

Muscatine County Boards and Commissions



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Benefited Fire District #6 (Muscatine & Scott County)

Authority: Chapter 357B, Code of Iowa; appointments must be approved by both Muscatine and Scott County Boards of Supervisors

Term: 3 years

Meetings: as needed

Members:

Tony Brus (2012) term expires 06/30/2024
3842 120th Street
Stockton, IA 52769

Wes Wulf (2016) term expires 06/30/2025
2640 E Wulf Rd
Walcott, IA 52773

Mary Friederichs (2010) term expires 06/30/2026
21676 80th Avenue
Walcott, IA 52773

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Walcott, IA 52773

In summary, chapter 357B of the Code of Iowa states that the Benefited Fire District Board of Trustees has the following powers:

1. To purchase, own, rent or maintain fire apparatus or equipment and provide housing for apparatus or equipment.
2. To contract with any public or private agency under chapter 28E for the purpose of providing fire protection under this chapter.
3. To levy an annual tax.
4. To purchase material and employ persons to provide for the maintenance and operation of the benefited fire district.

Board of Health

Authority: Chapter 137, Code of Iowa

Term: 3 years

Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of every other month, starting in July, at noon at Muscatine County Public Health – 1609 Cedar Street, Muscatine, IA

Members:

Brandy Olson (2019) term expires 12/31/2024
407 W. 2nd St.
Muscatine, IA 52761

Cory Garvin (2023) term expires 12/31/2024
701 Maurer Street
Wilton, IA 52778

Michelle Garvin (2023) term expires 12/31/2025
701 Mauer Street
Wilton, IA 52778

Karen Harper (2017) term expires 12/31/2025
619 Sunrise Circle
Muscatine, IA 52761

Dr. Michael Maharry (2016) term expires 12/31/2026
207 Broadway St.
Muscatine, IA 52761

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In summary, Chapter 137 of the Code of Iowa states that the Board of Health has the following powers:

1. To enforce state health laws and the rules and lawful orders of the state department.
2. To make and enforce rules and regulations for the protection and improvement of the public health.
3. To enforce appropriate ordinance of said city by agreement with the council of any city within its jurisdiction.
4. To employ persons as necessary for the efficient discharge of its duties.
5. To provide reports of its operations and activities to the state department as may be required by the director.

Building Board of Appeals

Authority: 2006 International Residential Code and Title III, Chapter VI, Muscatine County Code of Ordinances

Term: 3 years

Meetings: as needed

Members:

Andrea Ryan – Register Architect (2016) term expires 12/31/2024
1454 Bunker Drive
West Liberty, IA 52776

Nate Orvis– Private Citizen (2016) term expires 12/31/2024
2481 Cattail Ridge
Muscatine, IA 52761

Tim Nelson – Licensed Electrician (2020) term expires 12/31/2025
1828 Hwy 38
Muscatine, IA 52761

Greg Keller – Private Citizen (2004) term expires 12/31/2026
1234 Western Avenue
Stockton, IA 52769

Jim Noble, Jr. – General Construction Contractor (2015) term expires 12/31/2026
3291 200th Street
Muscatine, IA 52761

Contact Person:

Eric Furnas
Muscatine County Planning and Zoning Administrator
3610 Park Avenue West
Muscatine, IA 52761
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In summary, Section R112 of the 2006 International Residential Code states that the Building Board of Appeals has the following powers:

1. To hear and decide appeals of orders, decisions or determinations made by the building official relative to the application and interpretation of this code.
2. To adopt rules of procedures for conducting its business.
3. To render all decisions and findings in writing to the appellant.

Civil Service Commission

Authority: Chapter 341A, Code of Iowa
Two appointed by Board of Supervisors; one appointed by County Attorney
No more than two commissioners shall be members of the same political party

Term: 6 years

Meetings: as needed

Members:

Jamie Bosten (2020) term expires 06/30/2024
2665 Northwood Drive
Muscatine, IA 52761
Appointed by Board of Supervisors (Republican)

Rosy Eichelberger (2021) term expires 06/30/2026
2324 Burlington Road
Muscatine, IA 52761
Appointed by Board of Supervisors (Democrat)

Emily Blair (2016) term expires 06/30/2028
2669 Tom Sawyer Road
Muscatine, IA 52761
Appointed by County Attorney (Independent)

In summary, the Code of Iowa states that the Civil Service Commission has the following duties:

1. To adopt rules for examinations, appointments, promotions, transfers, reinstatements, demotions, suspensions and discharges.
2. To administer tests to determine the ability of persons to perform required duties.
3. To conduct annual investigations and reports on effectiveness and compliance of rules of commission and Code of Iowa.
4. To conduct informal hearings on matters established in the Code of Iowa.
5. To hear and determine appeals or complaints regarding the appointment or rejection of individuals by the Sheriff.
6. To arrange, compile and administer tests to determine qualifications of individuals seeking employment and establish a list for various classes of positions in seniority order.
7. To certify to the Sheriff when a vacancy is to be filled and list the individuals passing the examination.
8. To classify deputy sheriffs and categorize by rank and grade based upon duties and responsibilities.

Community Action of Eastern Iowa Board of Directors

Authority: Iowa non-profit corporation organized under Chapter 504A, Code of Iowa

Term: 2 years

Meetings: 4th Thursday, every other month

Members:

Megan Elliott (2017)

term expires 12/31/2024

Contact Person:

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Community Action of Eastern Iowa
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In summary, Community Action of Eastern Iowa by-laws state the following purpose:
to respond to the human services needs of families and individuals with low income by promoting self-sufficiency through the utilization of available resources and collaborative partnerships, while preserving the dignity of those served.

Programs included: Head Start, Community Child Care Resources & Referral, Child & Adult Care Food Program, Family Development & Self-Sufficiency, and Weatherization.

Compensation Board
(Develops salary recommendations for elected officials)

Authority: Chapter 331, Code of Iowa
Two appointed by Board of Supervisors; one appointed by each of the following:
County Treasurer, Auditor, Sheriff, Recorder and Attorney

Term: 4 years

Meetings: as needed

Members:

Eric Vela (2010) term expires 06/30/2025
210 Eagle Ridge Road
Muscatine, IA 52761
Eric.d.vela@gmail.com
Appointed by County Attorney

John Eichelberger (2020) term expires 06/30/2025
736 Lake Park Blvd
Muscatine, IA 52761
John@ELOPC.com
Appointed by County Recorder

Dan Freeman (2024) term expires 06/30/2025
517 Roscoe Avenue
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Appointed by Board of Supervisors

Wayne Johanson (2020) term expires 06/30/2027
300 East Second St.
Muscatine, IA 52761
wjohanson@midwestone.com
Appointed by County Treasurer

Joni Axel (2023) term expires 06/30/2027
2004 Circle Drive
Muscatine, IA 52761
juaxel@machlink.com
Appointed by County Auditor

Kevin Sink (2021) term expires 06/30/2027
1206 Sunrise Circle
Muscatine, IA 52761
ksink147@gmail.com
Appointed by County Sheriff

Carol Reynolds (2023)
2441 Sunflower Ridge
Muscatine, IA 52761
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Appointed by Board of Supervisors

term expires 12/18/2027

Contact Person:

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In summary, Chapter 331.905 of the Code of Iowa states that the County Compensation Board has the following powers:

1. To recommend to the Board of Supervisors the annual compensation of the auditor, treasurer, recorder, sheriff, county attorney and supervisors.

Compensation Commission
(Determines property damages in condemnation hearings)

Authority: Chapter 6B, Code of Iowa

Term: 1 year

Meetings: as needed

Members: Not less than 28 members. One-fourth of the members shall be owners of city or town property. One-fourth shall be owner-operator of agricultural property. One-fourth shall be licensed real estate salesmen or brokers. One-fourth shall be persons having knowledge of property values in the County by reason of their occupations, such as bankers, auctioneers, property managers, etc.

Licensed Real Estate Salespersons or Brokers

Morse Burington (2017) term expires 06/30/2024
226 E. 2nd Street
Muscatine, IA 52761

Darrin Huggins (2018) term expires 06/30/2024
1617 2nd Avenue
Muscatine, IA 52761

Anna Mack-Smith (2007) term expires 06/30/2024
2240 Hickory Hill Road
Muscatine, IA 52761

Steve Welk (2003) term expires 06/30/2024
307 Wood Creek Lane
Muscatine, IA 52761

Lisa Heckman (2022) term expires 06/30/2024
1816 Hammann Street
Muscatine, IA 52761

Bankers, Appraisers, Auctioneers, Property Managers, etc.

Steve Bloomquist (2001) term expires 06/30/2024
102 Summer Place
Fruitland, IA 52749

Jason Cassady (2010) term expires 06/30/2024
1249 Hawkeye Ln
West Liberty, IA 52776

M. Wayne Johanson (1999) term expires 06/30/2024
2787 Shamrock Drive
Muscatine, IA 52761

Cindy Mays (2010)
1470 Ridgeview Avenue
West Liberty, IA 52776

term expires 06/30/2024

Jennifer Littleton (2021)
609 W. 2nd Street
Muscatine, IA 52761

term expires 06/30/2024

Owners of Agricultural Property

Scott Eichelberger (2014)
2352 Jasper Avenue
Muscatine, IA 52761

term expires 06/30/2024

Larry Marine (1998)
1276 Thayer Avenue
Wilton, IA 52778

term expires 06/30/2024

Donald Schumaker (1998)
1049 Vine Avenue
Stockton, IA 52769

term expires 06/30/2024

Owners of City Property

Carol Wade (2011)
609 W. Wate Street
Wilton, IA 52778

term expires 06/30/2024

Contact Person:

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The chief judge of the judicial district shall select by lot, six persons from the list of twenty-eight people, two persons who are owner-operators of agricultural property when the property to be condemned is agricultural property; two persons who are owners of city or town property when the property to be condemned is other than agricultural property; and two persons from each of the remaining two representative groups, who shall constitute a compensation commission to assess the damage of all property to be taken by the applicant and located in the County. No member of the Compensation Commission selected shall possess any interest in the proceeding which would cause such person to render a biased decision.

Conesville Benefited Fire District (Louisa & Muscatine)

Authority: Chapter 351B, Code of Iowa
Appointments must be approved by both Muscatine and Louisa County Boards of Supervisors

Term: 3 years

Meetings: as needed

Members:

Marsha Gerot (2013) term expires 12/31/2024
20858 T Avenue
Conesville, IA 52739

Richard Buser (2015) term expires 12/31/2025
1051 250th Street
Conesville, IA 52739

Donald McCullough Sr. (2015) term expires 12/31/2026
2703 Hwy 70
Conesville, IA 52739

Contact Person:

Dan Conaway
Conesville Fire Chief
306 3rd Street
Conesville, IA 52739

In summary, Chapter 357B of the Code of Iowa states that the Benefited Fire District Boards of Trustees has the following powers:

1. To purchase, own, rent or maintain fire apparatus or equipment and provide housing for apparatus or equipment.
2. To contract with any public or private agency under chapter 28E for the purpose of providing fire protection under this chapter.
3. To levy an annual tax.
4. To purchase material and employ persons to provide for the maintenance and operation of the benefited fire district.

Conservation Board

Authority: Chapter 350, Code of Iowa

Term: 5 years

Meetings: 3rd Monday of every month, 7:00 p.m. at the Discovery Park Learning Center

Members:

Mark Petersen (2015) term expires 12/31/2024
1019 Sunrise Circle
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Sherry Seright (2023) term expires 12/31/2025
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Muscatine, IA 52761
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Mike Schulte (2016) term expires 12/31/2026
3233 Mulberry Avenue
Muscatine, IA 52761
allseasonsglass@machlink.com

Julie Jindrich (2023) term expires 12/31/2027
1314 Smalley Street
Muscatine, IA 52761
jejindrich@gmail.com

Karen Hartman (2020) term expires 12/31/2028
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Muscatine, IA 52761
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In summary, Chapter 350.4 of the Code of Iowa states that the County Conservation Board has the following powers:

1. To study and ascertain the county's museum, park, preserve, parkway and recreation and other conservation facilities.
2. To prepare and adopt a coordinated plan of areas and facilities to meet needs.

3. To acquire in the name of the county by gift, purchase, lease, agreement, exchange or otherwise in fee or with conditions suitable real estate within or without the territorial limits of the county for public museums, parks, preserves, parkways, playgrounds, recreation centers, forests, wildlife and other conservation purposes and for participation in watershed, drainage and flood control programs for the purpose of increasing the recreational resources of the county.
4. To plan, develop, preserve, administer and maintain all such areas, places and facilities, and construct, reconstruct, alter and renew buildings and other structures and equip and maintain the same.
5. To plan, develop, preserve, administer and maintain all such areas, places and facilities, and construct, reconstruct, alter and renew buildings and other structures and equip and maintain the same.
6. To employ and fix the compensation of a director.
7. To charge and collect reasonable fees for the use of the parks, facilities, privileges and conveniences as may be provided.
8. To operate concessions or to lease concessions and to let out and rent privileges in or upon any property under its control.

Historic Preservation Commission

Authority: State Historical Society of Iowa, Historic Preservation Office

Term: 3 years

Meetings: Monthly

Members:

L. Lynn Pruitt (2013) term expires 01/01/2025
606 Broadway Street
Nichols, IA 52766
Pruitt.Lynn@gmail.com

Rebeckah Allgood (2015) term expires 01/01/2025
PO Box 652
Wilton, IA 52778
rebeckahallgood@yahoo.com, wiltondev@netwtc.net

Mary C. Beveridge (2013) term expires 01/01/2025
1416 Mulberry Avenue
Muscatine, IA 52761
mabev@aol.com

Rebeca Bovenmyer (2023) term expires 01/01/2025
301 W. Rose Street
Wilton, IA 52778
kenebec@netwtc.net

John Kiwala (2023) term expires 01/01/2026
2600 Bayfield Rd
Muscatine, IA 52761
jvkiwala@gmail.com

Joseph Harper (2022) term expires 01/01/2026
2665 Northwood Dr.
Muscatine, IA 52761
harperJw2073@gmail.com

Kenneth Snyder (2023) term expires 01/01/2026
3438 Highway 22
Muscatine, IA 52761
Gofishnow2014@gmail.com

Vacancy term expires 01/01/2026

William Koellner (2015)
110 N. Miller
West Liberty, IA 52776
libertypark@lcom.net

term expires 01/01/2027

Becky Furlong (2020)
1745 231st Street
Letts, IA 52754
beckylfurlong@gmail.com

term expires 01/01/2027

Vacancy

term expires 01/01/2027

Contact Person:

Becky Furlong

In summary, the purpose and intent of this commission is to promote the educational, cultural, economic and general welfare of the public through the recognition, enhancement perpetuation of sites and districts of historical and cultural significance; safeguard the County historic, aesthetic and cultural heritage by preserving sites and districts of historic and cultural significance; stabilize and improve property values; foster pride in the legacy of beauty and achievements of the past; protect and enhance the County's attractions to tourists and visitors and the support and stimulus to business thereby provided; strengthen the economy of the County; promote the use of sites and districts of historic and cultural significance as places for the education, pleasure and welfare of the people of the County.

County Judicial Magistrate Appointing Commission

Authority: Chapter 602, Code of Iowa

Term: 6 years

Meetings: Once each four years upon expiration of magistrates' terms or in the event of a vacancy

Members:

Martha Peterson (1991) term expires 12/31/2026
2282 Camp Avenue
Nichols, IA 52766
Appointed by Board of Supervisors

Holly Oppelt (2015) term expires 12/31/2026
3241 Mulberry Avenue
Muscatine, IA 52761
Appointed by Board of Supervisors

Mark Cisneros (2015) term expires 12/31/2026
1405 N. Elm St. #205
West Liberty, IA 52776
Appointed by Board of Supervisors

Brain Metcalf (2015) term expires 12/31/2026
126 W Second Street
Muscatine, IA 52761
Appointed by Bar Association

Esther Dean (2015) term expires 12/31/2026
319 Myrtle Street
Muscatine, IA 52761
Appointed by Bar Association

Judge Thomas Reidel (2015) term expires 12/31/2026
2621 Canterbury Rd
Muscatine, IA 52761
Appointed by Chief Judge

Contact Person:

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Muscatine County Courthouse
401 E. 3rd Street
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In summary, Chapter 602.6403 of the Code of Iowa states that the County Judicial Magistrate Appointment Commission has the following powers:

1. To appoint the number of magistrates apportioned to the county by the state court administrator.
2. To prescribe the contents of an application for an appointment, to publicize the notice of any vacancy and to accept applications.
3. To reconvene and decertify the magistrate appointee for good cause.

Medical Examiner

Authority: Chapter 331, Code of Iowa

Term: 2 years

Meetings: N/A

Members:

Dr. Robert Weis (2016)
Chief Medical Examiner
Trinity Physicians Clinic
1518 Mulberry Avenue
Muscatine, IA 52761
563-262-4110

term expires 12/31/2024

Medical Examiner Investigators

Thomas Summitt (Chief Medical Examiner Investigator)
Susan Garrett
Todd Heck
Julia Hilbert
Joshua Rudolph
Alicia Wada
Tashia Wheeler

In summary, Chapter 331.802 of the Code of Iowa states that the County Medical Examiner has the following powers:

1. To notify the city or state law enforcement agency or sheriff and take charge of the body if a person's death affects the public interest.
2. To conduct a preliminary investigation of the cause and manner of death, prepare a written report of the findings, and submit report to state medical examiner and county attorney if a person's death affects the public interest.
3. To conduct investigation and determine whether the public interest requires an autopsy or other special investigation.
4. To notify the county attorney to apply for a court order to exhume the body in a case of a sudden, violent or suspicious death after which the body is buried without an investigation or autopsy.

Mercer-Muscatine Revolving Loan Fund Administration Board

Authority: Mercer-Muscatine County Revolving Loan Fund Plan

Term: 2 years

Meetings: quarterly or as needed

Members:

Robert Bahn (2018)
2805 Termini Dr.
Muscatine, IA 52761

term expires 06/30/2024

Mike Kellor (2018)
301 Iowa Avenue
Muscatine, IA 52761

term expires 06/30/2024

Contact Person:

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Bi-State Regional Commission
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Rock Island, IL 61204
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The Loan Administration Board responsibilities include the approval or denial of liens and foreclosure actions, waivers and/or modifications of lien terms, and the recommendation of program policy to the Bi-State Regional Commission.

Veterans Affairs Commission

Authority: Chapter 35B, Code of Iowa

Term: 3 years

Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of every month at 4:30 p.m. in the Duncan Conference Room of Community Services (315 Iowa Avenue)

Members:

Michelle Servadio Elias (2021) term expires 06/30/2024
609 W 2nd Street
Muscatine, IA 52761

Jodi Royal-Goodwin (2017) term expires 06/30/2025
2700 River Road
Muscatine, IA 52761

Justin Johnson (2023) term expires 06/30/2025
1902 Wildwood Lane
Muscatine, IA 52761

Shane Sawyer (2022) term expires 06/30/2026
1885 Stagecoach Lane
Muscatine, IA 52761

Lisa Johnson (2020) term expires 06/30/2026
3310 Steamboat Way 2
Muscatine, IA 52761

Contact Person:

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315 Iowa Avenue
Muscatine, IA 52761
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In summary, Chapter 35B.6 of the Code of Iowa states that the Veterans Affairs Commission has the following powers:

1. To employ an executive director and other necessary administrative or clerical assistants when needed.
2. To determine who are entitled to benefits and the probable amount required to be expended.
3. To prepare estimated budget for all expenditures for the next fiscal year and certify with the board of supervisors.
4. To submit to the board of supervisors a certified list of those persons to whom benefits have been authorized and the amounts awarded.
5. To interment in a suitable cemetery of the body of any honorably discharged person who served in the military or naval forces for the United States during any war.

Weed Commissioner

Authority: Chapter 317, Code of Iowa

Term: 1 year

Meetings: N/A

Members:

Matthew Shutt (2021)

563-263-6351

matt.shutt@muscatinecountyiowa.gov

term expires 12/31/2024

In summary, Chapter 317.4 of the Code of Iowa states that the Weed Commissioner has the following powers:

1. To supervise the control and destruction of all noxious weeds in the county, including those growing within the limits of cities.
2. To notify the department of public safety of the location of marijuana plants found growing on public or private property.
3. To enter upon any land in the county at any time for the performance of the commissioner's duties.
4. To hire the labor and equipment necessary subject to the approval of the board of supervisors.
5. To control the weeds growing in abandoned cemeteries.
6. To have full power and authority to enter upon any land within their county for the purpose of destroying noxious weeds.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Authority: Chapter 335, Code of Iowa
Title III, Chapter II, Article XV, Muscatine County Code of Ordinances

Term: 5 years

Meetings: 1st Friday of every month in the morning at the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors Room in the County Administration Building, 414 E. 3rd St.

Members:

Charles Clark (2019) term expires 03/31/2024
2698 Emmert Ave
Letts, IA 52754

Janelle Spies (2020) term expires 03/31/2025
2519 Bayfield Road
Muscatine, IA 52761

Carol Schlueter (2011) term expires 03/31/2026
1067 Vail Avenue
Durant, IA 52747

Emily Geertz (2017) term expires 03/31/2027
1118 N. Walnut
West Liberty, IA 52776

Tom Harper (2020) term expires 03/31/2028
2236 Hickory Hills Rd
Muscatine, IA 52761

Contact Person:

Eric Furnas
Muscatine County Planning and Zoning Administrator
3610 Park Avenue West
Muscatine, IA 52761
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In summary, Chapter 335.15 of the Code of Iowa states that the Zoning Board of Adjustment has the following powers:

1. To hear and decide appeals where it is alleged there is error in any order, requirement, decision or determination made by an administrative official in the enforcement of this chapter.
2. To hear and decide special exceptions to the terms of the ordinance.
3. To authorize upon appeals which are not contrary to the public interest, will not result in unnecessary hardship and that the spirit of the ordinance shall be observed and substantial justice done.

Zoning Commission

Authority: Chapter 335, Code of Iowa

Term: 5 years

Meetings: 1st Friday of every month in the morning at the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors Room in the County Administration Building, 414 E. 3rd St.

Members:

Virginia Cooper (2013) term expires 11/07/2024
2319 Saulsbury Road
Muscatine, IA 52761

Carol Schlueter (2015) term expires 11/07/2025
1067 Vail Avenue
Durant, IA 52747

Brad Akers (2018) term expires 11/07/2026
1451 Fairway Ct.
West Liberty, IA 52776

Martha Peterson (2020) term expires 11/07/2027
2282 Camp Avenue
Nichols, IA 52766

Tom Harper (2013) term expires 11/07/2028
2236 Hickory Hills Rd.
Muscatine, IA 52761

Contact Person:

Eric Furnas
Muscatine County Planning and Zoning Administrator
3610 Park Avenue West
Muscatine, IA 52761
563-263-0482

In summary, Chapter 335.8 of the Code of Iowa states that the Zoning Commission has the following powers:

1. To adopt regulations, restrictions and boundaries of districts.
2. To recommend to the Board of Supervisors amendments, supplements, changes or modifications to the Zoning Ordinance.