

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, October 13, 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-Chairperson Chick presiding.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the agenda was approved as amended. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, the Board approved claims dated October 13, 2025, in the amount of \$4,346,809.98. Ayes: All.

The Board held discussion with Chief Judge of the 7th Judicial District, Henry Latham and the new District Court Administrator, Andrea Dosland. Chief Judge Henry Latham stated he feels fortunate that the judicial district has had a good working relationship with the county. Latham stated improvements have been made to the courthouse with new equipment for the schedulers. Latham stated new legislation has required new equipment to be a county expense now. Latham stated he was unable to get new equipment ordered and installed for the clerk's office as planned, before the fiscal year ended. Latham stated the judicial branch was not in favor of this change and realized the counties have a tight budget.

County Development Director Eric Furnas stated there has been no additional correspondence from the public regarding Ordinance #10-13-25-01 Amending the Muscatine County Zoning Ordinance Relating to Detached Accessory Dwelling Units on the second and final reading.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved to waive the requirement for three readings and to approve Ordinance #10-13-25-01 Amending the Muscatine County Zoning Ordinance Relating to Detached Accessory Dwelling Units on the second and final reading. Roll call vote: Ayes; All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, the Board set a public hearing for Monday November 3, 2025, at 9:00a.m. on a request to rezone approximately 2.1 acres in Bloomington Township, 2473 Bayfield Rd, from A-1 Agricultural District to R-1 Residential District. 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 recommended accepting the bid from Iowa Bridge & Culvert, Washington, Iowa, in the amount of \$448,411.80.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board awarded a bid 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 to Iowa Bridge & Culvert, Washington, Iowa, in the amount of \$448,411.80. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, the Board approved five utility permits: Windstream Communications of Little Rock, Arkansas – place approximately 522 feet of buried

FOC via bore within right-of-way of Atalissa Road, including 1 X 8” pedestal- Section 11, T78N-R3W; Interstate Power & Light (Alliant Energy), Cedar Rapids, Iowa – new underground 3PH, 1 PH and secondary along 120th Street south of Wilton – Section 12, 13-T78N-82W and Section 7, 18- T78N-R1W; Interstate Power & Light (Alliant Energy), Cedar Rapids, Iowa – new underground 3PH, 1 PH and secondary along 110th Street, 120th Street, Trail Avenue, Taylor Avenue and Thayer Avenue -Section 8, 9-T78N-R1W; Interstate Power & Light (Alliant Energy), Cedar Rapids, Iowa- install new underground electric cable along Taylor Avenue and 102nd Street south of Wilton and retire existing overhead- Section 5 & 6-T78N-R1W; Interstate Power & Light (Alliant Energy), Cedar Rapids, Iowa- install new underground electric cable and retire existing underground along 110th Street and Trail Avenue between Durant and Wilton-Section 4-T78N-O1W. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Bryan Horesowsky updated the Board on secondary road projects.

Conservation Director Katie Hammond presented a review of the FY25 Conservation Annual Report.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved the minutes of October 6, 2025, regular meeting. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

No correspondence was reported.

Committee and meetings:

Sauer attended a Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department breakfast fundraiser on October 11, 2025.

Sorensen attended a Ports of Eastern Iowa meeting on October 8, 2025. Sorensen stated the National Waterways Conference will be hosted in the Quad Cities in 2026. This will be the first time an inland port has hosted the national event and recognition and importance of inland waterways will be presented.

Sorensen announced the Department of Transportation regional meeting in Clinton is scheduled for October 14, 2025, at 8:00 A.M. The Ports of Eastern Iowa and the Iowa Ports Association will give presentations at the meeting.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, the Board authorized the chair to sign a Chief Elected Officials Shared Liability Agreement for the Eastern Iowa Workforce Development Area. Ayes: All.

Human Resource Director Kayla Petersen held discussion with the Board regarding a system called E-verify, which is a web-based system that allows employers to confirm the eligibility of their employees to work in the United States and works in conjunction with the I-9 form. Petersen stated a webinar is available on October 16, 2025, to learn more information. Chick recommended E-verify system from his experience with it.

County Assessor Nancy Long reviewed the 2025 Equalization Order of a 12% increase for

commercial class property which required a mailing notice to all commercial owners and a publication in the legal newspapers. If the public has questions or commercial owners want to file a protest, they should contact the Board of Review on or after October 9, 2025, to and including October 31, 2025, by calling the Muscatine County Assessor's office.

County Auditor Tibe Vander Linden stated early voting for the 2025 City/School Election (to be held on November 4, 2025), will begin on October 15, 2025, and continue weekdays from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 A.M. until November 3, 2025. Election worker training and laptop training sessions will begin on October 18, 2025. Vander Linden thanked her staff for their pre-election work. Vander Linden requested two special board meeting dates to canvass the election results: Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at 9:00 A.M. for the 1st Tier Canvass and Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 9:00 A.M. for the 2nd Tier Canvass results.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:49 AM.

ATTEST:

Tibe Vander Linden
County Auditor

Nathan Mather, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors