

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, March 30, 2026

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

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

On a motion by Sauer, second by Kirchner, the Board approved claims dated March 30th, 2026, in the amount of \$333,054.37. Ayes: All.

A Public Hearing was called to order by Chairperson Chick at 9:01 A.M. on proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and cost estimate for the Muscatine County Engineer Satellite Facility Project. Mike Nolan, Horizon Architecture, reviewed a Notice to Bidders document which stated the proposed plans, specifications and total opinion of probable costs for the project. No public comments were made. On a motion by Mather, second by Kirchner, the public hearing was closed at 9:02 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Kirchner, the Board approved Resolution #03-30-26-01 Approving Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract and Cost Estimate for the Muscatine County Engineer Satellite Facility Project. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION #03-30-26-01**  
**APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CONTRACT AND COST**  
**ESTIMATE FOR THE MUSCATINE COUNTY ENGINEER SATELLITE FACILITY**  
**PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors has retained Horizon Architecture to provide consulting architectural/engineering services for the Muscatine County Engineer Satellite Facility Project; and

WHEREAS, Horizon Architecture has prepared plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated cost for the project, which documents have been on file and available for public inspection in the Muscatine County Zoning Office since Monday, March 23, 2026; and

WHEREAS, following notice of public hearing published in accordance with the law, a public hearing was held on Monday, March 30, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in the Muscatine County Administration Building at which members of the public were allowed to be heard on the issue of the Muscatine County Engineer Satellite Facility Project, and on the documents prepared in connection therewith.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors:

1. That the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated cost of the Muscatine County Engineer Satellite Facility Project are hereby approved.
2. That Muscatine County shall solicit sealed bids for the proposed improvement in accordance with the law.

3. That bids must be received as described in the Notice to Bidders on or before the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2026.
4. That bids shall be publicly announced at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, April 27, 2026 at the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors meeting.
5. That the sealed bids must be accompanied by a bid security equal to ten (10) percent of the bid.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden  
Muscatine County Auditor

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

County Engineer Bryan Horesowsky reviewed the Muscatine County DOT FY 2027 Secondary Roads Budget and DOT FY 2027 Secondary Roads Five Year Program.

On a motion by Mather, second by Kirchner, the Board approved the Muscatine County DOT FY 2027 Secondary Roads Five Year Program and Secondary Roads Budget. Ayes: All.

Horesowsky updated the Board on secondary road projects.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Kirchner, the Board approved the minutes of the March 23, 2026 regular meeting and March 23, 2026 special meeting. Ayes: All.

Correspondence.

Sauer had a conversation with a resident regarding road conditions on Sweetland Road.  
All Supervisors received a letter regarding walnut trees along F-58 between Wilton and Durant.

Committee Reports.

Kirchner attended a Muscatine County Joint Communication Commission (MCJCC) meeting on March 23, 2026.

Kirchner attended a WELEAD meeting on March 26, 2026.

Kirchner and Chick attended a Farm Bureau Board meeting on March 24, 2026.

Kirchner and Chick attended a Bi-State Regional Planning Commission meeting on March 24, 2026.

Chick attended an Eastern Iowa Workforce Board meeting on March 23, 2026.

Chick attended an Eastern Iowa Workforce CEO Board meeting on March 24, 2026.

Chick attended a Bi-State Regional Planning Executive meeting on March 24, 2026.

Chick attended the Great Muscatine Chamber of Commerce and Industry Annual Meeting on March 26, 2026.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Kirchner, the Board approved the proposed FY26/27 Muscatine County budget for publication. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, the Board set a public hearing on the proposed FY26/27 Muscatine County budget for Monday, April 13, 2026 at 9:00 A.M. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Mather, the Board approved Resolution #03-30-26-02 Taking Action to Set a Public Hearing for Monday, April 13, 2026, at 9:00 A.M. to Facilitate the Repurposing of Prior Bond Proceeds. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

### **RESOLUTION #03-30-26-02**

#### **RESOLUTION TAKING ACTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING AND ADDITIONAL ACTION ON PROPOSAL TO ENTER INTO GENERAL OBLIGATION LOAN AGREEMENT AND TO BORROW MONEY THEREUNDER TO FACILITATE THE REPURPOSING OF PRIOR BOND PROCEEDS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors (the "Board") of Muscatine County, Iowa (the "County"), proposes to enter into a General Obligation Loan Agreement (the "Loan Agreement") and to borrow money thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$1,025,000 pursuant to the provisions of Section 331.402 and Section 331.441(2)(b)(5) of the Code of Iowa for the purpose of paying the costs, to that extent, of: (a) renovating the Deep Lakes Park Maintenance Facility (\$100,000); (b) undertaking general physical plant maintenance and repairs to County facilities (\$200,000); (c) undertaking repairs to the Community Services Building (\$275,000); and (d) improving the County geothermal field for heating and cooling County buildings (\$450,000) (the "Projects"), and it is now necessary to fix a date of meeting of the Board of Supervisors at which it is proposed to take action to enter into the Loan Agreement and to give notice thereof as required by such law; and

WHEREAS, in lieu of entering into an additional credit facility, the Board intends to use the borrowing authority relative to the Loan Agreement to repurpose proceeds remaining from the prior issuance of the County's General Obligation Levee Improvements Note, Series 2022 to pay costs of the Projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Muscatine County, Iowa, as follows:

Section 1. This Board will meet on April 13, 2026, at the Muscatine County Administration Building, Muscatine, Iowa, at 9 o'clock a.m., at which time and place the hearing will be held and proceedings will be instituted and action taken to enter into the Loan Agreement to facilitate the repurposing of prior bond proceeds.

Section 2. The County Auditor is hereby directed to give notice of the proposed action on the Loan Agreement and setting forth the amount and purpose thereof, the time when and place where the said meeting will be held by publication at least once and not less than 4 and not more than 20 days before the date selected for the meeting, in a legal newspaper which has a general circulation in the County. The notice shall be in substantially the following form:

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ACTION TO  
INSTITUTE PROCEEDINGS TO ENTER INTO A LOAN AGREEMENT  
AND TO BORROW MONEY THEREUNDER TO FACILITATE THE  
REPURPOSING OF PRIOR BOND PROCEEDS IN A PRINCIPAL  
AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,025,000**

**(GENERAL OBLIGATION)**

The Board of Supervisors of Muscatine County, Iowa (the “County”), will meet on April 13, 2026, at the Muscatine County Administration Building, Muscatine, Iowa, at 9 o’clock a.m., for the purpose of instituting proceedings and taking action on a proposal to enter into a loan agreement (the “Loan Agreement”) and to borrow money thereunder to facilitate the repurposing of prior bond proceeds in a principal amount not to exceed \$1,025,000 for the purpose of paying the costs, to that extent, of: (a) renovating the Deep Lakes Park Maintenance Facility (\$100,000); (b) undertaking general physical maintenance and repairs to County facilities (\$200,000); (c) undertaking repairs to the Community Services Building (\$275,000); and (d) improving the geothermal field for heating and cooling County buildings (\$450,000).

The Loan Agreement is proposed to be entered into, and bonds will be issued thereunder, pursuant to authority contained in Section 331.402 of the Code of Iowa. To the extent and additional credit facility were to be undertaken, the Loan Agreement would constitute a general obligation of the County.

The County intends to use its borrowing authority under the Loan Agreement to repurpose a portion of the proceeds of a prior issuance of General Obligation Levee Improvements Note, Series 2022, dated July 21, 2022. As a result, there will be no annual increase in property taxes on a residential property with an actual valuation of one hundred thousand dollars resulting from the County entering into the Loan Agreement.

At that time and place, oral or written objections may be filed or made to the proposal to enter into the Loan Agreement to facilitate the repurposing of prior bond proceeds. After receiving objections, the County may determine to enter into the Loan Agreement, in which case, the decision will be final unless appealed to the District Court within fifteen (15) days thereafter.

By order of the Board of Supervisors of Muscatine County, Iowa.

Tibe Vander Linden  
County Auditor

Section 3. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 4. This resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately after its adoption and approval, as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden  
Muscatine County Auditor

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

Conservation Director Katie Hammond stated CPR/First Aid/AED training is scheduled for today from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Environmental Learning Center for the Conservation Department employees. Hammond invited the Board and other county departments to attend. Hammond stated there is a fee for attendees.

Information Services Director Bill Riley stated the new county website design will go live at 2:00 P.M. today.

Gene Hammons, 1870 Elder Avenue, Nichols, Iowa, stated he is a certified volunteer firefighter for Nichols, Iowa and needs a State I.D. Hammons questioned the Board on the process to attain a State I.D. Chick stated he has talked to Emergency Management Director Chris Jasper about the process and Jasper is researching it. Hammons stated University of Iowa is holding a training session at the Nichols Fire Station tonight if anyone is interested in attending.

The Board recessed at 9:40 A.M. and reconvened at 9:46 A.M.

On a motion by Mather, second by Kirchner, the Board moved into closed session at 9:46 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 Mather, second by Kirchner, the Board moved to return to open session at 10:04 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kirchner, second by Mather, the Board moved into closed session at 10:04 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 Mather, second by Sauer, the Board moved to return to open session at 10:25 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 A.M.

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Tibe Vander Linden  
County Auditor

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Danny Chick, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors