Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, November 2, 2026

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. with Chick, Sauer and Sorensen present. Kirchner and Mather were absent. Chairperson Chick presiding.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the agenda was approved as presented. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved the following utility permit with County Engineer Bryan Horesowsky: Eastern Iowa Light & Power of Wilton, Iowa- install underground electric under 3315 - 200th Street to replace an overhead electric service. Section 24, 25-T77N-R01W. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Bryan Horesowsky updated the Board on secondary road projects.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board approved the minutes of the October 26, 2026, regular meeting. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Sorensen received a couple of phone calls on the future discussion of trust services.

Committee & Meeting Reports:

Chick and Sorensen attended a Housing Council meeting on October 28, 2026.
Sauer attended a Muscatine County Conservation Board meeting on October 26, 2026.
Sauer attended the Fair Board Annual meeting on October 27, 2026.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board re-appointed Brad Akers to the Muscatine County Zoning Commission for a five-year term ending November 7, 2031. Ayes: All.

Human Resources Director Kayla Petersen held discussion with the Board regarding possible action regarding an employee's unused vacation. Petersen stated she felt under the current policy she does not have the authority to grant the request. Petersen asked the Board if they would grant an additional extension.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved an additional extension of 60 days to use unused vacation.

Human Resources Director Kayla Petersen held discussion with the Board to possibly revise the unused vacation section of the Muscatine County Employee Handbook. After brief discussion, a motion was presented to table this discussion until we have a full board.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board will table the discussion to possibly revise the unused vacation section of the Muscatine County Employee Handbook until next week's meeting. Ayes: All.

County Development Director Eric Furnas reported he attended a meeting with City Leaders, the Department of Transportation and some City Businesses regarding the Highway 92 Bridge Maintenance Project. The overall project would be 3-4 months and would require a hard closure of the bridge for approximately 4-6 weeks. The number of employees in Muscatine that would be affected is around 500 that live in Illinois. Furnas stated that more discussions are to be had, and more information on this project will come later.

County Auditor Tibe Vander Linden reminded everyone that Monday November 2, 2026, was the last day to early vote in the Auditors office from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Vander Linden reminded voters to bring a valid driver's license or a government-issued ID when you vote.

Priscilla Brown, residing at 1238 Vista Court Muscatine, stated she was here to speak on the Trust and Conservatorship Program. The Board stated the discussion for this item was moved to next week's meeting. Brown spoke about her concerns for her handicapped brother, which is currently utilizing these services and the importance of this program for him and others. Brown urged the Board not to eliminate these services.

Karen Cooney, residing at 2902 Termini Drive Muscatine, stated she had worked for the City of Muscatine in the Housing Program for over 30 years. Cooney worked along with the people in the Trust Department that took care of the individuals in the Trust and Conservatorship program. Cooney suggests the city, county and all the different agencies work together to see what the solutions for our area are. Chick stated he does have meetings set up for this coming week with Crossroads, Optima, etc.

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

ATTEST:

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