Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, November 10, 2026

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met in special session at 10:00 A.M. with Chick, Kirchner, Sauer and Sorensen present. Mather was absent. Chairperson Chick presiding.

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

County Auditor Tibe Vander Linden stated the Board needs to draw a winner from several Township races that tied as a write in race. The races are: Cedar Township Trustee tied (race was "vote for two with only one candidate who filed"), Sweetland Township Clerk, Wapsinonic Township Trustee (race was "vote for two with only one candidate who filed") and Wilton Township Clerk. The winners drawn were Gary Hafner as the winner of the Cedar Township Trustee 2nd seat race, Laurie Lusinksi as winner of the Sweetland Township Clerk race, Ken Donnolly as winner of the Wapsinonic Township Trustee 2nd seat race and Lynn Ochiltree as the Wilton Township Clerk race. Vander Linden will contact the winners to determine if they will accept the position and file an Affidavit of Candidacy form by the deadline.

Vander Linden stated the Abstracts and Certificates will need to be updated to reflect the winners drawn. The Board recessed at 10:07 A.M. to allow Vander Linden time to update the reports. The Board reconvened at 10:40 A.M.

The Board met as a Board of Canvassers for the General Election held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026. The Board of Canvassers certified the following results to be a true and correct abstract of the votes cast in the election:

FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR – 15,192 total votes were cast: Josh Turek received 7,887 votes, Ashley Hinson received 6,774 votes, Thomas Laehn received 518 votes and there was a scattering of 13 votes.

FOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE-DISTRICT 1 – 15,184 total votes were cast: Christina Bohannan received 7,847 votes, Mariannette Miller-Meeks received 6,749 votes, Michael Bridgford received 580 votes and there was a scattering of 8 votes.

FOR GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR – 15,270 total votes were cast: Rob Sand/Dave Muhlbauer received 8,628 votes, Zach Lahn/Derek Wulf received 6,621votes, and there was a scattering of 21 votes.

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE – 15,076 total votes were cast: Ryan Peterman received 7,591 votes, Paul D. Pate received 7,463 votes, and there was a scattering of 22 votes.

FOR AUDITOR OF STATE – 15,033 total votes were cast: Taylor Wettach received 8,176 votes, Chris Cournoyer 6,842 votes and there was a scattering of 15 votes.

FOR TREASURER OF STATE – 14,982 total votes were cast: John Norwood received 7,651 votes, Roby Smith received 7,311 votes and there was a scattering of 20 votes.

FOR SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE – 15,029 total votes were cast: Chris Jones received 7,509 votes, Mike Naig received 7,499 votes, and there was a scattering of 21 votes.

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL – 14,974 total votes were cast: Nate Willems received 7,912 votes, Brenna Bird received 7,035 votes, and there was a scattering of 27 votes.

FOR STATE SENATOR-DISTRICT 41 – 2,643 total votes were cast: Tom Wieck received 1,423 votes, Kerry Gruenhagen received 1,215 votes, and there was a scattering of 5 votes.

FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE-DISTRICT 82 – 2,626 total votes were cast: James Behrmann received 1,405 votes, Bobby Kaufmann received 1,214 votes, and there was a scattering of 7 votes.

FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE-DISTRICT 95 – 1,693 total votes were cast: Taylor Collins received 1,048 votes, Carrie Trevino received 644 and there was a scattering of 1 vote.

FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE-DISTRICT 96 – 10,737 total votes were cast: Nick Salazar received 5,621 votes, Mark Cisneros received 5,101 votes, and there was a scattering of 15 votes.

FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 1: Summary: Provides that any bill to increase the individual income tax rate or the corporate income tax rate, or the rate of any other type of tax based upon income or legal and special reserves, shall require the affirmative votes of at least two-thirds of the member selected to each house of the legislature for passage. Further, the two-thirds majority vote requirement applies to the passage of a bill to establish a new tax on any type of income or legal and special reserves imposed by the state. The requirement excludes taxes imposed at the option of a local government. A lawsuit challenging the proper enactment of a bill under this section must be filed no later than one year following the enactment. 13,585 total votes were cast: Yes received 7,835 votes and No received 5,750 votes.

FOR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS-DISTRICT 1 – 10,416 total votes were cast: Danny Chick, Jr. received 9,921 votes and there was a scattering of 495 votes. Danny Chick, Jr. was elected.

FOR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS-DISTRICT 2 – 10,453 total votes were cast: Kurt Kirchner received 10,085 votes and there was a scattering of 368 votes. Kurt Kirchner was elected.

FOR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS-DISTRICT 5 – 10,361 total votes were cast: Nick Doy received 10,026 votes and there was a scattering of 335 votes. Nick Doy was elected.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER – 10,531 total votes were cast: Kim Olson received 10,202 votes and there was a scattering of 329 votes. Kim Olson was elected.

FOR COUNTY RECORDER – 10,584 total votes were cast: Sarah Bodman Hearst received 10,273 votes and there was a scattering of 311 votes. Sarah Bodman Hearst was elected.

FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY – 10,443 total votes were cast: Korie Talkington received 10,101 votes and there was a scattering of 342 votes. Korie Talkington was elected.

FOR SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS--(ELECT TWO) (FOUR-YEAR TERM) – 17,984 total votes were cast; Robert Beatty received 8,017 votes, Randall Eichelberger received 9,839 votes and there was a scattering of 128 votes. Robert Beatty and Randall Eichelberger were elected.

FOR COUNTY AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION COUNCILMEMBERS-(ELECT FIVE) (FOUR-YEAR TERM) – 38,743 total votes were cast: Kelsey Meyers received 7,299 votes, Sara Fitzer-Huston received 5,993 votes, Katelyn S. Ellenberg received 5,785 votes, Amber Marolf received 6,513 votes, Tyler Feldman received 6,151 votes, Mary Ann Danner received 6,846 and there was a scattering of 156 votes. Kelsey Meyers, Sara Fizer-Huston, Amber Marolf, Tyler Feldman and Mary Ann Danner were elected.

FOR BLOOMINGTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE-(ELECT TWO) – 1,578 total votes were cast: Scott Carver received 881 votes, Gerald L. Rieke Jr. received 691 votes and there was a scattering of 6 votes. Scott Carver and Gerald L. Rieke Jr. were elected.

FOR BLOOMINGTON TOWNSHIP CLERK – 914 total votes were cast: Jerry L. Timm received 913 votes and there was a scattering of 1 vote. Jerry L. Timm was elected.

FOR CEDAR TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE-(ELECT TWO) – 13 total votes were cast: Diane Sywassink received 4 votes, Gary Hafner received 3 votes and scattering received 6 votes. Diane Sywassink and Gary Hafner (by draw) were elected.

FOR CEDAR TOWNSHIP CLERK – 83 total votes were cast: Dana Pittman received 83 votes. Dana Pittman was elected.

FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP CLERK – 269 total votes were cast: David B. Carstens received 265 votes and there was a scattering of 4 votes. David B. Carstens was elected.

FULTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE-(ELECT ONE) – 223 total votes were cast: Keith A. Martz received 223 votes. Keith A. Martz was elected.

FULTON TOWNSHIP CLERK – 214 total votes were cast: Rick. Riessen received 213 votes with a scattering of 1 vote. Rick Riessen was elected.

GOSHEN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE-(ELECT TWO) – 133 total votes were cast: Chad D. Morrison received 129 votes, Lynne Sasmazer received 4 write in votes and there was a scattering of 0 votes. Chad D. Morrison and Lynne Sasmazer were elected.

GOSHEN TOWNSHIP CLERK – 7 total votes were cast: Annie Deshazo received 3 votes with a scattering of 4 votes. Annie Deshazo was elected.

LAKE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE-(ELECT ONE) – 16 total votes were cast: Ralph Danner received 7 votes with a scattering of 9 votes. Ralph Danner was elected.

LAKE TOWNSHIP CLERK – 186 total votes were cast: Randall Eichelberger received 186 votes. Randall Eichelberger was elected.

MONTPELIER TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE-(ELECT TWO) – 504 total votes were cast: Terry Ferkel received 176 votes, Martin Paul received 174 votes, Clyde Gibson received 95 votes, Antonio D. Harrington, Jr. received 50 votes and there was a scattering of 9 votes. Terry Ferkel and Martin Paul were elected.

MONTPELIER TOWNSHIP CLERK – 281 total votes were cast: James Bina received 275 votes and there was a scattering of 6 votes. James Bina was elected.

MOSCOW TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE-(ELECT ONE) – 270 total votes were cast: Dennis Anderson received 266 votes, and there was a scattering of 4 votes. Dennis Anderson was elected.

MOSCOW TOWNSHIP CLERK – 261 total votes were cast: Kortney Denkman received 259 votes and there was a scattering of 2 votes. Kortney Denkman was elected.

ORONO TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE-(ELECT TWO) – 86 total votes were cast: Don McCullough, Sr. received 49 votes and Terry A. Westaway received 37 votes. Don McCullough, Sr. and Terry A. Westaway were elected.

ORONO TOWNSHIP CLERK – 57 total votes were cast: Susan O'Donnell received 57 votes. Susan O'Donnell was elected.

PIKE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE-(ELECT TWO) – 259 total votes were cast: Gene Hammons received 130 votes, Casey Hudson received 122 votes, and there was a scattering of 7 votes. Gene Hammons and Casey Hudson were elected.

PIKE TOWNSHIP CLERK – 159 total votes were cast: Jeff Chown received 157 votes with a scattering of 2 votes. Jeff Chown was elected.

SEVENTY-SIX TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE-(ELECT TWO) – 276 total votes were cast: Gary Hepker received 143 votes, Matthew Guldenpfennig received 132 votes and there was a scattering of 1 vote. Gary Hepker and Matthew Guldenpfennig were elected.

SEVENTY-SIX TOWNSHIP CLERK – 14 total votes were cast: Roger Daniel Putnam received 4 votes and there was a scattering of 10 votes. Roger Daniel Putnam was elected.

SWEETLAND TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE-(ELECT ONE) – 610 total votes were cast: Daniel Dipple received 604 votes and there was a scattering of 6 votes. Daniel Dipple was elected.

SWEETLAND TOWNSHIP CLERK – 46 total votes were cast: Laurie Lusinski received 2 votes and there was a scattering of 44 votes. Laurie Lusinski was elected (by draw).

WAPSINONOC TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE-(ELECT TWO) – 341 total votes were cast: Austin Maas received 333 votes, Ken Donnolly received 2 votes and there was a scattering of 6 votes. Austin Maas and Ken Donnolly (by draw) were elected.

WAPSINONOC TOWNSHIP CLERK – 318 total votes were cast: Jerry Anderson received 316 votes and there was a scattering of 2 votes. Jerry Anderson was elected.

WILTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE-(ELECT ONE) – 135 total votes were cast: Daniel Oien received 131 votes and there was a scattering of 4 votes. Daniel Oien was elected.

WILTON TOWNSHIP CLERK – 14 total votes were cast: Lynn Ochiltree received 2 votes and there was a scattering of 12 votes. Lynn Ochiltree was elected (by draw).

FOR THE RETENTION OF COURT OF APPEALS JUDGES:
Julie A. Schumacher received 8,205 affirmative votes and 2,776 negative votes.
Sharon Soorholtz Greer received 7,798 affirmative votes and 3,015 negative votes.

FOR THE RETENTION OF JUDGES (DISTRICT 7 ASSOCIATE JUDGES):
Cheryl E. Traum received 8,004 affirmative votes and 2,745 negative votes.
Elizabeth O'Donnell received 7,880 affirmative votes and 2,803 negative votes.

FOR THE RETENTION OF JUDGES (DISTRICT 7 JUDGES):
Henry William Latham II received 7,349 affirmative votes and 3,246 negative votes.
Jeffrey McDaniel received 7,350 affirmative votes and 3,253 negative votes.
Joel William Barrows received 7,517 affirmative votes and 3,073 negative votes.
Mark Ray Lawson received 7,235 affirmative votes and 3,372 negative votes.
Patrick A. McElyea received 7,638 affirmative votes and 3,046 negative votes.
Tamra J. Roberts received 7,836 affirmative votes and 2,862 negative votes.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 A.M.

ATTEST:

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