

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, March 2, 2026

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

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

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board approved claims dated March 2, 2026, in the amount of \$542,130.63. Ayes: All.

Veterans' Affairs Director Eric Sanders discussed Senate Study Bill 3079 and the very structural change, a statewide change, to how Veteran Services are administered throughout the State of Iowa. Chick stated he sent emails to Senator Kerry Gruenhagen and Senator Mark Lofgren. Chick said that Senator Mark Lofgren responded to his email stating he was opposed to SSB3079 as well. Chick said he did not hear back from Kerry Gruenhagen. Currently County Veteran Service officers are locally governed and locally funded with the State providing limited support of roughly \$10,000 per year. This proposed legislation will reduce local control and reduce County funding and move decision making away from the local level where Veterans receive services one on one with Sanders in the local office. The Iowa Association of County Veteran Services and The American Legion of Iowa both have formally opposed this Bill as it has been introduced. Sanders stated that this is moving toward regionalization and more control. Sanders mentioned that everything he does as far as training and his requirements are at the federal level. The Bill wants to control all levels of red tape, training standards, performance metrics based on numbers that are not validated. Iowa is considered the 44th worst state in getting veteran benefits, yet Iowa is one of the only states that does not have an active-duty military bases. Iowa is not exactly a retiree destination, and most of our service members here are guards or reservists. As of the latest survey, 90% of Iowa Counties are opposed to this Bill. Sanders is recommending the Board consider taking a formal position in opposing this proposed legislation based on the operational and Governance impacts to Muscatine County.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board authorized the chair to sign a letter of opposition to the Senate Study Bill 3079. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #03-02-26-01 Abating Taxes: Building on Leased Land – 1432 Marolf Dr. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

RESOLUTION # 03-02-26-01 ABATING TAXES: BUILDING ON LEASED LAND

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Muscatine:

1. That pursuant to a request by the Muscatine County Treasurer, attached hereto and made a part hereof by this reference, interest in the amount of \$25,620.00 due and owing on the property described on the request are hereby abated.
2. That the Treasurer is hereby directed to strike the amount due from the tax rolls.

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

ATTEST:

/s/Jane Claussen
Auditor

/s/Danny Chick, Chairperson 1st Deputy
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Mather, second by Kirchner, the Board approved Resolution #03-02-26-02 Naming Depositories with County Treasurer Amy Zybarth. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION #03-02-26-02 RESOLUTION NAMING DEPOSITORIES -
TREASURER’S OFFICE**

It is hereby resolved that the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors approves the following list of financial institutions to be depositories for Muscatine County funds held by the Muscatine County Treasurer, in conformance with applicable provisions of Chapter 12C, Code of Iowa. All previous actions by the Board of Supervisors naming depositories and setting maximum limits for the Treasurer’s Office are hereby null and void.

| DEPOSITORY | LOCATION | MAXIMUM FUND BALANCE |
|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| CBI Bank | Muscatine, IA | \$ 50,000,000 |
| CDARS | Muscatine, IA | \$ 5,000,000 |
| Community Bank | Muscatine, IA | \$ 10,000,000 |
| DeWitt Bank & Trust Co. | Wilton, IA | \$ 2,000,000 |
| Farmers & Merchants Bank | Nichols, IA | \$ 2,000,000 |
| IPAIT | Des Moines, IA | \$ 40,000,000 |
| Midwest One Bank | West Liberty, IA | \$ 20,000,000 |
| South Ottumwa Savings Bank | West Liberty, IA | \$ 5,000,000 |

Passed and approved this 2nd day of March 2026.

ATTEST:

/s/Jane Claussen
1st Deputy Auditor

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

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board approved the minutes of February 23, 2026, regular meeting. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Sorensen received an invitation to an executive committee meeting with Farm Bureau.

Normally the Chair and vice-chair attend the meeting to avoid any issues with a quorum and recommend that Chick and Mather attend.

Mather stated he received an email about Renewable Energy Legislation and believes all Board members received the same email.

Committee & Meeting Reports:

Mather attended a meeting with Community Grant Writer Aaron Grubin, on February 17, 2026.

Kirchner attended a Bi-State Regional Planning Commission meeting on February 25, 2026.

Kirchner attended a WELEAD meeting on February 26, 2026.

Chick attended the Greater Muscatine Chamber of Commerce and Industry meeting on February 27, 2026.

Sorensen and Kirchner attended a Muscatine County Joint Communications Commission meeting on February 25, 2026.

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

The Board recessed at 9:16 A.M. and reconvened at 9:36 A.M.

The Board entered closed session at 9:20 A.M. pursuant to Chapter 21.5(1)(c), Code of Iowa, to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent. The Board returned to open session at 9:36 A.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 A.M.

ATTEST:

Tibe Vander Linden
County Auditor

Danny Chick, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors