington St, Conesville, IA 52739
Parcel No: 1117302026
Legal Description: 17-76-4W N 307' Lot 4 Singleton's SD W ½ SW ¼

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 24th day of March, 2025.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden
Muscatine County Auditor

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

On a motion by Chick, second by Kirchner, the Board approved a new ownership application for a Special Class C Retail Native Wine License and Outdoor Service Permit for Glasson Wines LLC dba Ardon Creek Vineyard and Winery 2399 Independence Avenue, Letts, Iowa 52754. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved the minutes of the March 17, 2025, regular meeting. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Sauer received two calls from citizens regarding solar power. Sauer stated one caller stated they were in favor of solar power and the other caller was against it.

Sorensen received two calls from citizens. Sorensen stated one call was regarding solar power and the other call concerned another topic.

Sorensen received several correspondences regarding the disability service access points for conservator and guardianships in regards to the ASO with the Eastern Iowa Mental Health Region.

Mather and Kirchner received a call from a citizen regarding solar power.

Mather received photographs from Lynn Pruitt from the Historic Bridge Foundation.

Mather received information regarding the West Liberty Library Annual Meeting.

Chick received a call from Diane Glenney on solar power.

Chick received an email from Jim Simons regarding a property. Chick spoke to County Development Director Eric Furnas regarding the property.

Committee & Meeting Reports:

Chick and Kirchner attended the Muscatine County Fair Event Center ground-breaking Ceremony on March 19, 2025.

Sorensen attended an Eastern Iowa Mental Health Region meeting on March 17, 2025.

Sauer attended the County Conservation Board meeting on March 17, 2025.

Sauer attended the River Bend Transit Board of Directors meeting on March 19, 2025.

Sauer attended the Muscatine County Board of Health on March 19, 2025.

Chick questioned if the pumps to the Drainage District #13 pumping station were delivered. Emergency Management Director Chris Jasper stated the pumps are being delivered today and are expected to be welded in place tomorrow.

Jasper stated today starts Iowa Severe Weather Awareness Week. Jasper stated the Iowa state-wide tornado drill will occur on Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 10:00 A.M., which Muscatine will participate in to set off the outdoor sirens. Jasper stated the regular monthly siren tests will start in April and run through October. Jasper reviewed the county burn ban process stating the fire chiefs throughout the county determine when the ban is placed and when it is lifted. Jasper stated the policy will be reviewed. The county burn ban is still in place as there are 40-45 mile per hour winds expected today.

County Attorney Jim Barry updated the Board regarding the group representing the county on litigation on opioids has stated the law suits for manufacturers, pharmacies and chain stores are through the process and they are now working on the pharmacy benefit managers. The proposal

is to eliminate anyone from the class for purposes of the lawsuit who is less than 50,000 in population, which will be Muscatine County. If there are any funds received then Muscatine County will still participate with the distribution of the funds. Barry recommended to proceed with the council's litigation strategy and reasoning based on what has happened in the federal court system to date. The Board consensus was to proceed with the recommendation.

The Board recessed at 9:10 A.M. and reconvened at 9:15 A.M.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer. The Board went into closed session at 9:16 A.M. (at employee's request) pursuant to Chapter 21.5.1 (i), Code of Iowa, for performance evaluation. Roll call vote: Ayes: All. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board returned to open session at 9:39 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 A.M.

ATTEST:

Tibe Vander Linden
County Auditor

Nathan Mather, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors