

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, September 21, 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.

Historic Preservation Commissioner Chris Brase presented a revised CLG Grant application increasing the amount from \$21,080 to \$22,400 to add both East 3rd and 4th Streets in West Liberty, Iowa, to the grant survey.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, the Board authorized the Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission to submit a revised CLG Grant application increasing the amount from \$21,080 to \$22,400 to add both East 3rd and 4th Streets in West Liberty, Iowa to the survey. Ayes: All.

Brase presented to the Board proposed updates to the Muscatine County Historic Preservation website to add a storyteller and story interactive map. Brase gave a live demonstration on the screen of the proposed additions. Discussion was held with Brase, Information Services Director Bill Riley and the Board regarding the proposed website changes. Brase stated that Muscatine Power and Water Arc-GIS program will install the new additions at no additional cost. The Board consensus was to keep Riley informed on the progress of the website additions and costs if they are presented by MPW in the future.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board moved to set a public hearing for Monday, October 12, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., on a construction permit application for a proposed Confinement Feeding Operation in Section 10 of Wapsinonoc Township submitted by JDSD Farms LLC. Ayes: All.

County Development Director Eric Furnas recommended accepting the lowest bid from Bi-State Masonry in the amount of \$179,997.00, for the Muscatine County Community Services Building Repairs Project Phase 2. The bids were as follows: Bi-State Masonry: \$179,997.00; TNT Tuckpointing: \$248,971.00 and E & H Restoration: \$249,113.00.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Mather, the Board accepted a bid from Bi-State Masonry, in the amount of \$179,997.00, for the Muscatine County Community Services Building Repairs Project Phase 2. Ayes: All.

Furnas reviewed a variance granted by the Muscatine County Board of Adjustment on September 11, 2026. Case #26-09-01- The Douglas J. Littrel Estate, Record Owner, by Barbara Littrel has filed an application requesting a Variance to build a residential addition approximately 28 feet from the front lot line. The affected property is in Fruitland Township, in the NW ¼ of Section 29-T76N-R2W, 2370 57th Street, containing approximately 1.11 acres, and is zoned R-1 Residential. The Board of Adjustment determined that the new addition will be placed where a porch currently exists and the addition will only extend our 1 foot more than the porch.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, the Board accepted a variance granted by the Muscatine County Board of Adjustment on September 11, 2026 - Case#26-09-01. Ayes: All.

Furnas reviewed a special use permit granted by the Muscatine County Board of Adjustment on September 11, 2026. Case #26-09-02 – an application filed by AUR Northland, Record Owner, requesting approval for improvements to a legally established non-conforming use authorized under Case #24-07-01. To wit: construction of two new buildings and installation of redundant electrical infrastructure, including battery energy storage and standby backup power generation. No change to the approved principal land use is proposed. The affected property is in Sweetland Township, in the SW ¼ of Section 19-T77N-R1W, 1950 Soloman Avenue, containing approximately 3.21 acres and is zoned R-1 Residential. The Board held discussion with Furnas and County Engineer Bryan Horesowky on the modification to this permit. No Board action was taken as the special use permit has been granted by the Muscatine County Board of Adjustment.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Kirchner, the Board approved an ownership change of an Iowa Class E Retail Alcohol License (LE) for Casey's Marketing Co., dba Casey's General Store, 1334 Hwy 22, Nichols, IA. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved an ownership change of an Iowa Retail Tobacco Permit (LE) for Casey's Marketing Co., dba Casey's General Store, 1334 Hwy 22, Nichols, IA. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the minutes of the September 14, 2026 regular meeting. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:
None reported.

Committee Reports:
Kirchner attended a Muscatine County Fair Board meeting on September 17, 2026.
Mather attended a Muscatine County Veterans Affairs Commission meeting on September 16, 2026.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sorensen, the Board approved September 2026 payroll claims. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Bryan Horesowsky updated the Board on secondary road and design projects. Horesowsky stated Highway G28 will not be closed tomorrow as previously reported. The closure date has not been rescheduled as of today.

County Conservation Director Katie Hammond stated flooding has affected Saulsbury Park so some gates to the river campground have been shut with predictions that other areas may flood this week and require closing. Hammond stated two osprey nest platforms have been installed at Deep Lakes Park with Eastern Iowa Light and Power REC donating telephone poles and Muscatine

Power & Water (MPW) installing the poles. Hammond thanked her staff, MPW installers and Furnas who assisted with the use of his trailer. Hammond stated an osprey was circling during the second platform installation. Hammond thanked Horesowsky as the Port Louisa Wildlife Biologist reported seeing a Blanding's turtle (endangered species in Iowa) laying eggs on the edge of a county road. Horesowsky was contacted and he worked with his road crew to make sure that section of the road was not bladed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 A.M.

ATTEST:

Tibe Vander Linden
County Auditor

Danny Chick, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors