

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, October 20, 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 Kircher, the Board set a public hearing for Monday, October 27, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. on proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and cost estimate for the Muscatine County Engineer/Zoning Office Building Project. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Chick, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the Contract, Bond, and Certificate of Insurance for project L-(MO-7) --73-70, a twin 12'x 9'x88' RCB Culvert on 180th St, near N ¼ Corner of Section 17 - T77N - R01E. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, the Board approved the 2025 Weed Commissioner's Report. Ayes: All.

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

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved the minutes of the October 13, 2025, regular meeting. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Sauer received a call from a resident regarding a gravel road concern west of Cranston, Iowa. Sauer reminded the public that with the dry weather conditions, the roads cannot be graded at this time and if rain occurs it will improve the conditions.

Mather received a book from Martin Rich, Davenport, Iowa, called "A Bird for All Seasons", the history of Louis Rich industry.

Chick received a call from a Fruitland, Iowa resident regarding potential solar farms. Chick stated there is a meeting scheduled for October 30, 2025.

Kirchner received a call from a resident regarding the drainage district in the West Liberty area. Kirchner relayed the information to County Engineer Bryan Horesowsky.

Kirchner received a call from a resident with concerns regarding the bridge on 160th Street. Kirchner has reviewed the concern with Horesowsky.

Kirchner received a call from a resident with concerns with the shoulders on the Moscow Road to the Cedar County line. Horesowsky has been informed of the concern.

Committee Reports:

Kirchner attended a MAGIC meeting on October 13, 2025.

Melissa Hurlbut, County Civil Deputy/Office Manager reviewed the Muscatine County

Compensation Committee condemnation duties and stated several committee positions are still vacant. Mather stated if the public has any interest in serving on this committee to contact a Board member.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Chick, the Board approved appointments to the Muscatine County Compensation Commission for the period July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, to appoint Cathy Ribbink, licensed real estate salesperson or broker and Melissa Hill, owner of city property. Ayes: All.

Community Services Director Jessica Bopes stated the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits are offered to current county clients and the current federal government shutdown could impact no benefits being available on November 1, 2025. Bopes stated that a county food pantry location list is available by contacting her department.

County Auditor Tibe Vander Linden announced the deadline to submit an Official Absentee Request form is today by 5:00 p.m. The completed forms must be in her office by 5:00 p.m., therefore the public is encouraged to hand deliver their absentee ballot request forms to the Auditor's office today. Vander Linden stated the public test of the election equipment will be held on Thursday, October 23, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. in the Auditor's office.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 AM.

ATTEST:

Tibe Vander Linden
County Auditor

Nathan Mather, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors