

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, October 6, 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.

A Public Hearing was called to order by Chairperson Mather at 9:00 A.M. on proposed amendments to the Muscatine County Zoning Ordinance relating to detached accessory dwelling units. County Development Director Eric Furnas stated the Zoning Commission recommends amending the zoning ordinance by removing the prohibition of detached accessory structures in the front yard space. Furnas recommended to the Board to approve this recommendation and allow the proposed amendment with private sub-divisions and/or homeowners associations to still retain their ability to restrict, regulate or prohibit these types of situations through association rules and restrictive covenants they can adopt. Angela Woodhouse, 2639 Canterbury Road, Muscatine, stated as a property owner, she had formally requested to allow a detached accessory dwelling that was disallowed at a past meeting. Woodhouse asked the Board to consider the proposed amendment. Furnas stated future variance requests would still need to meet the minimum required setbacks, however a recent bill lowers the burden for numerical variances/setbacks from an unnecessary hardship to a practical difficulty.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, the public hearing was closed at 9:05 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 detached accessory dwelling units on the first of three readings. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commissioner Lynn Pruitt stated the survey of the historic fruit and vegetable industry has been completed with a booklet to be available for purchase within the next month (with the price to be determined once printing is completed). Pruitt requested to place 24-inch square signage at twenty locations as identified historic sites. Mather asked County Engineer Bryan Horesowsky if review of signage placement should occur. Horesowsky stated yes to ensure that there are no site distance issues. Sauer requested that proper permission from property owners is communicated before signs are placed. Pruitt agreed to proceed with working with Horesowsky and to obtain proper permission from property owners. Chris Brase, Chairperson of the project, thanked the Board for their support and stated the commission members have set a solid foundation for historic work.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Chick, the Board approved placement of signage at various locations identified in the Survey of the Historic Fruit and Vegetable Industry in Muscatine County. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Bryan Horesowsky presented bid letting results for Project L-(MO-7)--73-70, a twin 12'x9'x88' RCB Culvert on 180th St, near N ¼ Corner of Section 17 - T77N - R01E as

follows: Ihrig Works LLC, Long Grove, Iowa - \$625,166.40; Iowa Bridge & Culvert, Washington, Iowa - \$448,411.80; Triple B Construction, Wilton, Iowa - \$586,670.30; Boomerang Corp., Anamosa, Iowa - \$662,207.44. Horesowsky stated the bids will be reviewed and presented to the Board at next week's meeting for possible action to accept a bid.

On a motion by Chick, second by Sorensen, the Board approved Resolution #10-06-25-01 Naming Depositories, with County Treasurer Amy Zybarth. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

RESOLUTION #10-06-25-01
RESOLUTION NAMING DEPOSITORIES - TREASURER'S OFFICE

It is hereby resolved that the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors approves the following list of financial institutions to be depositories for Muscatine County funds held by the Muscatine County Treasurer, in conformance with applicable provisions of Chapter 12C, Code of Iowa. All previous actions by the Board of Supervisors naming depositories and setting maximum limits for the Treasurer's Office are hereby null and void.

DEPOSITORY	LOCATION	MAXIMUM FUND BALANCE
CBI Bank	Muscatine, IA	\$ 50,000,000
Community Bank	Muscatine, IA	\$ 5,000,000
Farmers & Merchants Bank	Nichols, IA	\$ 2,000,000
IPAIT	Des Moines, IA	\$ 40,000,000
Midwest One Bank	West Liberty, IA	\$ 40,000,000
South Ottumwa Savings Bank	West Liberty, IA	\$ 5,000,000

Passed and approved this 6th day of October 2025.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden
Muscatine County Auditor

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

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the County Auditor's Report of Fee's Collected for the quarter ending September 30, 2025, in the amount of \$2,135.00. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Chick, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the County Treasurer's Report of Fee's Collected for the quarter ending September 30, 2025, in the amount of \$666,093.48. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the County Recorder's Report of Fee's Collected for the quarter ending September 30, 2025, in the amount of \$72,217.14. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Chick, second by Kirchner, the Board approved the County Sheriff's Office Report of Fee's Collected for the quarter ending September 30, 2025, in the amount of \$19,418.64. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the minutes of the September 29, 2025, regular meeting. Ayes: All

Correspondence.

Sauer had a conversation with an individual regarding a home construction.
Mather received a phone call from Mr. Bantz from Invenergy.

Committee Reports and Meetings.

Chick attended a Mississippi Valley Workforce Area CEO meeting on September 29, 2025
Mather stated a celebration of life for former Administrative Services Director,
Nancy Schreiber, was held on October 5, 2025

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #10-06-25-02 Transferring Funds from the General Basic Fund to the Secondary Roads Fund in the amount of \$300,000. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION # 10-06-25-02
TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL BASIC FUND TO THE
SECONDARY ROADS FUND**

WHEREAS, it is desired to authorize the Auditor periodically to transfer sums from the General Basic Fund to the Secondary Roads Fund; and

WHEREAS, said transfers must be in accordance with Sections 331.429 and 331.432 of the Code of Iowa.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors that the Auditor is authorized to transfer \$300,000 from the General Basic Fund to the Secondary Roads Fund.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 6th day of October, 2025.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden
Muscatine County Auditor

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

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board approved Resolution #10-06-25-03 Transferring Funds from the Rural Services Fund to the Secondary Roads Fund in the amount of \$1,140,000. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

RESOLUTION # 10-06-25-03
TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE RURAL SERVICES FUND TO THE
SECONDARY ROADS FUND

WHEREAS, it is desired to authorize the Auditor periodically to transfer sums from the Rural Services Fund to the Secondary Roads Fund; and
WHEREAS, said transfers must be in accordance with Sections 331.429 and 331.432 of the Code of Iowa.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors that the Auditor is authorized to transfer \$1,140,000 from the Rural Services Fund to the Secondary Roads Fund.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 6th day of October, 2025.

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/s/Tibe Vander Linden
Muscatine County Auditor

/s/Nathan Mather, Chairperson
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Sorensen reviewed the amended 28E agreement for the Eastern Iowa Disability Alliance and recommended to the Board to decline participation.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board authorized the chair to sign a memo declining participation in an amended 28E agreement for the Eastern Iowa Disability Alliance.
Ayes: All.

Budget and Administrative Services Director Kala Naber stated the Assessor has been notified of a 2025 Equalization Notice of an increase of 12% for commercial realty, excluding machinery and equipment referred to in Iowa Code Chapter 427A, outside and within incorporated cities. A notice will be mailed to the commercial property owners in Muscatine County. County Auditor Tibe Vander Linden stated the notice will also appear in the two legal newspapers.

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

ATTEST:

Tibe Vander Linden
County Auditor

Danny Chick, Vice-Chairperson
Board of Supervisors