

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, January 12, 2026

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. with Chick, Kirchner, Sorensen and Sauer present. Mather was absent. Chairperson Chick presiding.

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

County Sheriff Quinn Riess reviewed a request to purchase a 2024 Police Package Dodge Durango with funds in his current budget.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, the Board approved the purchase of a 2024 Police Package Dodge Durango in the amount of \$55,000.00. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved the County Recorder's Report of Fee's collected for the quarter ending December 31, 2025, in the amount of \$59,828.83. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, the Board approved the Muscatine County Sheriff's Office – Civil Department's Report of Fees Collected for the quarter ending December 31, 2025, in the amount of \$34,352.94. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the County Auditor's Report of Fee's collected for the quarter ending December 31, 2025, in the amount of \$18,926.77. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kirchner, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the County Treasurer's Quarterly Report of Fee's collected for the quarter ending December 31, 2025, in the amount of \$678,294.55. Ayes: All.

Oa motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved the minutes of the January 5, 2026, regular meeting. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Sauer received a call from a resident with a road culvert issue. Sauer will contact County Engineer, Bryan Horesowsky.

Committee & Meeting Reports:

Chick and Sorensen attended the MUSCO Sports Center ribbon cutting ceremony on January 8, 2026. Sorensen stated Mather spoke at the ceremony.

Kirchner announced the Muscatine County Blue Ribbon Fundraiser is scheduled for January 17, 2026 at the new Kent Center Event Space. Tickets are available from Fair Board members and the Fair Board office.

Sorensen attended an Emergency Management meeting on January 7, 2026.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner the Board tabled possible action authorizing the Chair to sign an Indemnity Agreement with Rock Valley Physical Therapy. Ayes: All.

GIS Manager Mark Yerington reviewed the FY26/27 MAGIC budget request stating conversion and upgrades were done in 2025. The projected upgrades for the upcoming fiscal year are for MAGIC control network to a new coordinate system and to convert the parcel fabric to Arc GIS Pro system. The other areas of the budget have no significant changes.

Medical Examiner, Tom Summitt reviewed the FY26/27 budget requests stating no significant changes. Summitt noted a budget request for a 3% increase for Medical Examiners Investigators.

County Auditor Tibe Vander Linden stated the FY26/27 budget has no significant changes. The upcoming fiscal year will have only one known election, the General Gubernatorial Election to be held November 3, 2026.

County Treasurer Amy Zybarth reviewed the FY26/27 budget requests stating an increase in postage and mailing due to rising postage rates. Zybarth reviewed the predicted revenue increase for Motor Vehicle Use Tax due to recent legislative changes.

County Recorder Sarah Heart stated the FY26/27 budget has no significant changes

County Conservation Director Katie Hammond reviewed the FY26/27 budget requests for the Deep Lakes Park custodial supplies, electricity, water sampling and water conditioning items. Sorensen recommended tracking the annual cost and revenue associated with the Deep Lakes Park and campground going forward. Hammond stated there will be no staff changes. Hammond reviewed the REAP budget stating they are receiving quotes for new restroom facilities at Salisbury Park boat landing campground and another at the Chicken Creek area. Hammond stated the REAP salary increase is for half of two salary items for the intern naturalist and for Dave Shuyler's animal care salary (half from General Basic budget and half from REAP). Hammond reviewed the Conservation Reserve account stating the Capital Project amount will remain the same and the Deep Lakes Park maintenance building project line item remains the same as last year, with additional funds for the project from the county's Capital Project funds. Hammond stated the Equipment Reserve item is for a proposed side by side vehicle with a blade for snow removal at Deep Lakes Park. Hammond stated an increase in revenue for camping fees, firewood sales, program fees, canoe rentals, shelter and lodge fees.

Community Services Director Jessica Bopes reviewed the FY26/27 General Assistance/Veteran's Affairs budget. Bopes stated the Professional Fees for the Mental Health Advocate is a place holder amount as the ASO is providing the advocate but if the ASO does not pay, the county is responsible. Bopes requested a replacement vehicle as they currently have a 2014 Chevy Malibu and stated a SUV would be more suitable in size. The Board held discussion on the current fleet of vehicles and stated a review of the fleet to see if departments could share a vehicle is in order. Bopes reviewed the increase in rent payment assistance and stated the MCSA Rent Payment shows a large increase, however this is just a reallocated amount of moving the MCSA Shelter Case Coordinator amount to this line item. Bopes stated an increase for software as the CSN System (previously paid for by the Region) has been set up which will allow all information in one place. Information Services Director Bill Riley reviewed the FY26/27. Riley reviewed the telephone

service, metro area network and service agreements. Riley stated the additional staff member has been a positive addition.

County Engineer Bryan Horesowsky reviewed the FY26/27 budget requests for secondary roads revenue, road use taxes and local option sales tax. Horesowsky reviewed construction expenses, noting a decrease due to Stewart Road project no longer being part of the budget. Horesowsky stated there is an increase in engineering services due to stream bed credits when replacing bridges and box culverts. The Board held discussion to investigate a consultanting service regarding stream bed credits. Bridge inspections have decreased due to a smaller number of inspections this year. Horesowsky reviewed the roads and roadside maintenance budgets. The Board questioned if the Safety Action Plan should be reviewed. Horesowsky stated the Plan and DOT safety concerns (where the systems meet) will be reviewed with Sheriff Quinn Riess as he has records of possible unsafe intersections. Chick questioned if flashing stop signs were approved or needs reviewed. Sorensen stated a review can be conducted during the Safety Action Plan review. Horesowsky reviewed the Capital Expenditure requests with some equipment items being carryover items from this fiscal year. Horesowsky stated that corrugated pipe cost has an increase due to low inventory and increased material cost and noted the real estate item for the engineering and zoning building is a carryover budget item with a 1% increase.

The meeting adjourned at 11:13 A.M.

ATTEST:

Tibe Vander Linden
County Auditor

Danny Chick, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors