Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, October 19, 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.

County Engineer Bryan Horesowsky presented two utility permits: 1.) Eastern Iowa Light & Power, Wilton, Iowa: New house service boring underground power under county right-of way 73 feet onto private property, 2415 Mittman Road, Muscatine. Section 9, 8-T76N-R02W. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, the Board approved the utility permit. Ayes: All. 2.) Eastern Iowa Light & Power, Wilton, Iowa: Installing sect. cabinet in county right-of-way and boring 2-inch duct four feet under Seven Springs Road, running 86 feet onto private property, 2108 Seven Springs Road. Section 31-T77N-R02W. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved the utility permit. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board authorized County Attorney, the County Engineer, the Administration & Finance Director, and the County Development Director to secure outside council where expedited legal services are required. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the minutes of October 12, 2026, regular meeting. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Kirchner announced that the Muscatine County Fairgrounds, West Liberty, Iowa, will host Liberty 100 stock car races on October 23 & 24, 2026.

Kirchner announced the Annual Muscatine County Fair Board meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2026, at the Kent Center at the Muscatine County Fairgrounds, with the dinner at 6:30 p.m. and annual meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Committee & Meeting Reports:

Sorensen attended a Ports of Eastern Iowa meeting on October 14, 2026.

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

On a motion by Sorensen, second Kirchner, by the Board authorized Discussion and possible action authorizing renewal of the Muscatine County Flexible Benefits Plan for 2027 and setting the open enrollment period for October 19, 2026, to November 9, 2026. Ayes: All.

Discussion and possible direction regarding updates to the Muscatine County Employee Handbook pertaining to unused vacation time was held with Human Resources Director Kayla Petersen, Administration & Finance Director Kala Naber and County Development Director Eric

Furnas. The Board consensus was to have Petersen prepare proposed employee handbook language and present to department heads and the Board for review before action is taken.

Petersen announced the CAROSH completion rate of 80.23% by county employees has been accomplished. Discussion was held with the Board on whether other options regarding Protected Health Information (PHI) training should be explored and if all employees need to complete the training. Mather stated it is mandated that all employees complete PHI training as they may encounter protected information. Naber stated other training options are being explored.

County Auditor Tibe Vander Linden stated today is the pre-voter registration deadline to complete a paper registration form by 5:00 p.m. and drop off at the Auditor's office or complete a form on-line by 11:59 P.M. Vander Linden advised pre-voter registration is advised so that a voter's information is in the system when early voting or voting on election day. Vander Linden stated three health care facilities (nursing homes) will be visited over the next week by an election team for residents that have requested to vote. Satellite Absentee Voting stations in the coming week are as follows: 1.) Auditor's office on Saturday, October 24, 2026, from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. 2.) MCC McAvoy Center on Saturday, October 24, 2026, from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., 3.) West Liberty Public Library on Sunday, October 25, 2026, from 11:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. The dates for all Satellite locations are listed on the county website.

County Attorney Korie Talkington stated that former Assistant County Attorney Sean McCollough has passed away. McCollough left county employment in 2025.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 A.M.

ATTEST:

Tibe Vander Linden	Danny Chick, Chairperson
County Auditor	Board of Supervisors