

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, June 23, 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.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Chick, the Board approved claims dated June 23, 2025 in the amount of \$2,093,995.00. Ayes: All.

County Engineer, Bryan Horesowsky, presented the bid letting results for Project LFM-FR6-7X-70, a PCC Pavement Grade and Replace Project on Stewart Rd (X61) from Fruitland Rd (G38) north to Muscatine City Limits. Horesowsky opened the seven bids in the order that they were received and are as read as follows: Centennial Contractors of the Quad Cities Inc., Moline, Illinois - \$8,091,623.70, Metro Pavers of Iowa City, Iowa - \$5,354,417.35, Jones Contracting Corp. of West Point, Iowa - \$5,469,777.00, Brandt Construction, Milan, Illinois - \$7,093,759.06, Heuer Construction Inc., Muscatine, Iowa - \$5,501,772.42, Peterson Contractors Inc., Reinbeck, Iowa - \$5,678,448.72 and Boomerang Corp., Anamosa, Iowa - \$5,775,784.70. Horesowsky stated the as read low bid was Metro Pavers of Iowa City at \$5,354,417.35. Horesowsky thanked everyone that took the time to bid on this project. Horesowsky stated the bids received will be reviewed for accuracy. Once the bids are reviewed, all bidders will receive a bid tab.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Chick, the Board approved a utility permit with Eastern Iowa Light & Power, Wilton, Iowa at 1992 Vanatta Avenue. Intent to bore 7,200V cable and 2" inner-duct from an existing pole on the east side of road to west side onto private property. This allows the removal of overhead wiring. Sweetland Township, Section 19, T77N, R1E. Ayes: All.

County Community Development Director Eric Furnas reviewed the change order for the Muscatine Courthouse Roof Replacement with Renaissance Roofing. Furnas stated this is the final change order and pulls together a lot of the gutter framing and decking repairs on the north and south dormers. Furnas reviewed the project and stated that the total change order repairs were approximately \$87,000 which is about 3.5% over the projected \$2.8 million for this project.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved Change Order #8 with Renaissance Roofing in the amount of \$9,265.03 for the Muscatine Courthouse Roof Replacement Project. Ayes: All.

Furnas updated the Board stating Mike Nolan is working on the final bid packet for the Community Services Project. Furnas stated the Jail Panel Project is on schedule. Sidewalk and Parking Lot Projects are on hold awaiting Brad Roeth of Watersmith Engineering to review both parking lots of the Administration Building and the 4th Street sidewalk across from the Courthouse, the Walnut Street sidewalk in front of the Jail and the Jail parking lot. Furnas has requested that Roeth prepare bid documents to go out for bids on the 4th Street and the Walnut Street Concrete Replacement Projects.

County Community Services Director Jessica Bopes stated that the County currently has a 28E Agreement with the Eastern Iowa Mental Health/Disability Services Region (MHDS) and Greg Burnett, an employee of Scott County, has previously served as our Mental Health Advocate. The Mental Health Region is ending June 30, 2025, and per Code Section 229.19, it is a requirement that the County has an Advocate in place. Bopes and County Attorney Jim Barry agreed we should keep Burnett as the advocate for Muscatine County.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Chick, the Board approved Resolution #06-23-25-01 Adopting the Mental Health Advocate Services 28E Agreement. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

RESOLUTION #06-23-25-01
ADOPTING THE MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCATE SERVICES 28E
AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, Cedar, Clinton, Jackson, and Scott Counties are seeking to enter into an Agreement to include Muscatine County regarding Mental Health Advocate Services pursuant to statutory authority under Chapter 28E of the Code of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, Scott County will serve as the Employer of Record for a full-time Mental Health Advocate and will request reimbursement for these expenses from the BH-ASO; and

WHEREAS, if Scott County is not reimbursed 100% from the BH-ASO, Scott County will seek reimbursement from the other member counties based on a percentage of cases in each county. The percentage of cases for each county will be reevaluated every six months. Each county agrees to reimburse Scott County within thirty (30) days of receipt of such billing

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors that formal action has been taken to adopt the Mental Health Advocate Services 28E Agreement.

Passed and approved this 23rd day of June, 2025.

ATTEST:

/s/Jane Claussen
First Deputy Auditor

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

County Community Services Director Jessica Bopes stated the current contract for shelter services is with Muscatine Center for Social Action (MCSA). The current contract is paid on a base rate and a tier system to pay for county residents. The current system is complex and requires a lot of tracking by both the County and MCSA. Bopes also stated in the new proposed

contract the case management portion of the prior contract would be omitted. Bopes states under the new contract the proposal is to pay the base rate of \$15/a day per county resident and not require the tier anymore, and to decrease payment for county residents from 90 days per rolling calendar year, to \$15 for 60 days or a lifetime. Bopes asked the Board to consider what defines a county resident. The Board agreed on the \$15 a day for 60 days per the client's lifetime, and a resident is considered a county resident after 30 days. Sorensen recommended that we leave the budget as is and reevaluate next year.

On a motion by Chick, second by Sorensen, the Board authorized the Community Services Director to execute the FY25/26 Muscatine Center for Social Action (MCSA) contract for shelter services in an amount not to exceed \$163,863.00. Ayes: All.

County Community Services Director Jessica Bopes updated the Board that the Mental Health Region ends on June 30, 2025. Commitment billings will change to a new system on July 1, 2025, and Community Services will no longer be involved with these billings. Bopes confirmed with Mary Petersen of the Robert Young Center, will continue to take our commitments even after the region ends. Bopes stated as of July 1, 2025, Disability Access Point (DAP) will now connect individuals with disabilities to providers who can provide the necessary services that meet their needs. Administrative Service Organization (ASO) can be accessed by calling Your Life Iowa services at 1-855-581-8111, or the Crisis Line dial 988. Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) will be going live on July 1, 2025. Amy Gold is the co-responder in Muscatine. Bopes stated she is rewriting job descriptions for herself, Faith Lane and Lindsey Lerma as they will no longer receive payments from the Region. Social Security audit returned no deficiencies.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the minutes of the June 16, 2025, regular meeting. Ayes: All.

Correspondence.

No Correspondence was reported.

Committee Reports and Meetings.

Kirchner attended a Joint Council School Board meeting on June 17, 2025.

Kirchner attended a Muscatine County Fair Board meeting on June 19, 2025.

Chick attended a Joint Council School Board meeting on June 17, 2025.

Mather attended a Veterans Affairs meeting on June 18, 2025.

Mather attended a Wilton Economic Development Board on June 18, 2025.

Sorensen attended a Muscatine County Emergency Management Commission meeting on June 16, 2025.

Sorensen attended a Joint Council School Board meeting on June 17, 2025.

Sauer attended a Muscatine County Conservation Board meeting on June 16, 2025.

Sauer attended a Joint Council School Board meeting June 17, 2025.

Sauer attended a River Bend Transit Board of Directors meeting on June 18, 2025.

Sauer attended a retirement event for Randy Zobrist Executive Director/CEO of River Bend Transit.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board approved a Fireworks Permit application from David Starkweather. Ayes: All.

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

County Attorney Jim Barry spoke to the Board about posting another Attorney position in the Attorneys office. Barry stated he does not have a vacancy at this time. Barry will update the Board at later date on the response received from this posting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:06 A.M.

ATTEST:

Tibe Vander Linden
County Auditor

Nathan Mather, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors