

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, January 2, 2026

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met in special session at 9:00 A.M. with Chick, Kirchner, Mather, Sauer and Sorensen present. Muscatine County Auditor Tibe Vander Linden called the meeting to order. Vander Linden conducted nominations for Board Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, Chick was nominated as Chairperson and Kirchner was nominated as Vice-Chairperson. Ayes: All. On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, Chick was elected Chairperson and Kirchner was elected as Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors for 2026. Ayes: All. Chairperson Chick presided over the remainder of the meeting.

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

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, the Board authorized the Chair to sign a Non-Appropriation Agreement and Acknowledgement with Advanced Business Systems regarding the Jail Copiers Lease. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board approved Resolution #01-02-26-01 Authorizing the County Engineer to Sign for and Collect Disaster Relief Funds. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

RESOLUTION #01-02-26-01
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ENGINEER TO SIGN FOR AND
COLLECT FEDERAL DISASTER RELIEF FUNDS

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize the County Engineer for Muscatine County, Bryan J. Horesowsky, to sign for and collect Federal Disaster Relief funds on behalf of Muscatine County for any secondary road or bridge damage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 2nd day of January, 2026.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden
Muscatine County Auditor

/s/Danny Chick, Chairperson
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, the Board approved Resolution #01-02-26-02 Authorizing the County Engineer to Execute Certification of Completion and Final Acceptance on Farm-to-Market Construction Projects. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

RESOLUTION #01-02-26-02
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ENGINEER TO EXECUTE
CERTIFICATION OF COMPLETION AND FINAL ACCEPTANCE ON FARM-TO-
MARKET CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Be it resolved by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors that Bryan J. Horesowsky, the County Engineer of Muscatine County, Iowa, is hereby designated, authorized and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of said County to execute the certification of completion of work and final acceptance thereof in accordance with plans and specifications therefore in connection with all Farm to Market construction projects in this county.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 2nd day of January, 2026.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden
Muscatine County Auditor

/s/Danny Chick, Chairperson
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #01-02-26-03 Authorizing the County Engineer to Close Secondary Roads in Emergency Situations. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

RESOLUTION #01-02-26-03
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ENGINEER TO CLOSE SECONDARY
ROADS IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

Be it resolved by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors that Bryan J. Horesowsky, the County Engineer for Muscatine County, Iowa, is hereby authorized to close secondary roads or portions thereof in emergency situations to safeguard the traveling public. Such road closures shall be confirmed by the Board of Supervisors at its next regular meeting.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 2nd day of January, 2026.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden
Muscatine County Auditor

/s/Danny Chick, Chairperson
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #01-02-26-04 Authorizing the County Sheriff to Close Secondary Roads in Emergency Situations. Roll call vote: Ayes; All.

RESOLUTION #01-02-26-04
AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY SHERIFF TO CLOSE SECONDARY ROADS IN
EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

Be it resolved by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors that the Muscatine County Sheriff is hereby authorized to close secondary roads or portions thereof in Muscatine County in

emergency situations to safeguard the traveling public. Such road closures shall be confirmed by the Board of Supervisors at its next regular meeting.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 2nd day of January, 2026.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden
Muscatine County Auditor

/s/Danny Chick, Chairperson
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #01-02-26-05 Construction Evaluation Resolution. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION #01-02-26-05
CONSTRUCTION EVALUATION RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Iowa Code section 459.304(3) (2003), sets out the procedure if a Board of Supervisors wishes to adopt a “construction evaluation resolution” relating to the construction of a confinement feeding operation structure; and

WHEREAS, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution can submit to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) an adopted recommendation to approve or disapprove a construction permit application regarding a proposed confinement feeding operation structure; and

WHEREAS, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution and submitted an adopted recommendation may contest the DNR’s decision regarding a specific application; and

WHEREAS, by adopting a construction evaluation resolution, the Board of Supervisors agrees to evaluate every construction permit application for a proposed confinement feeding operation structure received by the Board of Supervisors between February 1, 2026 and January 31, 2027 and submit an adopted recommendation regarding that application to the DNR; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors must conduct an evaluation of every construction permit application using the master matrix created in Iowa Code section 459.305, but the Board’s recommendation to the DNR may be based on the final score on the master matrix or may be based on reasons other than the final score on the master matrix.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUSCATINE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS to hereby adopt this construction evaluation resolution pursuant to Iowa Code section 459.304(3).

PASSED AND APPROVED this 2nd day of January, 2026.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden
Muscatine County Auditor

/s/Danny Chick, Chairperson
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer. the Board approved Resolution #01-02-26-06 Designating Official Newspapers In and For Muscatine County for 2026. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION #01-02-26-06
RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS IN AND FOR MUSCATINE
COUNTY FOR 2026**

Be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Muscatine County, Iowa that in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 349 of the Code of Iowa, the following newspapers be designated official newspapers in and for Muscatine County for 2026:

Muscatine Journal
Wilton-Durant Advocate News

PASSED AND APPROVED this 2nd day of January, 2026.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden
Muscatine County Auditor

/s/Danny Chick, Chairperson
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Sauer, second by Mather, the Board re-appointed Matt Shutt as Muscatine County Weed Commissioner to a one-year term ending December 31, 2026. Ayes: All. Mather thanked Shutt for his continued service.

On a motion by Mather, second by Kirchner, the Board re-appointed Sherry Seright to the Muscatine County Conservation Board to a five-year term ending December 31, 2030, Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board re-appointed Richard Buser to the Conesville Benefited Fire District to a three-year term ending December 31, 2028. (subject to approval by the Louisa County Board of Supervisors). Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, the Board re-appointed Karen Harper and Michelle Garvin to the Muscatine County Board of Health to three-year terms ending December 31, 2028. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board re-appointed Joe Harper, Chris Brase and John Kiwala to the Historic Preservation Commission for three-year terms ending January 1, 2029. Ayes: All. On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board appointed Todd Stammer to fill a vacancy to the Historic Preservation Commission for a three-year term ending January 1, 2029. Mather thanked Rebekah Sell for applying for the vacancy and encouraged her to re-apply in the future.

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

No correspondence was reported

No committees or meetings were reported.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board set 2026 regular meeting dates for Mondays at 9:00 A.M. Ayes: All.

The Board reviewed Board of Supervisors' appointments to Boards and Commissions for 2026. The Board will act on the 2026 assignments at the next regular Board meeting.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board accepted the December 2025 payroll claims. Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 A.M.

ATTEST:

Tibe Vander Linden
County Auditor

Danny Chick, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors