

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, August 18, 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 Kirchner, the Board accepted claims dated August 18, 2025, in the amount of \$1,329,613.50. Ayes: All.

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

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved to set a public hearing for Monday, September 8, 2025, at 9:00 A.M. on the proposed re-zoning of approximately 75.57 acres in Moscow Township in the SW ¼ of Sec. 8- T78N-R-2W, from A-1 Agricultural District to I-2 Heavy Industrial District. Ayes: All.

County Development Director Eric Furnas presented Change Order #2 in the amount of \$1,500.00 for the Administration Building Exterior Maintenance and Repair Project. Furnas stated there were two locations on the Administration building where some of the exterior brick crumbled and fell out. Furnas stated he approved the fix on site, and a unit price was established for the 60 square feet in total.

On a motion by Chick, second by Sauer, the Board approved Change Order #2 in the amount of \$1,500.00 for the Administration Building Exterior Maintenance and Repair Project. Ayes: All.

Furnas updated the Board on the Administration Building Exterior Maintenance and Repair Project stating a couple of items still need attended to, but otherwise the project is mostly complete. Furnas stated that pre-construction on the Community Services Building will begin the first week of September 2025. Furnas has been coordinating with the Community Services staff regarding ingress and egress while the project is ongoing due to both Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible ramps being replaced. Furnas also mentioned that the Jail Insulated Panel Project is winding down with only a couple of items left to finish. Sorensen inquired about the timing of the sidewalk repair bids and when to expect them as well as when the project may begin. Furnas stated there will be a pre-bid later this week, however, due to multiple other construction projects that were going on, bid documents offered a late start date into the next construction season. Furnas stated the Courthouse Roofing Project has been completed. Sorensen inquired about the Deep Lakes Campground Project. Furnas stated that asphalt paving will begin September 8, 2025.

County Engineer Bryan Horesowsky reviewed the request to purchase a 2025 3-Point Mounted Disc Mower to the Board. Horesowsky stated he is looking to replace an existing rotary mower with the 3-Point Mounted disc mower and this mower should allow more coverage during mowing.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, the Board approved the purchase of one 2025 Forage M6050 Disc Mower from Vermeer, Tipton, Iowa in the amount of \$16,950.00. Ayes: All.

Horesowsky updated the Board on secondary road projects.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the minutes of August 11, 2025, regular meeting. Ayes: All

Correspondence:

Sauer received positive feedback from county residents on the damage to some roads shoulders that were properly maintained after the recent heavy rains.

Mather shared positive feedback about his recent personal visit with family and friends to Deep Lakes Cabins.

Committee Reports and Meetings.

Kirchner attended a Lower Cedar Watershed Management Authority meeting on August 12, 2025.

Sauer attended and presented Years of Service awards to employees with Riverbend Transit on August 14, 2025.

County Attorney Jim Barry updated the Board on the 245th Street Bridge. Barry stated final documents were sent out on August 2, 2025. Barry also stated that the Nature Conservancy and the Edgewater Bridge and Road Association are trying to put together a legal description for the roadway that would be vacated. Barry stated the settlement agreement, escrow agreement and the quick claim deed for the bridge are all in place. Additional items are still in process.

Barry introduced Micah Johnson as the new Muscatine County Assistant Attorney that will be serving the felony docket. Johnson comes from Davenport, Iowa with high recommendations.

Information Services Director Bill Riley reviewed the upcoming rollout of utilizing a password manager for County employees.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 A.M.

ATTEST:

Shannon Steele
Administrative/Elections Clerk

Nathan Mather, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors