

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, June 30, 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.

A Public Hearing was called to order by Chairperson Mather at 9:00 A.M. on proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and cost estimate for the Muscatine County Community Services Building Maintenance Project.

Mike Nolan, Horizon Architecture, reviewed the bidding option of the probable costs for the exterior and interior building repairs and maintenance for the Muscatine County Community Services Building Maintenance Project with a total probable cost of \$361,487.77. The Board held discussion with Nolan on the proposed repairs and stated the proposed project has been budgeted under the Capital Projects fund. Nolan stated the full public bid process will require bids to be due three weeks from today. No one from the public spoke for or against the bidding option.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the public hearing was closed at 9:08 A.M. Roll call vote. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #06-30-25-01 Approving Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract and Cost Estimate for the Muscatine County Community Services Building Maintenance Project. Roll call vote. Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION #06-30-25-01
APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CONTRACT AND COST
ESTIMATE FOR THE MUSCATINE COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING
MAINTENANCE PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors has retained Horizon Architecture to provide consulting architectural/engineering services for the Muscatine County Community Services Building Maintenance Project; and

WHEREAS, Horizon Architecture has prepared plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated cost for the project, which documents have been on file and available for public inspection in the Muscatine County Administration Office since Tuesday, June 24, 2025; and

WHEREAS, following notice of public hearing published in accordance with the law, a public hearing was held on Monday, June 30, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the Muscatine County Administration Building at which members of the public were allowed to be heard on the issue of the Muscatine County Community Services Building Maintenance Project, and on the documents prepared in connection therewith.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors:

1. That the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated cost of the Muscatine County Community Services Building Maintenance Project are hereby approved.
2. That Muscatine County shall solicit sealed bids for the proposed improvement in accordance with the law.
3. That bids must be received as described in the Notice to Bidders on or before the 17th day of July, 2025.
4. That bids shall be publicly announced at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, July 21, 2025 at the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors meeting.
5. That the sealed bids must be accompanied by a bid security equal to ten (10) percent of the bid.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 30th day of June, 2025.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden
Muscatine County Auditor

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

Nolan updated the Board on the completed Courthouse Roof Project stating a final drone flyback has been completed. Nolan stated the Jail Insulated Panel Project is in progress and expected to be finished in mid to late July. Nolan stated additional louvers were installed at the jail for water infiltration at the mechanical penthouse and has been completed. Nolan stated the Administration Building is progressing with repointing, tuckpointing and brick replacement. Nolan stated the jail has access panels in need of replacement with a contract open to finish the work. The Engineering and Zoning building project design development is scheduled for late summer or fall. Nolan stated the County Conservation building feasibility studies will be discussed to select options.

County Jail Administrator Matt McCleary reviewed a Commissary Agreement with Keefe Commissary Network for exclusive rights to provide commissary food products and other items to the county for resale to inmates at the county jail. McCleary stated Keefe is also proposed for the Inmate Telephone Services Agreement and will offer a banking software and money management system. McCleary stated the current commissary supplier is with Turnkey Corrections, with the contract that expired three years ago and has continued without a contract. McCleary stated six to seven commissary companies were reviewed/considered over the past year before making a decision to recommend Keefe Commissary Network.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Chick, the Board authorized Sheriff Quinn Reiss to execute a Commissary Agreement with Keefe Commissary Network. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Chick, the Board authorized Sheriff Quinn Reiss to execute an Inmate Telephone Services Agreement with Inmate Calling Solutions. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board authorized the chair to sign a Building Automation System Maintenance Agreement with Winona Controls in the amount of \$40,000.00. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Bryan Horesowsky presented the bid letting results for project LFM-(FR-6) --7X-70, a PCC Pavement Grade and Replace Project on Stewart Rd (X61) from Fruitland Rd (G38) north to Muscatine City Limits as follows: Centennial Contractors of the Quad Cities Inc., Moline, Illinois - \$8,091,623.70, Metro Pavers, Iowa City, Iowa - \$5,354,117.35, Jones Contracting Corp., 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 recommended to award the bid to the low bid with Metro Pavers, Iowa City, Iowa, in the amount of \$5,354,117.35.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board awarded a bid for project LFM-(FR-6) --7X-70, a PCC Pavement Grade and Replace Project on Stewart Rd (X61) from Fruitland Rd (G38) north to Muscatine City Limits to Metro Pavers, Inc., Iowa City, Iowa for \$5,354,117.35. Ayes: All.

County Development Director Eric Furnas introduced student, Janine Knuesel from Switzerland, who is an exchange student staying with the Furnas family. Knuesel is observing American agriculture and works in an architecture and construction management firm in Switzerland. Knuesel will job shadow for the next month.

Furnas reviewed the proposal for HVAC and geothermal consulting services with A&J Associates stating he recommends to authorize the chair to sign. Furnas stated he will confirm with A&J Associates that the hourly rate is the same as a previous contract as the agreement does not state an hourly rate.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Chick, the Board authorized the chair to sign a proposal for HVAC and geothermal consulting services with A&J Associates in an amount not to exceed \$8,900.00. Ayes: All.

Furnas stated he received the Courthouse Roof Project drone photographs and will print them for the Board. Mather inquired if the photos could be added to the county website. County Attorney Jim Barry requested to review the Renaissance Historic Exteriors contract before publishing drone photography, to confirm permission to publish photography.

Chick reviewed the updates regarding a potential merger involving our Local Workforce Development Board due to funding reductions and expected additional funding cuts due to proposed federal legislation. These challenges are forcing local areas across the state to evaluate how to continue delivering essential workforce services while meeting federal requirements. The potential merger is proposed to allow retention of local control, strengthen administrative capacity and ensure compliance. Each County Board of Supervisors is currently being asked to

consider approval to move forward with the formal merger process. If approved, the next steps will include developing a Share Liability Agreement, updating governance documents and ensuring operational continuity. Chick stated our region, Mississippi Valley LWDA, is made up of eight counties with the ultimate goal to merge with regions of South-Central Iowa, Northeast Iowa and East Central Iowa to make one region to then have over 50% of state funding. The Board consensus was to take no action at this time. The agenda item for discussion and possible action to approve the merger of South Central and Mississippi Valley Local Workforce Development Areas died for lack of a motion.

County Attorney Jim Barry held discussion with the Board about an email he received regarding an additional named manufacturer for the opioid litigation settlement. Barry stated he has not received the actual documents. Barry stated his recommendation is to sign and participate once the document is received. Barry stated he has agreed for Muscatine County to be a test county as the county was asked due to the fact that a lot of distribution of opioids over the years have occurred here. Barry stated this does not mean anything was done wrong but stated he wanted the Board to be aware that is why Muscatine has been asked to be a test county.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Kirchner, the Board approved the minutes of the June 23, 2025 regular meeting. Ayes: All

Correspondence.

Sorensen received an email from Community Foundation regarding MCSA requesting to abate liens on a property. Budget & Administrative Services Director Kala Naber stated Community Foundation will be at the next Board meeting to present this.

Mather received information from Veterans Affairs Director Eric Sanders stating the department will receive \$2,000.00 from a fundraiser conducted by Gerdau, located in Wilton, Iowa.

Chick received a call from Sarah Healey regarding new pea gravel on a road.

Kirchner received a phone call from a resident on New Era Road with concerns about trees along the road. Kirchner forwarded the information to County Engineer Bryan Horesowsky.

Committee Reports and Meetings.

Kirchner attended a West Liberty Economic Area Development (WELEAD) meeting on June 26, 2025.

Sorensen and Chick attended a ground breaking of the Orange and Fifth Street complex held by Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine in conjunction with Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust on June 24, 2025.

Sorensen and Chick attended a Housing Accelerator meeting on June 24, 2025.

Sorensen and Chick attended a Bi-State Regional Planning Commission meeting on June 25, 2025.

Chick attended a meeting held by CSL International to promote a proposed indoor tennis dome on June 25, 2025.

Chick attended a Mississippi Valley Workforce Area Board CEO Special meeting on June 25, 2025.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #06-30-25-02
FY 2025/26 Budget Appropriations. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

RESOLUTION #06-30-25-02
FY 2025/26 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

It is hereby resolved that the following amounts itemized by Department will be appropriated for
the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025:

01	Board/Administration	897,898
02	Auditor	658,286
03	Treasurer	730,473
04	Attorney	1,485,024
05	Sheriff	3,802,499
06	Jail	8,974,510
07	Recorder	339,715
20	Engineer	17,612,190
22	Conservation Board	1,448,475
24	DHS	42,000
25	Community Services	1,070,958
28	Medical Examiner	257,830
30	Court Services	218,000
31	Board of Health	435,037
51	General Services	1,058,543
52	Information Services	1,113,289
53	Zoning	566,563
60	Mental Health Administration	40,000
99	Nondepartmental	14,393,620
	Subtotal Expenditures	<u>55,144,910</u>
	Transfers	<u>3,370,000</u>
	Total Including Transfers	<u>\$58,514,910</u>

It is further resolved that all appropriations made pursuant to this RESOLUTION lapse at the
close of business on June 30, 2026.

Passed and approved this 30th day of June, 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 Sorensen, the Board re-appointed Jodi Royal Goodwin and Keith Ormsby to the Veterans Affairs Commission for a three-year term ending June 30, 2028. Ayes: All.

Budget & Administrative Services Director Kala Naber gave an update to the Board regarding Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission 2025 CLG Grant funding. Naber stated the county received notification the grant funding has been paused due to not receiving federal funding. Therefore, the survey of North Calhoun Street, West Liberty, Iowa is on hold.

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

Conservation Director Katie Hammond updated the Board on the Deep Lake Campground Project stating the project work will resume this week as the concrete work was on hold last week due to over 90-degree temperatures.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 A.M.

ATTEST:

Shannon Steele
Administrative/Elections Clerk

Nathan Mather, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors