

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, July 13, 2026

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

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

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board approved to disallow previously approved Homestead and Military credits as reported. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, the Board approved to allow new 2026 homestead tax credit, 65+ Homestead Exemption and/or Military Tax Exemption applications, except those recommended to be disallowed by the Assessor's Office. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board approved to approve/deny 2026 Disabled Veteran's Homestead Tax Credit applications as recommended by the Muscatine County Assessor's Office. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kirchner, second by Mather, the Board approved Resolution #07-13-26-01 Establishing Compensation for Precinct Election Officials, with County Auditor Tibe Vander Linden. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

RESOLUTION #07-13-26-01

Resolution to Establish Compensation for Precinct Election Officials

WHEREAS, according to Iowa Code Section 49.20, the Board of Supervisors establishes the compensation rate and the mileage reimbursement rate for precinct election officials.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors, that effective July 13, 2026, Precinct Election Chairpersons shall receive \$200.00. Precinct Election Day Officials shall receive \$160.00 for full day duties or \$80.00 for half day duties. All other Precinct Election workers, such as Absentee and Special Voter Precinct Board (ASVP), Health Care Facility (HCF) team and Post-Election Audit Workers will receive \$12.00 per hour. All Precinct Election Officials (PEO) will receive \$25.00 for election school of instruction if the PEO works on election day or for the ASVP Board, HCF team or Post-Election Audit team.

WHEREAS, according to Iowa Code Section 49.125, the Board of Supervisors establishes the mileage reimbursement rate for precinct election officials.

All Precinct Election workers will receive mileage reimbursement rate, to and from the school of instruction and to and from the polling place, if over five miles, which shall be set at \$0.63 per mile for fiscal year 2027.

Passed & approved this 13th day of July, 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 Kirchner, the Board authorized the Sheriff to execute a 2026 HIDTA Sub Award Recipient Agreement and related documents in the amount of \$73,305.00, Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, the Board approved a lifetime membership to the Iowa Ports Association in the amount of \$2,500, pending the confirmation from the State Auditor to allow. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the County Recorder's Report of Fees collected for the quarter ending June 30, 2026, in the amount of \$74,519.80. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kirchner, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the County Auditor's Report of Fees collected for the quarter ending June 30, 2026, in the amount of \$5,571.76. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the Treasurer's Report of Fees collected for the quarter ending June 30, 2026, in the amount of \$635,778.03. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Kirchner, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the Sheriff's Office Report of Fees collected for the quarter ending June 30, 2026, in the amount of \$27,090.81. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, the Board approved the minutes of the July 6, 2026, regular meeting. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

All Supervisors received an invitation from Farm Bureau for the annual steak fry dinner. Sorensen received a call from a resident regarding a property on Savanna Avenue which they stated needed cleaned up. The call was referred to County Development Director Eric Furnas.

Kirchner reported the Muscatine County Fair starts this week from July 15-19, 2026. The entertainment lineup was stated for each night of the fair.

Committee & Meeting Reports:

Kirchner attended a Muscatine County Fair Board meeting on July 8, 2026.

Sorensen attended a Ports of Eastern Iowa Authority Board meeting on July 8, 2026.

Conservation Director Katie Hammond updated the Board on a lightning strike at Deep Lakes Park that created damage. Hammond also updated the Board on the Conservation Department maintenance building, Deep Lakes Campground, Nature camps that are underway, Twilight

Paddle events and Disk Golf course to open soon. Discussion was held with the Board regarding the potential need to investigate a grounding electrical network at Deep Lakes Park.

Furnas stated a meeting with the Friends of the Barn will occur soon to review user agreements and insurance documents. County Attorney Korie Talkington has reviewed the documents.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 A.M.

ATTEST:

Tibe Vander Linden
County Auditor

Danny Chick, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors