

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, July 14, 2025

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

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

Discussion was held with the Board regarding the abatement of taxes at 615 Mulberry Avenue, Muscatine. Muscatine Center for Social Action (MCSA) Program Director Katie Kelly filled in for Executive Director Emily Harvey. Kelly asked the Board to abate taxes of \$2,694.00 on Parcel# 0835428011, located at 615 Mulberry Avenue, owned by MCSA. Kelly stated the renovation project of 615 Mulberry Avenue, is scheduled to be finished by late summer. Mather asked after this project was finished, what the plan was for the property. Kelly stated the Community Foundation will be assisting MCSA in selling the single-family home back to the community.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, the Board approved Resolution #07-14-25-01 Abating Taxes on a Parcel Owned by Muscatine Center for Social Action in the amount of \$2,694.00. Roll call vote. Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION # 07-14-25-01
ABATING TAXES ON A PARCEL OWNED BY MUSCATINE CENTER FOR SOCIAL
ACTION**

WHEREAS, the Muscatine Center for Social Action (MCSA) recently acquired Parcel #0835428011 in order to renovate the property to provide housing for the community; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of taxes, interest, and penalties is \$2,694.00; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, pursuant to Section 445.16, Code of Iowa, has the authority to compromise or abate outstanding tax on County held certificates.

WHEREAS, at the City of Muscatine's request, the special assessment taxes for 2021, 2022 and 2023 were previously abated and

WHEREAS, since the parcel was not sold, the tax certificate was transferred to the County, taxes for 2019-2022 are now owed;

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

1. That the Treasurer is hereby directed to strike the amount due from the tax rolls.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 14th day of July, 2025.

ATTEST:

/s/Jane Claussen
1st Deputy Auditor

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

County Development Director Eric Furnas updated the Board on the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost on the proposed Muscatine Downtown Parking Lot and Sidewalks Project. Furnas requested a public hearing for Monday, July 28, 2025, to be held at the County Administration Board Room at 9:00 A.M. Furnas also stated that the project will not include the parking lot at the Administration Building at this time. Furnas confirmed that Brad Roeth of Watersmith Engineering Service will manage the construction project.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board set a public hearing for Monday July 28, 2025, at 9:00 A.M. on proposed Muscatine County Downtown Parking Lot and Sidewalks Project. Ayes: All.

Conservation Director Katie Hammond requested the Board to authorize permission to fill a Naturalist Intern position. This position is seasonal, and Hammond stated the position would be on average 37.5 hours per week. Hammond stated the position was budgeted to begin within the FY25/26 year.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, the Board authorized Conservation Director Katie Hammond to fill the Naturalist Intern position. Ayes: All.

Conservation Katie Hammond updated the Board on projects going on at Deep Lakes Park. Hammond also commented on the success of events and participation at the 20-year anniversary celebration of the Environmental Learning Center at Discovery Park on Saturday July 12, 2025.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved the minutes of the July 7, 2025 regular meeting. Ayes: All

Correspondence.

Sorensen participated in a conference call with several local businesses of the Iowa Corn Belt Support Group introducing the Iowa Ports Association Concept on July 11, 2025.

Mather received an inquiry from a gentleman about an unknown parcel. Referred him to consult a local Attorney.

Mather also received an informal inquiry about the County Jail Access Panel Project on Cedar Street. Development Director Eric Furnas stated they were looking at approximately another 2-4 weeks.

Committee Reports and Meetings.

Kirchner attended a Muscatine County Fair Board meeting on July 10, 2025.

Sorensen attended a Ports of Eastern Iowa meeting on July 9, 2025

Sorensen and Sauer attended a Region 9 Transportation Policy Board meeting on
July 11, 2025.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 A.M.

ATTEST:

Tibe Vander Linden
County Auditor

Nathan Mather, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors