

# MUSCATINE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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## AGENDA

Monday, May 4, 2026

9:00 a.m.

You can watch the meeting live from your computer, laptop, or smartphone at  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/MuscatineCounty/>

1. Call to order.
2. Review agenda.
3. Public hearing on declaring Emergency Medical Services (EMS) an essential service in and for Muscatine County. **(roll call vote to close the public hearing)**  
  
Discussion and possible action to approve a resolution declaring Emergency Medical Services (EMS) an essential service in and for Muscatine County on the first of three readings. **(roll call vote)**
4. Discussion and possible action to approve/deny a 2025 Disabled Veteran's Homestead Tax Credit application, with County Assessor Nancy Long.
5. Discussion and possible action approving the terms of a NAWCA grant application by the Nature Conservancy and authorizing the Chair to sign a letter of support, with County Conservation Director Katie Hammond and County Development Director Eric Furnas.
6. Items with County Development Director Eric Furnas:
  - a. Discussion and possible action to approve Change Order #1 in the amount of \$42,343.00 for the Downtown Parking Lot and Sidewalks Project.
  - b. Other.
7. Items with County Engineer Bryan Horesowsky:
  - a. Discussion and possible action to approve the plans and specifications for FM-C070(78)--55-70, a PCC Pavement - Grade and Replace project on 230<sup>th</sup> Street (G28) from Louisa County Line to Iowa 70.
  - b. Discussion and possible action to approve various utility permits.
  - c. Other.
8. Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2026 regular meeting
9. Correspondence.

10. Committee Reports.
11. Receive information from County employees.
12. Receive comments from the public.
13. Adjournment.

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Item #3

- Draft Resolution Declaring EMS Essential Service

**RESOLUTION #DRAFT**  
**RESOLUTION DECLARING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (“EMS”) AN ESSENTIAL SERVICE IN AND FOR MUSCATINE COUNTY, IOWA**

WHEREAS, the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors has the authority under Iowa Code 331.301(1) to “...exercise any power and perform any function it deems appropriate to protect and preserve the rights, privileges, and property of the county or of its residents, and to preserve and improve the peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of its residents”; and

WHEREAS, Muscatine County seeks to provide Emergency Medical Services to all its citizens and visitors; and

WHEREAS, Muscatine County recognizes there is a need to ensure and advance the level of care, capability, and coverage of EMS in Muscatine County; and

WHEREAS, on June 9, 2021, Iowa Senate File 615 was signed into law by the Governor, giving Iowa counties the capability to declare EMS an essential service for their respective county, thereby making it possible for counties to propose additional funding sources for EMS to the county’s voters at election.

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

1. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is hereby declared an essential service in and for Muscatine County, Iowa, and the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors will exercise the necessary power and functions appropriate to preserve the health, safety, and welfare of Muscatine County residents and provide for an effective and efficient Muscatine County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) System that allows for quality care for the persons living, working or traveling in Muscatine County. Exercising said necessary power and function includes, but is not limited to, the establishment of a Muscatine County Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council and the proposition of either a local option income surtax or ad valorem property tax to fund EMS to be voted upon by Muscatine County voters.
2. If a proposition to fund EMS through either a local option surtax or ad valorem property tax, or some combination thereof, fails to receive a favorable vote by at least sixty percent of those voting on the question, this resolution shall be deemed null and void.

PASSED AND APPROVED this XX<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.

ATTEST:

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Tibe Vander Linden  
Muscatine County Auditor

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Danny Chick, Chairperson  
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

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Item #4

- Disabled Veteran Homestead Tax Credit App

2025 - Aud. for Adjustment  
2026



Disabled Veteran Homestead  
Property Tax Credit

Iowa Code section 425.15 and Iowa Administrative Code rule 701-110.1(3)

This application must be filed with your city or county assessor by July 1 of the assessment year. Upon the filing and allowance of the claim, the claim is allowed on that homestead for successive years without further filing as long as the person continues to qualify for the homestead credit and continues to qualify for the Disabled Veteran Tax Credit under Iowa Code section 425.15. Contact information for all assessors can be found at the Iowa State Association of Assessors website: [iowa-assessors.org](http://iowa-assessors.org).

Print applicant information

Name: ARROWOOD TYLER JAMES OR ALYSSA JO

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Jurisdiction: MUSCATINE Taxing District: WCWIW

I, ARROWOOD TYLER JAMES, swear or affirm that I am the owner of the following homestead property described legally as: 1-78-2W LOT 5 OVESEN'S ADD  
Address: 410 W SUMMIT ST

Select one eligibility requirement below and attach a copy of the letter from U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs indicating applicant meets eligibility requirements pursuant to Iowa Code section 425.15. Additionally, attach a DD-214 or an equivalent document indicating the applicant's type of separation and character of service.

- I am a veteran of any of the military forces of the United States who acquired the property under 38 U.S.C section 21.801, section 21.802, prior to August 6, 1991, or 38 U.S.C section 2101, section 2102.....
- I am a veteran as defined in Iowa Code section 35.1.  Select one of the two boxes below:
  - And I have a permanent service-connected disability rating of 100% .....
  - And I have a permanent and total disability rating based on individual unemployability paid at the 100% disability rate.....
- I am a former member of the National Guard of any state who otherwise meets the service requirements of Iowa Code section 35.1 subsection 2, paragraph "b", subsection (2) or (7), with a service-connected disability rating of one hundred percent.  Select one of the two boxes below:
  - And I have a permanent service-connected disability rating of 100% .....
  - And I have a permanent and total disability rating based on individual unemployability paid at the 100% disability rate.....
- I am a surviving spouse or child who is receiving dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC) pursuant to 38 U.S.C section 1301 et seq .....

Date property was acquired: 01/05/2024 Method acquired: Deed:  Contract:  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that a smoke detector meeting the requirement of Iowa Code section 100.18.  
Check one: has been installed  or will be installed within thirty days of the filing of this application.

I have not and will not claim during this calendar year, a military service tax exemption on any property located in Iowa. Any person making a false claim for credit or any persons who together act with fraudulent intent to obtain this credit shall be guilty of a fraudulent practice.

I, the undersigned, declare under penalties of perjury or false certificate, that I have examined this application, and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

X Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 04/27/2026

Written notification must be provided to the assessor if the circumstances change and result in a taxpayer being ineligible for the credit, or conveyance of this property, or its discontinued use as your homestead.

Assessor Use Only: I recommend that this application be allowed  disallowed  Date: 4/27/2026

Parcel #: 0301231002 Assessor or Authorized Representative: [Signature]

Board of Supervisors Use Only: Credit Allowed:  Disallowed:

Representative of the Board of Supervisors: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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- TNC NAWCA Grant Memo
- NAWCA Grant Support Letter



# MUSCATINE COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

3300 Cedar Street P.O. Box 109 Muscatine, IA 52761 (563) 264-5922 email: [conservation@muscatinecountyia.gov](mailto:conservation@muscatinecountyia.gov)

## Memo

Date: Thursday, April 30, 2026

To: Muscatine Board of Supervisors

From: Katie Hammond, Conservation Director & Eric Furnas, Community Development Director

On Monday's agenda you will see an item seeking support for and the terms of a NAWCA (North American Wetland Conservation Act) grant application by The Nature Conservancy.

The Nature Conservancy (TNC) is applying for a grant for funding to do extensive wetland mitigation on several properties in the Louisa & Muscatine area. As part of this grant application, TNC proposes to transfer 2 parcels of land to Muscatine County that will be used as part of their match in the grant application.

The Rusell Tract is a 34-acre parcel, adjacent to Pike Run Wildlife Area.

<https://beacon.schneidercorp.com/Application.aspx?AppID=12&LayerID=93&PageTypeID=1&PageID=950>

The Holliday Tract consists of 2 parcels for a total of 63.54 acres located SW of the intersection of Saulsbury Road and Keokuk Avenue, across from Saulsbury Bridge Recreation Area.

<https://beacon.schneidercorp.com/Application.aspx?AppID=12&LayerID=93&PageTypeID=1&PageID=950>

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Upon receipt of this land, we propose to place it under the management and control of the Muscatine County Conservation Board, as a public wildlife area, open to hunting and trapping.

The only obligation of the County is the long-term management of the area within the NAWCA guidelines, which is in line with how Conservation would typically manage these properties. The Conservation Board has discussed the potential acquisition of these two properties and has agreed to accept the gift pending Supervisor approval.

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To: U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) Program

RE: Support for The Nature Conservancy's *Protecting and Restoring Wetlands Along Iowa's Most Biodiverse Rivers* NAWCA Grant Application

On behalf of the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors, please accept this letter of support for The Nature Conservancy's NAWCA grant application to obtain funding for protecting and restoring wetlands in southeast Iowa.

The County strongly supports this project's goals of protecting and restoring wetlands throughout this larger watershed approach. As match for the project, two tracts of land will be transferred from The Nature Conservancy to Muscatine County to be managed by our Conservation Department as public wildlife areas. The Russell Tract will be added to the Pike Run Wildlife Area and the Holliday Tract will become part of Saulsbury Bridge Recreation Area. The addition of these properties will enhance wildlife habitat, help to maintain a rich biodiversity, and allow for public access.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this request, and please reach out to me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Danny Chick, Chairperson  
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

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Item #6

- Downtown Parking Lot and Sidewalks Change Order #1

**CHANGE ORDER NO. 1**

Owner:	Muscatine County	Owner's Project No.:	
Engineer:	Watersmith Engineering	Engineer's Project No.:	136.01
Contractor:	Heuer Construction	Contractor's Project No.:	
Project:	Downtown Parking Lot and Sidewalks Project		
Contract Name:	Downtown Parking Lot and Sidewalks Project		
Date Issued:	9/29/2025	Effective Date of Change Order:	5/4/2026

The Contract is modified as follows upon execution of this Change Order:

Description:

**Increase quantities for unit price contract to reflect additional work performed by Contractor.**

**The following items and quantities are increased by this change order. The original contract unit prices will be applied.**

- Subproject 1, Bid Item 3, GRANULAR STABILIZATION; add 4 Tons.
- Subproject 2, Bid Item 3, GRANULAR STABILIZATION; deduct 4 Tons.
- Subproject 2, Bid Item 4, SUBBASE, GRANULAR, 3"; add 313 SY.
- Subproject 2, Bid Item 9, PAVEMENT, 7" PCC; add 141 SY.
- Subproject 2, Bid Item 12, REMOVAL OF SIDEWALK; add 313 SY.
- Subproject 2, Bid Item 14, SUBBASE, SIDEWALK, 5" PCC; add 313 SY.

Attachments:

**Table of original contract bid items, unit prices, quantities and proposed changes.**

Change in Contract Price	Change in Contract Times
Original Contract Price: \$ <u>155,344.25</u>	Original Contract Times: Substantial Completion: <u>May 31, 2026</u> Ready for final payment: <u>same</u>
<b>[Increase] [Decrease]</b> from previously approved Change Orders No. 1 to No. <b>[Number of previous Change Order]</b> : \$ <u>None</u>	<b>[Increase] [Decrease]</b> from previously approved Change Orders No.1 to No. <b>[Number of previous Change Order]</b> : Substantial Completion: _____ Ready for final payment: _____
Contract Price prior to this Change Order: \$ <u>155,344.25</u>	Contract Times prior to this Change Order: Substantial Completion: <u>May 31, 2026</u> Ready for final payment: <u>same</u>
<b>Increase</b> this Change Order: \$ <u>\$42,343</u>	this Change Order: Substantial Completion: <u>No change</u> Ready for final payment: <u>No change</u>
Contract Price incorporating this Change Order: \$ <u>197,687.25</u>	Contract Times with all approved Change Orders: Substantial Completion: <u>May 31, 2026</u> Ready for final payment: <u>same</u>

Recommended by Engineer (if required)

Accepted by Contractor

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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Title: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Authorized by Owner

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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Item # 8

- Board Of Supervisors Meeting Minutes 4-27-26

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, April 27, 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 accepted claims dated April 27, 2026, in the amount of \$1,241,958.08. Ayes: All.

Items with Mike Nolan of Horizon Architecture were moved to later in the meeting due to his absence.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, the Board approved three utility permits: Eastern Iowa Light and Power, Wilton, Iowa, to bore under the road to install a new service for a house being built at 2469 Bayfield Road, Muscatine, Iowa. Section 16, T77N-02W. Two permits with Windstream Iowa Communications LLC, Little Rock, Arkansas. 1.) Install 1,985 feet of fiber optic cable via direct bury and bore conduit along 280<sup>th</sup> Street and 190<sup>th</sup> Street. Section 33 & 34, T76N-03W. 2.) Place a total of 6,424 feet of buried fiber optic cable vis bore and plow methods along 190<sup>th</sup> Street/280<sup>th</sup> Street/Knoll Road. Section 34, T76N-03W. Ayes: All.

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

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved the corrected minutes of the April 20, 2026, regular meeting. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Kirchner received a letter from Pat Daufeldt with a re-zoning concern on Davis Avenue.

Committee & Meeting Reports:

Kirchner attended a WELEAD meeting on April 23, 2026.

Mather stated a Veterans Affairs meeting was held however he was unable to attend.

Chick attended a Bi-State Regional Planning Executive Committee meeting and regular meeting on April 22, 2026.

Sorensen and Sauer attended the Region 9 Transportation Policy Board meeting on April 23, 2026.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board set a public hearing on proposed FY25/26 Muscatine County budget amendments for Monday, June 1, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. Ayes: All.

County Attorney Korie Talkington presented a Commemorative 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Flag to the Board in recognition of America's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary from The Iowa State Bar Association and The Iowa State Bar Foundation. Talkington stated the flag is being presented to the courthouse of each of Iowa's 99 counties and stands as a symbol of our shared history and reminder of the constitutional principles that unite and sustain our nation.

Mike Nolan of Horizon Architecture reviewed the Master Agreement for all Service Orders.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, the Board approved an updated Master Agreement for all Service Orders. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board approved a Service Order for the Muscatine County Community Services Building Repairs Phase 2 Project in the amount of \$20,000.00. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board approved Change Order #01 in the amount of \$2,719.00 for the Muscatine County Engineer/Zoning Office Building Project. The Change Order is due to the removal of a buried septic tank discovered during excavation operations. Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 A.M.

ATTEST:

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Tibe Vander Linden  
County Auditor

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Danny Chick, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors