

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, June 1, 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.

A Public Hearing was called at 9:00 A.M. by Chairperson Chick on the proposed amendments to the Fiscal Year 25/26 Muscatine County Budget. Administration & Finance Director Kala Naber reviewed the proposed amendments to the Fiscal Year 25/26 Muscatine County Budget expenditures and revenues. No one from the public spoke. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board moved to close the public hearing at 9:02 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #06-01-26-01 Amending the Fiscal Year 25/26 Budget. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION #06-01-26-01  
AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025/26 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has held a Public Hearing pursuant to Chapter 331, Code of Iowa, to amend the Fiscal Year 2025/26 County Budget; and

WHEREAS, the explanation is decreased expenditures and increased revenues during the current fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, after consideration of all comments at said hearing, the Board of Supervisors has determined that it will be necessary to amend the Fiscal Year 2025/26 budget; and

WHEREAS, the amendment does not increase the taxes to be collected in the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2026;

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the following service area expenditures and revenues of the Fiscal Year 2025/26 County Budget be amended:

PUBLIC SAFETY & LEGAL SERVICES expenditures decreased by	(\$500,000)
PHYSICAL HLTH & SOCIAL SERVICES expenditures decreased by	(\$550,000)
COUNTY ENVIRONMENT expenditures increased by	\$0
ROADS & TRANSPORTATION expenditures increased by	\$0
GOV'T SERVICES TO RESIDENTS expenditures increased by	\$0
ADMINISTRATION expenditures increased by	\$7,800
NONPROGRAM expenditures increased by	\$0
CAPITAL PROJECTS expenditures decreased by	(\$3,760,303)

DEBT SERVICE expenditures increased by	\$0
	(\$4,802,503)
INTERGOVERNMENTAL revenues increased by	\$0
LICENSES & PERMITS revenues increased by	\$0
CHARGES FOR SERVICES revenues increased by	\$0
USE OF MONEY & PROPERTY revenues increased by	\$700,000
MISCELLANEOUS revenues increased by	\$0
LONG TERM DEBT PROCEEDS increased by	\$0
PROCEEDS OF FIXED ASSET SALES increased by	\$0
	\$700,000

PASSED AND APPROVED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2026.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden  
Muscatine County Auditor

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

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board authorized Resolution #06-01-26-02 Fiscal Year 25/26 Budget Appropriations. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION # 06-01-26-02  
FY 2025/26 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS**

WHEREAS, a public hearing has been held pursuant to Section 331.434(6), Code of Iowa, regarding proposed increases in expenditure amounts for Fiscal Year 2025/26: and

WHEREAS, the amendment does not increase the taxes to be collected in the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2026: and

WHEREAS, all comments from the public have been heard;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following amounts be appropriated as follows:

01 Board/Administration	0
02 Auditor	7,800
03 Treasurer	0
04 Attorney	0
05 Sheriff	0
06 Jail	(500,000)
07 Recorder	0
20 Engineer	0
22 Conservation Board	0

24	DHS	0
25	Community Services	0
28	Medical Examiner	0
30	Court Services	0
31	Board of Health	0
51	General Services	0
52	Information Services	0
53	Zoning	0
60	Mental Health Administration	0
99	Nondepartmental	(4,310,303)
	Subtotal Expenditures	<u>(4,802,503)</u>
	Transfers	0
	Total Including Transfers	<u>(\$4,802,503)</u>

It is further resolved that all appropriations made pursuant to this RESOLUTION lapse at the close of business on June 30, 2026.

Passed and approved this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2026.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden  
Muscatine County Auditor

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

Muscatine Triathlon Race Director Adam Raisbeck stated the 2026 Muscatine Triathlon to be held on August 1, 2026, will include two kids' races and an after party at Deep Lakes Park. Raisbeck reviewed the closed route and stated he will personally deliver notices to property owners along the route.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, the Board authorized the Chair to sign a Special Events Liability Release/Waiver & Indemnification Agreement for the Muscatine Triathlon. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board authorized the Chair to sign a Muscatine County Secondary Road Use Request Form. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board moved to approve Resolution #06-01-26-03 Approval of Temporary Road Closures for the 2026 Muscatine Triathlon on August 1, 2026. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION #06-01-26-03**

**APPROVAL OF TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES FOR THE 2026 MUSCATINE TRIATHLON ON AUGUST 1, 2026**

**WHEREAS**, a request received for road closures for the 2026 Muscatine Triathlon on August 1, 2026 is as follows: close Pettibone Ave from 41<sup>st</sup> St to Wiggins Rd, Wiggins Rd from Pettibone Ave to Stewart Rd (X61), Stewart Rd (X61) from Wiggins Rd to Louisa County, 41<sup>st</sup> St from Pettibone Ave, across Stewart Rd, to approximately the rail road tracks; and

**WHEREAS**, the Muscatine Triathlon Race Director has received an approved Muscatine County Special Events Liability Release/Waiver & Indemnification Agreement on June 1, 2026.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the temporary road closures, as stated above, for the 2026 Muscatine Triathlon on August 1, 2026.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 2026.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden  
Muscatine County Auditor

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

On a motion by Mather second by Kirchner, the Board moved to approve a new application for a Special Class “C” Retail Beer and Outdoor Service Permit for Muscatine Triathlon, dba Deep Lakes Park, 2552 Pettibone Avenue, Muscatine, Iowa 52761. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board moved to affirm the appointment of Hannah Lane as a Medical Examiner Investigator for Muscatine County. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Mather, the Board moved to approve Resolution #06-01-26-04 Declaring Emergency Medical Services (EMS) an Essential Service in and for Muscatine County on the third and final reading. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION #06-01-26-04**

**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 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2026.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden  
Muscatine County Auditor

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

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board moved to appoint members to the Muscatine County Emergency Medical Services System Advisory Council as outlined. Ayes: All.

Building, Zoning and Environmental Inspector Jake Boucher reviewed a Special Use Permit for a utility-scale solar energy system granted by the Muscatine County Board of Adjustment on May 20, 2026.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board approved Resolution #06-01-26-05 Adopting the 28E Agreement for Law Enforcement Operational Support Between the City of West Liberty and Muscatine County, Iowa. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION #06-01-26-05**  
**ADOPTING THE 28E AGREEMENT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONAL**  
**SUPPORT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WEST LIBERTY AND MUSCATINE COUNTY,**  
**IOWA**

WHEREAS, the City of West Liberty is seeking to enter into an Agreement with Muscatine County for operational support pursuant to statutory authority under Chapter 28E of the Code of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, the City of West Liberty has declared a staffing emergency resulting from unanticipated vacancies, extended absences, and/or difficulty recruiting and retaining qualified personnel necessary to maintain essential municipal operations and services; and

WHEREAS, the Muscatine County Sheriff's Office has personnel, resources, and operational capacity available to assist the City of West Liberty during this staffing emergency; and

WHEREAS, the proposed 28E Agreement sets forth the terms and conditions under which Muscatine County will provide services to the City of West Liberty, including scope of services, duration, compensation, and administrative oversight.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors that formal action has been taken to adopt the 28E Agreement for Law Enforcement Operational Support Between the City of West Liberty and Muscatine County, Iowa.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2026.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden  
Muscatine County Auditor

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

On a motion by Mather, second by Kirchner, the Board authorized the Chair to execute a FY26/27 Iowa Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program contract in the amount of \$46,000.00. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board authorized the Muscatine County Sheriff's Office staff to sign a Request for Payment for a Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Grant award in the amount of \$14,509.84. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, the Board authorized County Conservation Director Katie Hammond to sign a Request for Payment for a Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Grant award in the amount of \$1,209.16. Ayes: All.

Mike Nolan of Horizon Architecture reviewed the bids for the Muscatine County Engineer Satellite Facility Project. The bids submitted were from: Bush Construction- \$1,319,000.00; Daxon Construction- \$893,507.00; HyBrand- \$990,600.00; Myers Construction- \$983,385.00; Swanson Construction- \$1,095,603.00; Tricon-\$1,098,000.00. Nolan recommended accepting the bid to the lowest bidder, Daxon Construction.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board moved to accept a bid for the Muscatine

County Engineer Satellite Facility Project, with. Daxon Construction in the amount of \$893,507.00 Ayes: All.

Nolan updated the Board on current projects and stated two change orders will be presented next week.

County Engineer Bryan Horesowsky reviewed the bids for L-(M26-10)--73-70, Seal Coat on various roadways. The bids submitted were from: L.L. Pelling Co., Inc- \$534,057.20; Fahner Asphalt Sealers, LLC- \$611,732.55 and Brandt Construction Co. & Subsidiary- \$674,641.50. Horesowsky recommended the Board accept the low bidder of L.L. Pelling Co., Inc in the amount of \$534,057.20.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board moved to award a bid for L-(M26-10)--73-70, Seal Coat on various roadways to L.L. Pelling Co., Inc in the amount of \$534,057.20. Ayes: All.

Horesowsky updated the Board on secondary road projects.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the minutes of the May 18, 2026, regular meeting. Ayes: All.

#### Correspondence:

All Supervisors received an email from Jason Dumont regarding a zoning application.

All Supervisors received an email from Public Health Director Jen Kraft regarding an upcoming presentation.

Chick had a phone conversation with Jason Dumont.

Chick questioned the Board if the potential Data Centers would warrant a reason to re-evaluate the county's special use permits and zoning ordinances. The Board consensus was to have the Zoning Department review.

Sorensen received information regarding the CHS-PDIP grant process. Sorensen thanked County Attorney Korie Talkington, Administrative & Finance Director Kala Naber and County Development Director Eric Furnas for their work on this.

Sorensen stated a notice was received on May 30, 2026, that the grant application was received.

#### Committee & Meeting Reports:

Kirchner attended a Muscatine County Fair Board meeting on May 21, 2026.

Kirchner attended a Bi-State Regional Planning Commission meeting on May 27, 2026.

Kirchner and Sorensen attended a MUSCOM and EMA meeting on May 27, 2026.

Kirchner attended a WELEAD meeting on May 28, 2026.

Mather attended a Muscatine County Veterans Affairs Commission meeting on May 20, 2026.

Mather attended a Decategorization Board meeting on May 26, 2026.

Chick attended an Eastern Iowa Workforce CEO meeting on May 26, 2026.

Chick attended a candidate forum held at the Merrill Hotel on May 26, 2026.

Chick attended a Community Foundation meeting on May 26, 2026, to set an agenda for the upcoming Housing Accelerator meeting.

Chick attended a Housing Accelerator meeting on May 27, 2026.

Sauer attended a Muscatine County Conservation Board meeting on May 18, 2026.

Sauer attended a River Bend Transit Board of Directors meeting on May 20, 2026.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, the Board moved to accept the May 2026 payroll claims. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board approved one appointment for Monica Elizabeth Danner to the Muscatine County Veterans Affairs Commission to fill a vacancy for a term ending June 30, 2026. Ayes: All.

Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution #06-01-26-06 Taking Action to Set a Public Hearing for Monday, June 15, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. on a Proposal to Enter into a General Obligation Loan Agreement in the amount of \$225,000. (roll call vote)

#### **RESOLUTION #06-01-26-06**

#### **RESOLUTION TAKING ACTION TO SET PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSAL TO ENTER INTO A GENERAL OBLIGATION LOAN AGREEMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$225,000**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) of Muscatine County, Iowa (the “County”) now proposes to enter into a General Obligation Loan Agreement (the “Loan Agreement”) and to borrow money thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$225,000, pursuant to the provisions of Section 331.402 of the Code of Iowa, for the purpose of paying the cost, to that extent, of constructing, furnishing & equipping a satellite building for the County Engineer’s Office (the “Project”), and it is necessary to fix a date of a 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

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

Section 1. This Board shall meet on June 15, 2026, at the Muscatine County Administration Building, Muscatine, Iowa, at 9:00 a.m., at which time and place a hearing will be held and additional action taken on the Loan Agreement.

Section 2. The County Auditor is hereby directed to give notice of the proposed action on the Loan Agreement setting forth the amount and purpose thereof, the time when and place where the said meeting will be held, by publication at least once, not less than four (4) and not more than twenty (20) days before 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 PROPOSAL TO ENTER INTO A  
LOAN AGREEMENT AND TO BORROW MONEY THEREUNDER IN A  
PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$225,000**

**(GENERAL OBLIGATION)**

The Board of Supervisors of Muscatine County, Iowa, will meet on June 15, 2026, at the Muscatine County Administration Building, Muscatine, Iowa, at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of instituting proceedings and taking action to enter into a loan agreement (the "Loan Agreement") and to borrow money thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$225,000, for the purpose of paying the costs, to that extent, of constructing, furnishing & equipping a satellite building for the County Engineer's Office.

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. The Loan Agreement and the bonds will constitute general obligations of the County.

It is estimated the 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 will be \$0.47, however the Board of Supervisors may determine for any fiscal year while the Loan Agreement is outstanding to budget other available revenues to the payment of some or all of the debt service coming due thereunder.

At that time and place, oral or written objections may be filed or made to the proposal to enter into the Loan Agreement. 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. Pursuant to Section 1.150-2 of the Income Tax Regulations (the "Regulations") of the Internal Revenue Service, the County declares (a) that it intends to undertake the Project which are reasonably estimated to cost approximately \$975,000, (b) that other than (i) expenditures to be paid or reimbursed from sources other than the issuance of bonds, notes or other obligations (the "Bonds"), or (ii) expenditures made not earlier than 60 days prior to the date of this Resolution or a previous intent resolution of the County, or (iii) expenditures amounting to the lesser of \$100,000 or 5% of the proceeds of the Bonds, or (iv) expenditures constituting preliminary

expenditures as defined in Section 1.150-2(f)(2) of the Regulations, no expenditures for the Project has heretofore been made by the County and no expenditures will be made by the County until after the date of this Resolution or a prior intent resolution of the County, and (c) that the County reasonably expects to reimburse the expenditures made for costs of the County out of the proceeds of the Bonds. This declaration is a declaration of official intent adopted pursuant to Section 1.150-2 of the Regulations.

Section 4. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 5. This resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately after its adoption and approval, as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2026.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden  
Muscatine County Auditor

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

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board authorized the Chair to execute the July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 agreement regarding the Muscatine County Engineer's Office Secondary Roads Unit between Muscatine County and Chauffeurs, Teamsters and Helpers, Local Union #238. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board authorized the Chair to execute the July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 agreement regarding the Muscatine County Sheriff's Office Correctional Unit between Muscatine County and Chauffeurs, Teamsters and Helpers, Local Union #238. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved the FY26/27 Salary Schedule (3.00% adjustment to scale) and authorized one-time 1% payments to employees at the maximum step for their grade. Ayes: All.

Human Resource Director Kayla Petersen stated the health and dental insurance open enrollment period is set for June 1 to June 15, 2026. Petersen stated active shooter training is available on June 23, 2026, and June 30, 2026, for county employees to sign up and attend.

County Auditor Tibe Vander Linden announced today is the final day to vote early in the Auditor's office for the 2026 Primary Election. The office will be open until 4:30 p.m. Voters who have not returned their absentee ballot have until Election Day, June 2, 2026 at 8:00 p.m. to return their ballot. Vander Linden thanked her staff and poll workers for their time and support.

WELEAD Director Phil Wiese, 1716 Ward Avenue, Muscatine, stated West Liberty housing project updates and stated the Life Raft project has been withdrawn from the proposed site and will transition to a new location.

The Board recessed at 9:48 A.M. and reconvened at 9:55 A.M.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board moved to go into Closed session at 9:55 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. Roll call vote: Ayes: All. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board moved to return to open session at 10:14 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board moved to approve and authorize the Chair to sign a settlement and release agreement. Ayes: Kirchner, Mather, Sorensen, Sauer. Nay: Chick. The motion passed 4-1.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 A.M.

ATTEST:

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Tibe Vander Linden  
County Auditor

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Danny Chick, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors