

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, August 4, 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.

Steven Frantz, Partner Relations Coordinator of Iowa Donor Network, presented an award to the Muscatine County Medical Examiner's Office. Frantz stated the bi-annual award is given for areas of Leadership, Education, Gratitude, Advocacy, Clinical Excellence and Innovation (LEGACI). Muscatine County Medical Examiner's Office is being awarded for their leadership over the past three years with death referral calls related to 1,094 potential donors. Frantz stated each donor enhances the lives of 50 to 300 people and loved ones.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board accepted claims dated August 4th, 2025, in the amount of \$774,006.91. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Bryan Horesowsky reviewed a revision to the Muscatine County DOT FY 2026 County Five Year Program stating a bridge on F70 at Mosquito Creek was over 15% of the engineers estimate, in the five-year program. Horesowsky stated he has no financial concerns with this revision.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, the Board approved the Muscatine County DOT FY 2026 County Five Year Program Resolution 0.1. Ayes: All.

County Development Director Eric Furnas presented a public hearing to be rescheduled for Monday, August 11, 2025, as this action item was intended for the Board meeting held on July 28, 2025, however the item was left off the agenda.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Chick, to reset a public hearing for Monday August 11, 2025, for proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost on a proposed Muscatine County Downtown Parking Lot and Sidewalks Project. Ayes: All.

Furnas reported on the 1st Annual Muscatine Triathlon held on August 2, 2025. Furnas stated the event held at Deep Lakes Park was very successful with positive comments from the participants, volunteers, attendees and vendors. Furnas stated the Conservation Department had the park well-groomed and an after party was well attended on the Mississippi riverfront, hosted by the Greater Muscatine Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Furnas thanked the Emergency Management Services crew who reported no incidents.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the minutes of July 28, 2025, regular meeting. Ayes: All

Correspondence.

All Supervisors received an email from Gene Hammons questioning why public safety

personnel have not received I.D. cards. Sorensen stated he will forward the email to Emergency Manager Chris Jasper and Sheriff Quinn Riess.

All Supervisors received an email from a resident with concerns of air braking of trucks on Highway 61 at Blue Grass, exit 107. Horesowsky stated he has received a call with this concern asking if there is a countywide ordinance regarding air braking. Horesowsky stated there is no ordinance and does not recommend one as it is hard to enforce.

All Supervisors received an email from Community Services Director Jessica Bopes stating the Veteran's Affairs Director Eric Sanders assisted a veteran in need of a hearing aid, who was very appreciative.

Sauer received a call from a resident questioning why it is not allowed for county residents to drop off a pile of cardboard at the Muscatine County Recycling Center and Transfer Station. Sauer recommended the Board find a solution to this and other recycling concerns. Sorensen stated he will contact the Muscatine Mayor to see if a fee for service for various recycling items could be considered for county residents.

Sorensen and Mather received an email from Josh Rogers, Great Plains Institute with a report, "Lessons Along the Road to Transmission Deployment", with information on how communities engage with high voltage transmission development.

Chick received a call from Terry Martin, Trustee for Drainage District #13, who reported the slough and drainage areas were being plugged by heavy weed debris from the levee due to recent heavy rainstorms. Martin stated there were concerns from area farmers.

Committee Reports and Meetings.

Kirchner attended a West Liberty Economic Area Development (WELEAD) meeting on July 31, 2025.

Chick attended a CEO meeting for Mississippi Valley Workforce Development Board on July 29, 2025.

Sorensen attended a Housing Accelerator meeting on July 30, 2025.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 A.M.

ATTEST:

Tibe Vander Linden
County Auditor

Danny Chick, Vice-Chairperson
Board of Supervisors