

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, April 13, 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 Sauer, the Board approved claims dated April 13, 2026, in the amount of \$3,121,157.80. Ayes: All.

A Public Hearing was called to order by Chairperson Chick at 9:01 A.M. on the proposed FY26/27 Muscatine County Budget. Administration and Finance Director Kala Naber reviewed the revenues and expenditures for the proposed FY26/27 Muscatine County Budget. No one from the public spoke. On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board moved to close the Public Hearing at 9:07 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board approved Resolution #04-13-26-01 Approval of Elected Officials Fiscal Year 26/27 Salaries. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

RESOLUTION #04-13-26-01
APPROVAL OF ELECTED OFFICIALS FISCAL YEAR 26/27 SALARIES

WHEREAS, the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors voted to take no action to reestablish the dissolved Muscatine County Compensation Board, duties and responsibilities were transferred to the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors on December 16, 2024, in accordance with Iowa Code Chapters 331.905 and 331.907; and

WHEREAS, the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met on January 26, 2026 and discussed the salaries for elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors approves the following salary adjustments for the following elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026:

<u>Elected Official</u>	<u>FY25/26 Current Salary</u>	<u>Approved Increase</u>	<u>FY26/27 Approved Salary</u>
Auditor	\$89,189	3.0%	\$91,865
County Attorney	\$165,481	3.0%	\$170,445
Recorder	\$88,758	3.0%	\$91,421
Sheriff	\$141,286	6.5%	\$150,470
Supervisors	\$31,785*	3.0%	\$32,739*
Treasurer	\$89,189	3.0%	\$91,865

* Plus \$2,500 for Board Chair and \$1,500 for Vice-Chair.

PASSED and APPROVED this 13th day of April, 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 Sorensen, the Board approved Resolution #04-13-26-02 Adopting the Fiscal Year 26/27 County Budget. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION #04-13-26-02
ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026/27 COUNTY BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors conducted a public hearing on April 13, 2026, where citizens of Muscatine County were invited to comment on the Fiscal Year 2026/27 budget, as duly published according to Section 331.434(2) of the Code of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors appreciates comments from the citizens and encourages all citizens to be informed and participate in county government.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors that the Fiscal Year 2026/27 County budget is adopted as per the Proposed County Budget Summary for Fiscal Year 2026/27.

PASSED and APPROVED this 13th day of April, 2026.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden
Muscatine County Auditor

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

A Public Hearing was called to order by Chairperson Chick at 9:09 A.M. on the proposal to enter into a General Obligation Loan Agreement to facilitate the repurposing of prior bond proceeds. Naber reviewed the repurposing of prior bond proceeds. No one from the public spoke. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, the Board moved to close the Public Hearing at 9:10 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board approved Resolution #04-13-26-03 Taking Action on Proposal to Enter into a General Obligation Loan Agreement and Repurposing of Prior Bond Proceeds. Ayes: All.

RESOLUTION #04-13-26-03

**RESOLUTION TAKING ACTION ON PROPOSAL TO ENTER INTO A
GENERAL OBLIGATION LOAN AGREEMENT AND 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 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 pursuant to law and duly published notice of the proposed action has held a hearing thereon on April 6, 2026; 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 ("Note Proceeds") to pay costs of the Projects;

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

- Section 1. The Board of Supervisors hereby approves the Loan Agreement and declares that this resolution constitutes the "additional action" required by Section 331.443(2) of the Code of Iowa. It is hereby ordered that up to \$1,025,000 of the Note Proceeds be expended to pay the costs of the Project.
- Section 2. All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.
- Section 3. This resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption and approval, as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 13th day of April, 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 Sorensen, the Board approved the minutes of the April 6, 2026, regular meeting. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Chick received a call from Aaron Hackett with concerns which were shared with County Development Director Eric Furnas.

Chick and Mather received an email from Joann Conrad regarding concerns with accidents at the intersection of Highway 38 and 155th Street. Chick stated the possibility of flashing stop signs at several intersections has been discussed at prior meetings. Kirchner stated at a recent DOT meeting the possibility of flashing stop signs to be placed at five intersections were discussed. DOT is expected to respond to County Engineer Bryan Horesowsky.

Chick received a call from a citizen with concerns of a family member at the jail as there were plumbing back up problems. Chick talked to Assistant Jail Administrator Nick Doy who was addressing the problem.

All Supervisors received an email from Furnas about a solar application in the West Liberty area.

All Supervisors received an email with information about Earth Day Lunch & Learn Fair to be held on April 22nd, 2026, at the Stanley Center for Peace & Security.

Mather stated the email invite was from Muscatine County Energy District, however, they are not affiliated with Muscatine County in any way.

Committee & Meeting Reports:

Mather stated Veterans Affairs Director Eric Sanders presented last week at the Iowa State Bar Association Continuing Education session on how to advocate for veterans benefits.

Sorensen attended a Ports of Eastern Iowa meeting on April 8, 2026. The annual National Waterways Conference is scheduled in the Quad Cities in August 2026.

Community Services Director Jessica Bopes stated she also presented at the Iowa State Bar Association Continuing Education session last week.

Furnas updated the Board on the sidewalk and parking lot project. The broken sidewalk and curb and gutter were cut out on 4th Street. The sidewalk area that was removed near the historic jail created water and soil issues in the basement due to heavy rain last week. Furnas stated there was no basement wall damage, but it will require basement clean up and a sink hole to be filled. Furnas stated the Community Services Building project is in Phase II with additional stonework and some of the front ramp columns to be replaced. Furnas stated the Conservation Maintenance Building septic system, the well and a divider wall have been installed.

County Treasurer Amy Zybarth stated the Treasurer's Office will be closed on Wednesday, April 15th for DOT training for the entire staff.

Conservation Director Katie Hammond stated the County Conservation Naturalists won a Community Impact award at the recent United Way of Muscatine meeting. Hammond read the award ceremony speech and stated she was proud of the award.

Merlin Bartz, Invenergy Iowa County Outreach Manager, Grafton, Iowa, stated he is present at today's meeting as a courtesy visit as Invenergy has submitted a special permit with the Zoning Department. Bartz offered an informal invite to attend the Board of Adjustment Public Hearing scheduled for May 20, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. at the Environmental Learning Center, 3300 Cedar Street, Muscatine. Bartz thanked Furnas for working with the Project Manager Steve Morris and the rest of Invenergy's team to submit the permit. Bartz stated the Board and Furnas can call his cell phone if there are any questions or concerns.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 A.M.

ATTEST:

Tibe Vander Linden
County Auditor

Danny Chick, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors