Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, November 16, 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.

Administrative Deputy Assessor Kelly Crull recommended to disallow one 2027 Family Farm Credit application as the property is now classified as residential and no longer qualifies for the credit. Sorensen inquired if the property owner will receive a letter stating the credit change to their property. Crull stated yes. On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board approved to approve/disallow 2027 Family Farm Credit applications as recommended by Crull. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board approved two utility permits for approval: 1.) ITC Midwest LLC, Iowa City, Iowa, to install new poles and new conductor wire over Highway 6. Section 1-T78N-R01E. 2) Eastern Iowa Light and Power REC, Wilton, Iowa, to dug up primary cable on edge of County right-of way and to splice cable to extend service up to private property. Section 14-T77N-R01W. Ayes: All.

Horesowsky reviewed the proposed authorization for the Muscatine County Engineer to sign an IDOT Traffic Control Device Application for flashing beacons at the IA38 & F70 intersection and the US6 & X54 intersection. On a motion by Sorensen. second by Kirchner, the Board authorized the Muscatine County Engineer to sign an IDOT Traffic Control Device Application for flashing beacons at the IA38 & F70 intersection and the US6 & X54 intersection. Ayes: All.

Horesowsky stated the Region 9 Transportation Policy Board applications are due today. Horesowsky stated the applications submitted were for North Mulberry Avenue & F70 Project. The Region will review the applications, and the technical committee will make recommendations followed by the Policy Committee to review in January 2027. Horesowsky reported a section of 245th Street near the bridge is closed due to the vacation of the road and construction. There is one house on the west side of the bridge within the closure that now has one lane access. Horesowsky updated the Board on secondary road projects.

Vic Amoroso of A & J Associates PC reviewed the history of the Geothermal original project, the proposed upgrade project, project revisions and estimated overall cost increases. The Board held discussion with Amoroso, County Development Director Eric Furnas and General Services Supervisor Oscar Alvarez regarding the upgrade project, proposed pump house and project revisions. Furnas stated overall and long term, the upgrade project is the best option proposed by A & J Associates PC.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approve Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with A & J Associates PC for Muscatine County Geothermal Systems Upgrade HVAC in the amount of $20,800.00. Ayes: All. Administrative & Finance Director Kala Naber stated the project was bonded money so a certain amount cannot be exceeded therefore updated estimates will be required.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the minutes of the November 9, 2026 regular meeting, and the November 6, 2026, and November 10, 2026 special meetings. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

No Correspondence reported.

Committee & Meeting Reports:

Kirchner attended a Lower Cedar Watershed Management Authority meeting held in Tipton, Iowa on November 10, 2026.

Kirchner attended a WELEAD Quarterly Business meeting on November 13, 2026.

Information Services Director Bill Riley stated the Microsoft Outlook global outage last week was a Cloud provided service and there are no alternatives other than to wait for service to resume. Riley stated he does not have the full scope of the issue that occurred. Riley stated if the Cloud goes down, it is out of our hands no matter what service is affected.

Furnas stated he attended a virtual meeting with Muscatine City, business leaders and Department of Transportation (DOT) last week regarding the upcoming Highway 92 Bridge maintenance project. Furnas stated DOT has given a two-week period to gather community feedback on what is the best time frame for the project and the bridge closure. Furnas stated the DOT has stated the proposed four-to-five-week hard shutdown has been changed to a possible two-week shutdown with some additional night-time closures to occur. Furnas stated the project may not kick off until late spring to early summer 2027 to avoid planting season for farmers. Furnas stated the DOT has stated there will be a single access lane with no more than 13 feet for semi travel. Furnas stated he has appreciated the DOT coordination efforts with the City of Muscatine Mayor.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 A.M.

ATTEST:

Jane Claussen	Danny Chick, Chairperson
1st Deputy Auditor	Board of Supervisors