

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, August 3, 2026

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. with Chick, Kirchner, Sauer and Sorensen present. Mather was absent. 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 accepted claims dated August 3rd, 2026, in the amount of \$723,417.99. Ayes: All.

County Development Director Eric Furnas requested a public hearing be set for the Muscatine County community Services Building Repairs Project Phase 2. Mike Nolan from Horizon Architecture is working on finishing touches on the specifications and plans. Furnas stated this is mainly exterior, joint sealing and tuck pointing up around the building as there is still some water penetrating the building. Plans will be available in the Zoning office a week ahead and will be sent out to the paper. Sorensen asked if there would be anything with heating and cooling. Furnas stated they are budgeting for a couple heat pumps per year to be swapped out as they age out. Furnas stated there are approximately 12 pumps in the building.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board set a public hearing for Monday, August 24, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. on proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and cost estimate for the Muscatine County Community Services Building Repairs Project Phase 2. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the minutes of July 27, 2026, regular meeting. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

No Correspondence was reported.

Committee Reports:

Chick and Sorensen attended a Housing Council meeting on July 29, 2026.

Information Services Director Bill Riley updated the Board with a proposed agreement related to a state cybersecurity grant and associated services through Iowa State University (ISU). Riley stated that the only prior notification he was able to locate was a June 16, 2026 communication referencing a separate Memorandum of Understanding advising that local consent forms would be distributed for optional cybersecurity services. Riley expressed concerns about inconsistent communication methods, noting that information had been distributed through both email and the ISAC Slack channel, making it difficult to track official notifications. Sorensen addressed concerns regarding the staff time that may be required to participate in cybersecurity assessments and the lack of clarity regarding who would perform the assessments. Riley addressed concerns regarding delayed reporting of assessment results experienced by other counties and the absence of information regarding potential costs, responsibilities and long-term funding stability. Sorensen requested additional information should be obtained before considering participation and indicated

they were not prepared to approve the agreement until ISU clearly identified the services to be provided, the administering entity and any associated obligations or costs to the county. No formal action was taken

Bob Arndt of 1918 US Highway 61 Letts, Iowa 52754, addressed the Board stating that approximately 30 years ago the Board granted him permission to put a mobile home on their property for his in-laws to live in. The agreement at that time was once the in-laws were done using the property, the mobile home would be removed from the property. Arndt is now asking the Board for permission to leave the mobile home on the property as he and his wife would like to transition to the mobile home, and their son and wife would move into the house. County Development Director Eric Furnas advised Arndt to visit the Zoning Office located at 3610 Park Ave W Muscatine. Furnas stated this would be a Board of Adjustment decision and further stated this may qualify under the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) law.

The Board recessed at 9:15 A.M. and reconvened at 9:20 A.M

The Board entered a Non-public session pursuant to Chapter 20.17(3), Code of Iowa, to discuss strategy in union negotiations at 9:20 A.M. The Board returned to open session at 9:32 A.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 A.M.

ATTEST:

Tibe Vander Linden
County Auditor

Danny Chick, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors