

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, March 9, 2026

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

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

A Public Hearing was called at 9:00 A.M. by Chairperson Chick on the revised Muscatine County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. Emergency Management Director Chris Jasper stated he received a phone call from a citizen asking questions on the plan. Jasper stated he explained the plan and the citizen was thankful for his time and information.

Bi-State Regional Commission Community & Economic Development Director Lisa Ahern and Planner Natalie Murphy reviewed with the Board the corrections and changes to the proposed Muscatine County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. Ahren stated Bi-State is open to any corrections in the next couple of weeks. Ahren stated after all corrections are made the plan will be submitted to Homeland Security to verify the requirements of the plan. Ahren stated having an updated Muscatine County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan allows the county to continue to be eligible for FEMA funded projects. No one from the public spoke for or against the revised Muscatine County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, the Board closed the public hearing at 9:04 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #03-09-26-01 Approval and Adoption of the Muscatine County Multi-Jurisdiction Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

RESOLUTION #03-09-26-01
APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE MUSCATINE COUNTY MULTI-
JURISDICTION LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS, Muscatine County, with the assistance of the Bi-State Commission (BSRC) has gathered information and prepared the Muscatine County Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Muscatine County Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan has been prepared in accordance with FEMA requirements at 44 C.F.R. 201.6; and,

WHEREAS, those municipalities within Muscatine County that have participated in the multi-jurisdictional plan update process will each pass their own resolutions to approve and adopt the plan; and

WHEREAS, the Plan process has been subject to public review and comment during its development; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Muscatine County has reviewed the Plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors hereby approves and adopts the Muscatine County Multi-Jurisdiction Local Hazard Mitigation Plan as this jurisdiction's Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan pending FEMA approval of the Plan.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 9th day of March, 2026.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden
Muscatine County Auditor

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

Sheriff Quinn Riess stated this is the first time to apply for the proposed Small, Rural, and Tribal Body-Worn Camera Grant. Mather joined the meeting at 9:06 A.M. Riess stated the current body-worn cameras were purchased in 2019 and the matching grant funds would replace all the body-worn cameras.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, the Board approved a Small, Rural, and Tribal Body-Worn Camera Grant application in the amount of \$38,757.12. Ayes: All.

County Development Director Eric Furnas reviewed a Special Use Permit for the Engineer Satellite Facility granted by the Muscatine County Board of Adjustment on March 6, 2026. Case #26-03-01, an application filed by the Muscatine County Secondary Roads Department to request a Special Use Permit to allow the construction of a road maintenance equipment storage building on the parcel. The affected property is in Seventy-Six Township, in parts of the SW1/4 of Section 16-T76N-R3W, 2445 Independence Avenue, containing approximately 4.72 acres, and is zoned A-1 Agricultural District. The Muscatine County Board of Adjustment unanimously approved this permit on March 6, 2026.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board set a public hearing on proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and cost estimate for the Engineer Satellite Facility Project for Monday March 30, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. Ayes: All.

Furnas stated Wolfe Contracting has begun construction work on the County Conservation Maintenance building on Pettibone Avenue.

County Engineer Bryan Horesowsky reviewed the proposed Resolution #03-09-26-02 Authorizing Weight Embargoes on Secondary Roads in Muscatine County, Iowa.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, the Board approved Resolution #03-09-26-02 Authorizing Weight Embargoes on Secondary Roads in Muscatine County, Iowa. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION # 03-09-26-02
AUTHORIZING WEIGHT EMBARGOES ON SECONDARY ROADS
IN MUSCATINE COUNTY, IOWA**

WHEREAS, the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors recognizes that recent weather conditions have caused soft subgrade and surface conditions to develop on some Secondary Roads; and

WHEREAS, Sections 321.236(8), 321.255, 321.471 and 321.473 of the Code of Iowa provide the authority for local authorities to impose restrictions as to the weight of vehicles to be operated on any highway under their jurisdiction and Section 321.463 establishes the penalty for violating said restrictions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Muscatine County, Iowa, that an embargo be authorized where necessary on the Secondary Roads System for Muscatine County. The County Engineer is directed to restrict all traffic to an 11-ton gross load where deemed necessary on certain sections of the road system and to erect signs to advise the traveling public of these limits, in accordance with Section 321.472. If conditions warrant, the embargo is rescinded by the removal of signs by direction of the County Engineer.

Passed and approved this 9th day of March 2026.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden
Muscatine County Auditor

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

Horesowsky updated the Board on Secondary Road projects.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the minutes of the March 2, 2026, regular meeting.

Correspondence:

All Board members received an email from Belen Rodriguez expressing concerns regarding the county's contract with ICE.

All Board members received an email from Jen Kautsch stating concerns with HF2580 and SF2447 which restricts county authority for energy projects.

All Board members received emails from members of the Deahr family with concerns of zoning on Davis Avenue.

Committee & Meeting Reports:

Chick and Sauer attended an annual Muscatine Power & Water Power Breakfast meeting on March 5, 2026.

Sauer attended a special County Conservation Board meeting to approve the contract for the maintenance building at Deep Lakes Park on March 2, 2026.

The Board recessed at 9:15 A.M. and reconvened 9:23 A.M.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board moved into closed session at 9:23 A.M. (at employee's request) pursuant to Chapter 21.5(1)(i), Code of Iowa, for performance evaluation. Roll call vote: Ayes: All. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board returned to open session at 10:05 A.M.

On a motion by Mather, second by Kirchner, the Board moved into closed session at 10:05 A.M. (at employee's request) pursuant to Chapter 21.5(1)(i), Code of Iowa, for performance evaluation. Roll call vote: Ayes: All. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board returned to open session at 10:48 A.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 A.M.

ATTEST:

Tibe Vander Linden
County Auditor

Jeff Sorensen
Board of Supervisors