

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, September 15, 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 amended. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board approved claims dated September 15, 2025, in the amount of \$369,151.53. Ayes: All.

County Attorney Jim Barry stated the proposed opioid litigation settlements are similar to the prior opioid settlement approved by the Board, approximately one month ago. The proposed settlements are to be approved and then submitted by the end of September 2025.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, the Board authorized the Chair to sign a Subdivision Participation and Release Form for the Purdue Direct Opioid Litigation Settlement. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Chick, the Board authorized the Chair to sign a Subdivision Participation and Release Form for the Generic Manufactures Opioid Litigation Settlement. Ayes: All.

County Attorney Barry advised the Board that the current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Muscatine, regarding the prosecution of ordinance violations, is being reviewed for proposed updates for the types of cases that can be prosecuted and the fees involved. The MOU terms must be advised by January 15, 2026, for changes to take effect by July 1, 2026. Barry stated the current MOU has been in effect for over 10 years.

Building, Zoning & Environmental Inspector Jake Boucher reported there has not been any further correspondence from the public regarding Ordinance #09-15-25-01 Rezoning Certain Real Property in Moscow Township from A-1 Agricultural District Zoning Classification to I-2 Heavy Industrial District Zoning Classification on the second reading.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, the Board waived the requirement for three readings and to approve Ordinance #09-15-25-01 Rezoning Certain Real Property in Moscow Township from A-1 Agricultural District Zoning Classification to I-2 Heavy Industrial District Zoning Classification on the second and final reading. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #09-15-25-01 Granting Extension for Filing the Final Plat of AUR Northland Subdivision. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

RESOLUTION #09-15-25-01
RESOLUTION GRANTING EXTENSION FOR FILING THE FINAL PLAT OF AUR
NORTHLAND SUBDIVISION

WHEREAS, the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors approved the preliminary and final plat of the AUR Northland Subdivision on March 17, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 1.7 of the Muscatine County Subdivision Ordinance requires recording of the final plat within 90 days of its approval; and

WHEREAS, the final plat was not recorded within the 90-day window and an application for an extension of time was not made to the Board of Supervisors under the provisions of Section 1.7; and

WHEREAS, owing to an additional period of time being needed to file the final plat; and

WHEREAS, the attorney representing the owners has submitted a written request for an extension after the 90-day filing period has expired and has paid the \$100 fee, as required by Section 1.7.

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

1. That Johnson, Blumberg & Associates, LLC, attorney for the AUR Subdivision owners, is granted an additional 90 days to file the final plat and otherwise comply with the subdivision ordinance.

Passed and approved this 15th day of September, 2025.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden
Muscatine County Auditor

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

County General Services Supervisor Oscar Alvarez stated the HVAC system repairs have been completed however a balancing project needs to be completed that should result in better function and efficiency of the system.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board accepted a proposal from Winona Controls in the amount of \$4,275.00 for HVAC Building Automation System repairs at the Muscatine County Jail. Ayes: All.

Alvarez reviewed Winona Controls proposal to replace VENMAR controls on the existing controller with a custom programmed ABB controller which will create a custom control strategy to give the jail better performance and control of the VENMAR unit.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Chick, the Board accepted a proposal from Winona Controls in an amount not to exceed \$31,896.00 for control system replacement on the VENMAR ventilation system at the Muscatine County Jail. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Bryan Horesowsky reviewed the proposal from Ed Morse, Muscatine, Iowa, for a light duty truck with potential trade for the engineer's department.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, the Board approved the purchase of one 2026 Chevy Silverado 1500 Light Duty Truck with Ed Morse, Muscatine, Iowa, in the amount of \$49,315.00, with a potential trade of Unit 501-2023 Chevy Silverado 1500 of \$16,000, for a potential net amount of \$33,315.00. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board approved a utility permit with Liberty Communications, West Branch, Iowa – to install new fiber optic drop to feed existing home at 185 100th Street (address is in Cedar County but Muscatine County maintains the road). Section 5, T78N-R4W. Ayes: All.

Horesowsky updated the Board on secondary road projects.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the minutes of September 8, 2025, regular meeting. Ayes: All.

Correspondence.

Mather received an email from Iowa Department of Corrections, Chief Jail Inspector, stating the County Jail inspection on September 12, 2025, was in compliance and documentation has been completed and readily available.

Chick received a call from a citizen regarding funds with her guardianship with Community Services on September 12, 2025. Chick contacted Community Services Director Jessica Bopes who assisted her.

Committee and Meeting Reports.

Sorensen, Sauer and Chick attended the 250th Anniversary ceremony of U.S. Navy, Army and Marines and 911 Remembrance ceremony on the LST-325 Naval ship docked at Muscatine River front on September 11, 2025. Sorensen thanked Greater Muscatine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GMCCI) for hosting the event.

Mather attended a tour of the LST-325 Naval ship.

Kirchner and Sorensen attended a Zoom meeting for Muscatine County Hazard Mitigation Planning Kick off meeting on September 11, 2025.

Chick and Sorensen completed a survey for the Housing Accelerator group on September 12, 2025.

Sorensen attended a GMCCI Advocacy meeting on September 8, 2025.

Sorensen attended a Ports of Eastern Iowa meeting on September 10, 2025.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved a renewal agreement for HIPAA compliance services with Carosh Compliance Solutions in the amount of \$16,706.00. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Chick approved an agreement with Personal Assistance Services (PAS) to provide EAP (Employee Assistance Program) services through September 30, 2026. Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 A.M.

ATTEST:

Tibe Vander Linden
County Auditor

Nathan Mather, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors