

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, June 29, 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 Kirchner, the Board authorized the Chair to sign a Proposal for Consulting Engineering Services with A&J Associates in the amount of \$44,500, for the Geothermal Upgrade Project. Ayes: All. County Development Director Eric Furnas stated with the warm weather forecast for the week, the air conditioning for the buildings will be monitored.

County Engineer Bryan Horesowsky recommended to table the proposed agenda item for possible action of the contracts for seal coat on various roadways, as one of the forms was not completed correctly. On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board moved to table the action to approve the Contract, Bond, and Certificate of Insurance for L-(M26-10)--73-70, seal coat on various roadways. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board approved one utility permit with Alliant Energy, Cedar Rapids - overhead and underground electric rebuilding facilities along 130th Street. Sections 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 23 – T78-R3W and Section 13 and 24 – T78-R4W. Ayes: All.

Horesowsky updated the Board on a large proposed electrical line to be installed across multiple counties and will terminate at the substation at 130th Street and Iron City Avenue. Horesowsky updated the Board on secondary road projects.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board appointed Angie Ehlers to the Benefited Fire District #6 (Muscatine & Scott) for a three-year term ending June 30, 2029. (Approved by the Scott County Board of Supervisors 06-18-26). Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Kirchner, the Board reappointed Rosy Eichelberger to Civil Service Commission for a six-year term ending June 30, 2032. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board reappointed Licensed Real Estate Salespersons or Brokers: Morse Burington, Anna Mack-Smith, Steve Welk, Lisa Heckman and Cathy Ribbink to the Compensation Commission for one-year terms ending June 30, 2027. (2 vacancies will remain.) Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, the Board reappointed Bankers, Appraisers, Auctioneers, Property Managers: Jason Cassady, M. Wayne Johanson, Cindy Mays and Jennifer Littleton to the Compensation Commission for one-year terms ending June 30, 2027. (3 vacancies will remain.) Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board reappointed Owners of Agricultural Property: Scott Eichelberger, Larry Marine and Donald Schumaker to the Compensation Commission for one-year terms ending June 30, 2027. (4 vacancies will remain.) Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board reappointed Owners of City Property: Carol Wade and Melissa Hill to the Compensation Commission for one-year terms ending June 30, 2027. (5 vacancies will remain.) Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board reappointed Mike Kellor to the Mercer-Muscatine Revolving Loan Fund Administration Board for a two-year term ending June 30, 2028. (1 Vacancy will remain.) Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board reappointed Monica Danner and Lisa Johnson to the Veterans Affairs Commission, for a three-year term ending June 30, 2029. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the minutes of the June 22, 2026, regular meeting. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

All Supervisors received an email from an activist organization regarding the solar ordinances. The email was forwarded to Furnas to respond.

Committee & Meeting Reports:

Kirchner attended a Bi-State Regional Planning Commission meeting on June 24, 2026.
Kirchner attended a WELEAD meeting on June 25, 2026.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #06-29-26-01 FY 2026/27 Budget Appropriations. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION #06-29-26-01
FY 2026/27 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS**

It is hereby resolved that the following amounts itemized by Department will be appropriated for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026:

01	Board/Administration	793,395
02	Auditor	661,390
03	Treasurer	742,808
04	Attorney	1,756,040
05	Sheriff	4,007,148
06	Jail	9,437,888
07	Recorder	352,894
20	Engineer	12,989,423

22	Conservation Board	1,544,126
24	DHS	42,000
25	Community Services	1,176,816
28	Medical Examiner	264,558
30	Court Services	243,000
31	Board of Health	472,571
51	General Services	1,136,148
52	Information Services	1,138,677
53	Zoning	619,332
99	Nondepartmental	12,845,896
	Subtotal Expenditures	<u>50,224,110</u>
	Transfers	<u>3,940,549</u>
	Total Including Transfers	<u>\$54,164,659</u>

It is further resolved that all appropriations made pursuant to this RESOLUTION lapse at the close of business on June 30, 2027.

Passed and approved this 29th 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 accepted the June 2026 payroll claims.
Ayes: All.

Community Services Director Jessica Bopes updated the Board regarding the recent downtown Muscatine building evacuations. Bopes stated the Louisa-Muscatine Disaster Coalition has been convened. Bopes stated her department has received a list of the residents who have been evacuated. Bopes stated moving out dates for the residents are set for June 30 and July 1, 2026. Bopes stated for residents who cannot move out on those dates, there have been some in-kind donations made that may assist with needed items such as pots and pans. Bopes stated per the county contract for disasters of this type, health care will allow for another 60 days of assistance if their current 60 days have not been used. Bopes stated her department has received quite a few applications for deposit assistance to find a new apartment. City of Muscatine has issued a new Emergency Section 8 Housing program to assist residents with a voucher if they meet specific criteria. Bopes stated residents requesting assistance are urged to fill out the form available from the Louisa-Muscatine Disaster Coalition. Bopes presented a list of available apartments, as of June 23, 2026. Information Services Director Bill Riley inquired if there are cooling centers available to citizens with the excessive heat prediction this week. Bopes stated the usual sites are Muscatine Center for Social Action or the Community Services Building.

Human Resources Director Kayla Petersen stated that one active shooter training session for county employees was held last week, and another session is scheduled for June 30, 2026. Petersen stated three CPR/First Aid training sessions are scheduled and there are still openings to attend. Chick asked if the panic buttons throughout the building have been evaluated. Petersen stated the buttons have not been reviewed, however the Emergency Action Plan is being reviewed and once it is fully updated there will be coordinated drills.

The Board recessed at 9:22 A.M. and reconvened at 9:27 A.M.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board moved to go into closed session at 9:27 A.M. pursuant to Chapter 21.5(1)(a), Code of Iowa, to discuss confidential records to approve or deny recommended confidential employment decisions to address conflicts under the Muscatine County Nepotism Policy. Roll call vote: Ayes: All. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, the Board moved to return to open session at 9:31 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved the recommended confidential employment decisions to address conflicts under the Muscatine County Nepotism Policy. Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 A.M.

ATTEST:

Shannon Steele
Administrative/Elections Clerk

Danny Chick, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors