

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, November 10, 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 Chick, the Board approved claims dated November 10, 2025, in the amount of \$898,763.29. Ayes: All.

Attorney Katelynn McCollough attended the Board meeting electronically. McCollough reviewed the Settlement Term Sheet for Naylor v. Muscatine County, et al. McCollough stated that she represented the County at a federal court settlement conference held at the request of the federal judges. At the conference, the parties reached a global settlement of \$85,000. The plaintiff's initial demand was for \$1.7 million. Chick requested a review of the case. McCollough outlined the allegations and defense for the case. Mather asked if the terms set forth in the Settlement Term Sheet would be incorporated into a formal agreement. McCollough stated that it would and she expected the agreement to be ready in the next few days. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved the Settlement Term Sheet. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Chick, second by Sorensen, the Board approved all submitted 2025 Family Farm Credit applications, as recommended by the Muscatine County Assessor. Ayes: All.

Information Services Director Bill Riley held discussion with the Board regarding a redesign of the Muscatine County website by Neapolitan Labs. Riley stated the current website (Civics Plus) issues and increasing maintenance costs. Riley stated Neapolitan Labs is an Iowa based company with 30 county websites and 15 alternative websites. Riley stated the current website maintenance fees with Civics Plus are \$20,000, with an anticipated 5-10% increase. Riley stated with the proposed change to Neapolitan Labs, there are maintenance and surplus budget dollars to apply to the new redesign, which will offset the cost of the change. Riley stated the annual hosting and support cost with Neapolitan Labs will be \$4,000 to \$6,000. Riley stated advantages with the redesign include a mobile friendly site, ADA color schemes, ease of use and built for county departments.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, the Board authorized a redesign of the Muscatine County website by Neapolitan Labs in the amount of \$36,000.00. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Chick, second by Sorensen, the Board adopted revisions to the Muscatine County Computer Systems and Equipment Policy. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board adopted a Muscatine County Correctional Officers Federal Qualifications for Transports Agreement and revisions to the Handgun Purchase Assistance Program Policies and Procedures. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Chick, second by Sorensen, the Board authorized the Chair to execute a FY25/26

Methamphetamine Drug Hot Spots Grant Program (CAMP) agreement in the amount of \$9,000.00. Ayes: All.

County Development Director Eric Furnas reviewed Ordinance #11-10-25-01 Rezoning Certain Real Property in Bloomington Township from A-1 Agricultural District Zoning Classification to R-1 Residential District Zoning Classification on the second and final reading

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Chick, the Board waived the requirement for three readings and to approve Ordinance #11-10-25-01 Rezoning Certain Real Property in Bloomington Township from A-1 Agricultural District Zoning Classification to R-1 Residential District Zoning Classification on the second and final reading. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

Building, Zoning and Environmental Inspector I, Brandon Hatcher, reviewed the proposed change orders for the Community Services Building Repairs Project. Hatcher stated Change Order #1 is for front stone replacement to replace 45 stone units at a unit price per base bid of \$250.00 for a total amount of \$11,250.00. Change Order #2 is for additional stucco, handrails and roof repairs for a total amount of \$3,400.00.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved Change Order #1 in the amount of \$11,250.00 & Change Order #2 in the amount of \$3,400.00 for the Community Services Building Repairs Project. Ayes: All.

Furnas reviewed a Special Use Permit granted by the Muscatine County Board of Adjustment on October 30, 2025. The applicant was Louisa Solar Power LLC with the affected properties located at Seventy-Six Township and Fruitland Township, south of Highway 61, T76N, 2W and 3W, containing approximately 306 combined acres and are zoned A-1 Agricultural District. The special use permit allows a utility-scale solar energy system.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board granted a letter of support of an amicus brief regarding zoning ordinances on a request from Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC) and to support financially with a contribution of \$500 (to help cover the cost of the amicus brief total cost of \$25,000), on the condition of certiorari, with Furnas to monitor the amicus brief. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Bryan Horesowsky reviewed bids for one 2026 Cab Tractor. The bids were Sinclair Tractor, Muscatine, for 2026 John Deere 6M 115 - \$122,147.20 and J.J. Nichting Company, West Liberty, for 2026 Case IH MAXXUM 115 - \$125,500.00.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board approve the purchase of one 2026 Cab Tractor from Sinclair Tractor, Muscatine, for 2026 John Deere 6M 115, in the amount of \$122,147.20. Ayes: All.

Horesowsky updated the Board on secondary road projects.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the minutes of November 3, 2025,

regular meeting. Ayes: All

Correspondence.

No correspondence was reported.

Committee Reports and Meetings.

No committee reports or meetings were reported.

On a motion by Chick, second by Kirchner, the Board approved two appointments to the Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission for terms ending January 1st, 2027, and January 1st, 2028. David Lerch to be appointed to the term ending January 1, 2027, and Elise Shield to be appointed to the term ending January 1, 2028. Ayes: All.

County Auditor Tibe Vander Linden stated the Post Election Audit is scheduled for November 13, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. Vander Linden stated the 1st Tier Canvass to the Board of Supervisors will be held on November 12, 2025, at 9:00 A.M. and the 2nd Tier Canvass will be held on November 18, 2025, at 9:00 A.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 A.M.

ATTEST:

Tibe Vander Linden
County Auditor

Nathan Mather, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors