

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, August 17, 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 Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board approved claims dated August 17, 2026 in the amount of \$1,197,410.19. Ayes: All.

Bonnie Reeb, 2600 Bayfield Road, Muscatine, requested the use of the County Courthouse lawn near the corner of East 3rd Street and Mulberry Avenue for September 11, 2026, for an oral reading of parts of the Bible from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Reeb stated the Governor signed a 2026 Iowa 99 County Bible Reading Marathon proclamation and has encouraged all Iowans to participate in this historic occasion. Reeb stated the area selected is under a tree and there is no impeding of the public entering or exiting the building. Reeb stated a canopy for shelter and a table and chairs for readers will be set up. Discussion was held with the Board, County Development Director Eric Furnas and Sheriff Quinn Riess stating all citizens have the right to freedom of speech on public property however the setting up of a tent and furniture raises some concerns with setting a precedence for future groups. The Board consensus was to allow Reeb's request as the tent will be limited to a 10-foot by 10-foot (approximate size) canopy tent and 10-15 chairs.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board authorized use of the County Courthouse lawn on September 11, 2026, for a Bible Reading Marathon with the understanding to allow up to a 10 foot by 10-foot canopy tent (approximate size) and 10-15 chairs. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board authorized the Chair to execute a FY26/27 Methamphetamine Drug Hot Spots Grant Program (CAMP) agreement in the amount of \$10,000, with County Sheriff Quinn Riess. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved the amended agenda item (corrected date) for publication of the Muscatine County Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report for the period January 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026. Ayes: All.

County Development Director Eric Furnas reviewed variance request Case #26-08-01: An application filed by Misty Hills LLC, Record Owner, requesting a variance to build a new single-family dwelling approximately 15 feet from the front lot line and 20 feet from the side lot line. The affected property is in the Moscow Township, in parts of the NE ¼ of Section 9-T78M-R2W, Moscow Block 12, Lots 9 & 10, and the adjacent vacated alley, containing approximately 0.47 acres, and is zoned R-2 Residential. Furnas stated the Board of Adjustment has approved the variance as the request meets the requirements for practical difficulty due to the lot size. The plat from years ago left very small lots and the road right-of-way is substantial, and the variance does not alter the character of the neighborhood.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board accepted the variance Case#26-08-01 granted

by the Muscatine County Board of Adjustment on August 7, 2026. Ayes: All.

Furnas reviewed proposed Resolution #08-17-26-01 regarding Brookside Addition Subdivision. The application was filed by Tim Imhoff, POA for Joann Imhoff, Record Owner and Greg Shoppa, Record Owner, requesting approval of the combined preliminary/final plat of a three-lot subdivision, Brookside Subdivision. The proposed subdivision would be in Lake Township, Section 17-T77N-R2W, 1827 & 1849 Lindle Avenue, zoned A-1 Agricultural District, and would contain a combined 98.30 acres. The Board of Adjustment approved the request as the proposed lots would meet the lot area and width requirements for the A-1 Agricultural District and all lots would remain zoned A-1 and would be subject to the land use restrictions of the A-1 District.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved Resolution #08-17-26-01 Approval of the Combined Preliminary and Final Plat of Brookside Addition Subdivision. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

RESOLUTION #08-17-26-01
APPROVAL OF THE COMBINED PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT OF
BROOKSIDE ADDITION SUBDIVISION

WHEREAS, there has been presented before the Board of Supervisors of Muscatine County, Iowa, a dedication and plat of the proposed subdivision “Brookside Addition”; and

WHEREAS, said plat has heretofore been approved by the Zoning Commission of Muscatine County, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, said dedication and plat fully conform with all laws of the State of Iowa and all ordinances of Muscatine County, Iowa, applicable thereto; and

WHEREAS, the platting of said subdivision is conducive to orderly development within Muscatine County, Iowa, is not in conflict with any extensions of the established road systems of Muscatine County, Iowa, and is in harmony with the comprehensive plan of zoning now in effect within Muscatine County, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, the subdivision of said real estate and the plat thereof were accepted and approved by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors following a public meeting on August 17, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Muscatine County, Iowa, as follows:

- Section 1. The said subdivision is hereby designated as “Brookside Addition”, a subdivision in Muscatine County, Iowa, and that the descriptions of lots and parcels of land located therein shall be according to the number and designation thereof as set forth on said plat.
- Section 2. The Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors and the Auditor of Muscatine County, Iowa, are hereby authorized and directed to certify this Resolution in order that the same and all other matters material to said subdivision may be recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Muscatine County, Iowa.

PASSED and APPROVED this 17th day of August 2026.

ATTEST:

/s/Tibe Vander Linden
Muscatine County Auditor

/s/Danny Chick, Chairperson
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board authorized the chair to sign an updated 28E agreement between the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and Muscatine County wherein the IDNR delegates private water well construction, reconstruction and abandonment permitting authority to Muscatine County. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Bryan Horesowsky presented three utility permits: 1.) Eastern Iowa Light & Power, Wilton, Iowa: bore 2 -inch innerduct for 1/0 primary cable under the road onto the property. Section 13-T77N-R01E. 2.) Eastern Iowa Light & Power, Wilton, Iowa: move an anchor from an existing electric pole into the back of the ROW- 12 feet from the pole. Section 8-T77N-R01E. 3.) Alliant Energy, Cedar Rapids, Iowa: overhead to underground electric to alleviate a grain bin violation near the intersection of Lange Avenue and Mohawk Avenue. Section 7-T78N-R02W.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved the various utility permits.
Ayes: All.

Horesowsky stated there have been discussions with Iowa Interstate Railroad regarding the railroad crossing in Moscow, Iowa, for safety improvements to upgrade the crossing to include gates as it is currently flashing lights. Horesowsky stated this would be federally funded and is a good improvement. Horesowsky stated a grant is being pursued to upgrade and improve pavement for the Moscow Road and Stockton (Iowa Avenue) area. Horesowsky updated the Board on secondary road projects.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved the minutes of the August 10, 2026 regular meeting. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Chick stated Steve Kraklio contacted him regarding a request for gravel in Moscow, Iowa.
Horesowsky stated he is reviewing the request.

Committee & Meeting Reports:

Sauer attended a River Bend Transit Board of Directors meeting on August 13, 2026.

Chris Brase, Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission, reviewed the proposed grants for Mississippi Courts and a historic district in West Liberty, Iowa.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board authorized the Chair to sign a proposal with Price Preservation Research in the amount of \$6,528 for consulting services on the Mississippi Courts NRHP Nomination HRDP Grant. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board authorized the Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission to submit a CLG Grant application in the amount of \$21,080, for the survey of East Third Street, a potential historic district in West Liberty. Ayes: All.

Sorensen asked if the Friends Groups for the Historic Commission is still active. Lynn Pruitt with Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission, stated the Friends Group for the Fairport State Fish Hatchery is very active however the Friends Group with the City of Muscatine Historic Society has not met regularly, as he is a member of that group.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Sorensen, the Board authorized Secondary Roads to replace one Highway Maintenance Worker I (Grade 1) position with one newly created position titled Traffic Control Technician (Grade 2). Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board authorized the Chair to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Chauffeurs, Teamsters and Helpers, Local Union #238 regarding the Traffic Control Technician Classification. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sorensen, second by Sauer, the Board approved placement of a current Building, Zoning and Environmental Inspector II (Grade 14, Step 3) into a Building, Zoning and Environmental Inspector I position (Grade 15, Step 3), effective August 8, 2026. Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 A.M.

ATTEST:

Tibe Vander Linden
County Auditor

Danny Chick, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors