

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, August 24, 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 to order by Chairperson Chick 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. Mike Nolan, Horizon Architecture, reviewed a bidding opinion of probably costs of \$307,270.00 for the project. No public comments were made. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, the public hearing was closed at 9:03 A.M. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board approved Resolution #08-24-26-01 Approving Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract and Cost Estimate for the Muscatine County Community Services Building Repairs Project Phase 2. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

RESOLUTION #08-24-26-01
APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CONTRACT AND COST
ESTIMATE FOR THE MUSCATINE COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING
REPAIRS PROJECT PHASE 2

WHEREAS, the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors has retained Horizon Architecture to provide consulting architectural/engineering services for the Muscatine County Community Services Building Repairs Project Phase 2; and

WHEREAS, Horizon Architecture has prepared plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated cost for the project, which documents have been on file and available for public inspection in the Muscatine County Zoning Office since Wednesday, August 12, 2026; and

WHEREAS, following notice of public hearing published in accordance with the law, a public hearing was held on Monday, August 24, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in the Muscatine County Administration Building at which members of the public were allowed to be heard on the issue of the Muscatine County Community Services Building Repairs Project Phase 2, and on the documents prepared in connection therewith.

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

1. That the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated cost of the Muscatine County Community Services Building Repairs Project Phase 2 are hereby approved.
2. That Muscatine County shall solicit sealed bids for the proposed improvement in accordance with the law.
3. That bids must be received as described in the Notice to Bidders on or before the 10th day of September, 2026.

4. That bids shall be publicly announced at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, September 14, 2026 at the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors meeting.
5. That the sealed bids must be accompanied by a bid security equal to ten (10) percent of the bid.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 24th day of August, 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 approved Resolution #08-24-26-02 Assigning Tax Sale Certificate – Parcel # 0825276025. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

RESOLUTION #08-24-26-02
RESOLUTION ASSIGNING TAX SALE CERTIFICATE

WHEREAS, through the operation of Section 446.19, Code of Iowa, Muscatine County has become the holder of a certain Tax Sale Certificate to real estate in Muscatine County; and

WHEREAS, in obtaining the Tax Sale Certificate, the Muscatine County Treasurer has complied in all respects with the requirements of Chapters 446 and 447 of the Code; and

WHEREAS, Section 446.31, Code, grants to the County Board of Supervisors the authority to compromise the taxes owing and assign the Certificate to another; and

WHEREAS, Parcel No. 0825276025, described more fully as follows:

Legal Description: 25-77-2W OL 1 Cobblestone Place Part I 10 PL 270
Street Address: N/A
Deed/Title Holder: Oak Creek Development Inc.

Was bid by Muscatine County tax sale held on June 16th, 2025 at a cost of \$1,551 and is currently held by the County as Tax Sale Certificate No. CH250001; and

WHEREAS, the City of Muscatine, Iowa has expressed an interest in acquiring the Tax Sale Certificate from the County; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of taxes owing is \$9,579, which includes tax, interest, cost and special assessments, and

WHEREAS, the Muscatine County Treasurer has recommended that this Tax Sale Certificate be assigned as described herein; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors finds the assignment of the Tax Sale Certificate under the conditions described herein to be in the public interest.

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

Section 1. That the Tax Sale Certificate #CH250001 is hereby assigned to the City of Muscatine, Iowa; consideration for the assignment is ten dollars, provided, however, if sold in the future, the City will render to the County any proceeds of a sale that exceed the cost of nuisance abatement activities plus the actual cost incurred in acquiring title and selling the property.

Section 2. That such assignment shall be deemed effective upon payment by the assignee of the amount of \$10.00, to the Muscatine County Treasurer, whereupon the Treasurer is authorized and directed to indicate the assignment of Tax Sale Certificate and to take those further steps mandated in Chapter 447 and 448, Code of Iowa.

Section 3. Upon issuance of Tax Sale Deed to the assignee, the Treasurer is authorized to abate all current and delinquent taxes outstanding on the parcel at the time of transfer.

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ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden
Muscatine County Auditor

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

County Engineer Bryan Horesowsky reviewed bids received for project FM-C070(78)--55-70 and recommended to award the project to the lowest bidder, Metro Pavers, Inc., with a total bid of \$1,980,629.64.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board approved Resolution #08-24-26-03 Accepting a bid and awarding a contract to Metro Pavers, Inc., for project FM-C070(78)--55-70, PCC Pavement - Grade and Replace on 230th street G28, from Louisa County line to Iowa 70 in Muscatine County, Iowa, and authorizing the County Engineer to electronically execute the contract documents. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

RESOLUTION # 08-24-26-03
ACCEPTING A BID AND AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR PROJECT FM-
C070(78)--55-70, PCC PAVEMENT – GRADE AND REPLACE ON 230TH STREET
G28, FROM LOUISA COUNTY LINE TO IOWA 70
IN MUSCATINE COUNTY, IOWA AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY
ENGINEER TO ELECTRONICALLY EXECUTE THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, hereafter referred to as “the Board”, believes that the 230th Street G28 PCC Pavement, hereafter referred to as “the project” is in the best interest of Muscatine County, Iowa, and the residents thereof. The project is defined as a PCC Pavement – Grade and Replace on 230th Street G28, from Louisa County Line to Iowa 70; and

WHEREAS, the Board has sought appropriate professional guidance for the concept and planning for the project and followed the steps as required by the Code of Iowa for notifications, hearings, and bidding/letting; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Muscatine County, Iowa, to accept the bid from Metro Pavers, Inc. in the amount of \$1,980,629.64 and awards the associated contract to the same; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that after receiving the necessary contract documents, including but not limited to, the contractor’s bond and certificate of insurance, that Bryan Horesowsky, PE, the Muscatine County Engineer for Muscatine County, Iowa, is hereby designated, authorized, and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of said County to execute the contracts in connection with the afore awarded construction project let through the DOT for this county.

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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 approved one utility permit with County Engineer Bryan Horesowsky: Eastern Iowa REC, Wilton, Iowa – new electric service for Muscatine County Secondary Roads new shop by Letts, Iowa. Ayes: All.

Horesowsky updated the Board on secondary road projects and stated the flashing beacon lights at some of the state road intersections will be replaced by the Iowa Department of Transportation.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the minutes of the August 17, 2026 regular meeting. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Chick received an email from Matt Schweitzer with questions on his tax statement.

Chick received a call from Don Briggs regarding a guardrail down on Stewart Road.

Chick contacted County Engineer Bryan Horesowsky about the guardrail.

Committee & Meeting Reports:

Sauer attended a Muscatine County Conservation Board meeting on August 17, 2026.

Sauer attended a River Bend Transit Board of Directors meeting on August 19, 2026.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, to accept August 2026 payroll claims. Ayes: All.

County Development Director Eric Furnas updated the Board on the geothermal system. Sorensen questioned if a power conditioner should be considered for the system. Furnas stated he will investigate it. Chick asked if the panic buttons for the county buildings have been tested. Furnas stated Emergency Manager Chris Jasper and the Safety Committee are reviewing the buttons.

County Conservation Director Katie Hammond stated she and several county employees attended ISAC Conference in Des Moines last week. Hammond stated the conference and State Auditor presentation to the County Conservation Affiliate were excellent sessions. Hammond stated the insurance claim to the Deep Lakes cabins has been received. Hammond stated the work on the maintenance building continues and the department annual report was presented to the Conservation Board last week. Hammond stated the report and highlights will be presented to the Board soon.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 A.M.

ATTEST:

Tibe Vander Linden
County Auditor

Danny Chick, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors