

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, August 11, 2025

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. with Chick, Kirchner, Sauer and Sorensen present. Mather was absent. Vice-Chair Chick 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 Vice Chair Danny Chick at 9:00 A.M. on proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and cost estimate for the Muscatine County Downtown Parking Lots and Sidewalks. Brad Roeth, Watersmith Engineering, reviewed the construction cost opinion document for the proposed removal and replacement of downtown parking lots and sidewalks. County Development Director Eric Furnas stated the City of Muscatine has agreed to partner with the project to replace the curb along 4th Street. No one from the public hearing spoke for or against the public hearing.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, the public hearing was closed at 9:03 A.M. Roll call vote. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #08-11-25-01 Approving Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract and Cost Estimate for the Muscatine County Downtown Parking Lots and Sidewalks Project. Roll call vote. Ayes: All.

RESOLUTION #08-11-25-01
APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CONTRACT AND COST
ESTIMATE FOR THE PROPOSED MUSCATINE COUNTY DOWNTOWN PARKING
LOTS AND SIDEWALKS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors has retained Watersmith Engineering to provide consulting architectural/engineering services for the proposed Muscatine County Downtown Parking Lots and Sidewalks Project; and

WHEREAS, Watersmith Engineering 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 and the Muscatine County Zoning Office since Tuesday, July 28, 2025; and

WHEREAS, following notice of public hearing published in accordance with the law, a public hearing was held on Monday, August 11, 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 Downtown Parking Lots and Sidewalks 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 28th day of August, 2025.
4. That bids shall be publicly announced at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, September 8, 2025, at the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors meeting.
5. That the sealed bids must be accompanied by a bid security equal to a minimum amount of five (5) percent of the bid.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 11th day of August, 2025.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden
Muscatine County Auditor

/s/Danny Chick, Vice Chair
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

A Public Hearing was called to order by Vice Chair Danny Chick at 9:04 A.M on proposed amendments to the Muscatine County Zoning Ordinance relating to accessory dwelling units. Furnas stated new Iowa legislation (Senate File 592) effective on July 1, 2025, requires city and counties to allow accessory dwelling units where an existing primary family dwelling exists. Furnas stated certain parts of the Iowa law are mandated, however a few points can be regulated/modified by the county. Furnas stated the Zoning Commission has recommended the county ordinance, Article II, Section 6.7: Be amended to read: No building in the rear of any main building on the same interior lot shall be used for residential purposes except accessory dwelling units as defined and permitted herein. Furnas stated the Zoning Commission has also recommended to cap the number of accessory dwelling units as only one on a parcel or lot. No one from the public hearing spoke for or against the public hearing.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, the public hearing was closed at 9:10 A.M. Roll call vote. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved an ordinance amending the Muscatine County Zoning Ordinance relating to accessory dwelling units on the first of three readings. Roll call vote. Ayes: All.

County Attorney Jim Barry held discussion with the Board regarding a proposed agreement with Scott County for juvenile detention services. Barry stated the agreement is set to be presented to the Scott County Board later this week with the effective date for juvenile detention services to be the date that Scott County signs the agreement.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board authorized the Chair to sign an agreement with Scott County for juvenile detention services. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the minutes of August 4, 2025, regular meeting. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

No Correspondence was reported.

Committee and Meeting Reports:

Chick, Sauer and Sorensen attended the Farm Bureau Steak Fry dinner on August 5, 2025. Discussion was held with the attendees on county projects.

County Engineer Bryan Horesowsky updated the Board on secondary road projects. Horesowsky stated the Stewart Road project pre-construction meeting was held last week with Metro Pavers Company. Horesowsky stated Stewart Road from Fruitland Road north to Taylor's Market is proposed to be shut down for construction starting on August 18, 2025, with a detour to utilize Wiggins Road and Pettibone Avenue. Sorensen stated he received an email from Muscatine City Council Member, Nadine Brockert, requesting the City of Muscatine receive email notifications of road closing. Horesowsky stated he will include the City of Muscatine Council on email notifications. Horesowsky stated the entire Stewart Road construction project is proposed for completion by early summer of 2026, depending on weather and other factors. Sorensen asked if the Engineer's Department communicates with Louisa County Engineer regarding road closures. Horesowsky stated they are notified.

County Treasurer Amy Zybarth recognized 1st Deputy Treasurer, Kim Olson with a 30-year certificate and 2nd Deputy Treasurer, Allison Mathias with a 10-year certificate.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 AM.

ATTEST:

Shannon Steele
Administrative/Elections Clerk

Nathan Mather, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors