

Seven dead in Muscatine shooting

DES MOINES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS May 26, 2026

The Des Moines County Board of Supervisors met in a regular session at the Court House in Burlington at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, May 26th, 2026, with Chair Shane McCampbell, Vice Chair Tom Broeker and Member Jim Cary present. The meeting was also held electronically via Webex and YouTube live streaming. Public input was available through board email or call in.

Unless otherwise noted, all motions passed unanimously. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

Meeting with Department Heads: County Auditor Sara Doty reported the Auditor's Office is open this coming Saturday, May 30th, from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm for absentee voting. Monday, June 1st is the final day to vote absentee in the Auditor's Office. Voting at your polling location will take place on Tuesday, June 2nd. Public Testing of the election equipment will take place tomorrow at 9:30 am in the Board of Supervisors meeting room on the second floor of the courthouse. PEO Training will also be held in the Board of Supervisors meeting room on May 28th at 10:00 am. Local Health Director Christa Poggemiller reported she had a Board of Health meeting last week and they discussed radon. Conservation Director Chris Lee reported Big Hollow was full for the Memorial Day weekend and things went well. Summer camps will begin in a couple of weeks at the Starrs Cave Nature Center, as Field Trips wrap up this week. Veterans Affairs Director Brooke Marland was present. County Treasurer Janelle Nalley-Lonquist stated her office is busy and she has an item on the agenda. IT Director Brandon Mehmert reported his office is busy. The ITAG Conference is next week in Des Moines and him and Stuart will be out of the office for that. Emergency Management Director Shannon Prado is working on several grant opportunities. Assistant Land Use Administrator Jarred Lassiter addressed a FEMA letter that Cary received in the mail. Sheriff Kevin Glendening reported the jail is at 90 adults.

Approval of Payroll Reimbursement Claims in the amount of \$1,197.85 was presented. Cary made a motion to approve and was seconded by Broeker.

Approval of Accounts Payable Claim in the amount of \$59,876.34 for an Emergency Management Grant Opportunity was presented. Broeker spoke on this and motioned to approve and Cary seconded.

Approval of an Amended List of Depositories was presented. Broeker made a motion to approve and was seconded by Cary.

Approval of a Fireworks Permit for the Sperry Fireworks Show on 7/3/26 was presented. Cary made a motion to approve and was seconded by Broeker.

Approval of a Cost Advisory Services, Inc. Contract was presented. Broeker spoke on this and motioned to approve and Cary seconded.

Approval of an RFP for Veterans Affairs Coffee & Conversation was presented. Cary made a motion to approve and was seconded by Broeker.

Approval of Personnel Actions was presented. County Attorney - Benjamin Toal, Assistant County Attorney, New Hire, \$75,718.00 yearly effective 6/1; Mandi Spencer, Administrative Assistant, 6-month step increase, new rate of \$53,947 yearly effective 4/27.

Broeker made a motion to approve both personnel actions and was seconded by Cary.

Cary made a motion to approve May 19th, 2026, regular meeting minutes and was seconded by Broeker.

McCampbell attended a E911, Community Action, and Workforce Development meeting. Broeker attended an E911 meeting.

During public input, Veterans Affairs Director Brooke Marland mentioned that she will not be here for the next two meetings due to a meeting out of town and taking vacation. Tracey Lamm with TheHawkEye questioned the Board regarding the Data Center moratorium and if there is an ordinance in place to stop the permit process.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

This Board meeting is recorded. The meeting minutes and audio are posted on the county's website www.dmcourty.com

Approved: June 2, 2026
Shane McCampbell, Chair
Attest: Sara Doty, County Auditor

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ABANDONED VEHICLE NOTIFICATION

On 5/4/2026 a 2004 silver Lexus GS300 Vin# JT8BD69SX40201476, was towed as abandoned by an unknown owner from Casey's, 3105 West Ave, Burlington, IA 52601 to Jim's Body Shop & Towing, 17232 DMC Hwy 99, Burlington, IA 52601. You have the right to reclaim it within 10 days of this notice. It may be picked up by the owner after paying all towing and storage fees at Jim's Body Shop & Towing, 17232 DMC Hwy 99, Burlington, IA 52601. After that, it will be sold at public sale.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF STORM WATER DISCHARGE

Big Hand Pepper, LLC plans to submit a Notice of Intent to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to be covered under the NPDES General Permit "No. 2 "Storm Water Discharge Associated with Industrial Activity for Construction Activity"

The storm water discharge will be from site grading, utility installation, and paving associated with construction of a new subdivision located in the NE ¼ of Section 36, T70N, R3W, Des Moines County Storm water will be discharged from 1 point source(s) and will be discharged to the following streams: Unnamed ditches and storm sewer to the Mississippi River

Comments may be submitted to the Storm Water Discharge Coordinator, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division, 502 E. 9th Street, Des Moines, IA 50319-0034. The public may review the Notice of Intent from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the above address after it has been received by the department.

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Beacon Staff

The Muscatine Police Department is actively investigating a series of homicides that occurred on Monday, June 1, believed to have been connected to a domestic-related dispute.

At approximately 12:12 p.m., MUSCOM received a report of a shooting at 210 Park Ave. Police officers and emergency medical personnel were dispatched immediately. Upon entering the residence, officers located four individuals who had sustained gunshot wounds. All four victims were pronounced deceased at the scene.

The suspect, identified as Ryan Willis McFarland, 52, of Muscatine, had left the residence prior to officers' arrival. Law enforcement located McFarland a short time later on the

Riverfront Trail near the pedestrian bridge. He was found with a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Officers and EMS personnel provided medical aid, but he was pronounced deceased at the scene.

As the investigation progressed, detectives developed information indicating there may be additional victims. Officers subsequently located an adult male deceased from an apparent gunshot wound inside a residence at 1509 Mill St. A further search led officers to a business at 808 Grandview Ave., where another adult male was found deceased from an apparent gunshot wound.

Preliminary findings indicate the shootings stemmed from a domestic-related dispute. All victims are believed to be family members of the

deceased suspect.

In a Facebook post on Monday evening, Muscatine Community School District confirmed that two of the deceased are Muscatine CSD employees, while two others are current students. Counselors and additional support resources will be available at Muscatine High School, Susan Clark Junior High, Madison Elementary, McKinley Elementary, and Franklin Elementary. A vigil was held in Muscatine on Tuesday, June 2.

The Muscatine Police Department is receiving assistance from the Muscatine Fire Department, the Muscatine County Sheriff's Office, the Iowa State Patrol, and the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation. The investigation remains active and ongoing.

OBITUARY

Terry Alan Lassmann



Terry Alan Lassmann, 84, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 9:55 p.m. on Monday, June 1, 2026 at his daughter's home in Burlington, IA. He was born on March 10, 1942 in Fort Madison, IA to Walter & Ruth Neal Lassmann. He married Sandra K. Bailey Smalley on June 20, 1970 in Fort Madison, IA. He graduated from Fort Madison High School in 1960 and was the dairy manager at Easter Foods for many years. He later drove the Star Mail route for Johnson Trucking. He was a diehard fan of the Iowa Hawkeyes, New York Yankees, Boston Celtics, Indiana Fever and the Chicago Bears, playing golf and also was a pitcher for slow pitch softball at Rodeo Park. He was an original "girl dad" to his daughter, Tereasa. A title he took great pride in was to be known as "grumpy old man". To know his type of humor was to know him.

Terry is survived by: his wife: Sandra Lassmann of Fort Madison, IA; 1-daughter: Tereasa Lassmann of Burlington, IA and his two grand dogs: Bradey & Ferentz Fry. He was preceded in death by: his parents, his mother & father-in-law: Harry & Betty Smalley and 1-brother: Neal Lassmann.

A visitation will be held from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 8, 2026 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with a memorial service to immediately follow at 4:00 p.m. with Pastor Dave Poland officiating. The family would like for everyone attending to wear their favorite sports team attire. Burial will be in Denmark Cemetery at a later date. A memorial has been established in Terry's memory. Online condolences to the Lassmann family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

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JUNE EVENTS

6/4	OPENING RECEPTION: NICOLE OBRIEN WATERCOLOR FMAAA ART CENTER 5-7 PM FORT MADISON, IA	6/17	BURLINGTON LUNCHTIME CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES: ARVO PÄRT'S MOZART-ADAGIO AND W.A. MOZART'S PIANO TRIO K. 548 FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 12:15-12:45 PM BURLINGTON, IA
6/5	OPENING + GALLERY LOUNGE: DEB SCOTT ART CENTER OF BURLINGTON 5 - 8 PM BURLINGTON, IA	6/19	SOUTHEAST IOWA SYMPHONY CHAMBER ORCHESTRA KEITH SCHULZ CELEBRATION OF LIFE CONCERT THE CAPITOL THEATER 7 PM BURLINGTON, IA
6/6	SPEAKEASY HOT GIRL COMEDY FT. KASSANDRA JOHNSON & JESSIE VRBA NIGHT CAP 8 PM BURLINGTON, IA	6/20	THE ROAD TO OLD COUCH FEATURING JOE PAYNE NIGHT CAP 7-9 PM BURLINGTON, IA
6/7	COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE THE CAPITOL THEATER 2-4 PM BURLINGTON, IA	6/21	ART CENTER OF BURLINGTON PRESENTS: THE 59TH SNAKE ALLEY ART FAIR HERITAGE HILL/SNAKE ALLEY 9AM-4 PM BURLINGTON, IA
6/7	BURLINGTON MUNICIPAL BAND TEDDY BEAR PICNIC & SEASON OPENER CONCERT CRAPO PARK BAND SHELL 6 PM PICNIC 7:30 PM CONCERT BURLINGTON, IA	6/21	BURLINGTON MUNICIPAL BAND RETIRED BAND DIRECTOR JIM PRIEBE CONDUCTS CRAPO BAND SHELL 7:30 PM BURLINGTON, IA
6/10-13	BRE PRESENTS: CARNIVAL ON THE RIVERFRONT THE RIVERFRONT 6-10 PM BURLINGTON, IA	6/25-27	DR. EXPERIMENTOR AND THE LEAGUE OF EVIL THE PLAYERS WORKSHOP 7:30 PM BURLINGTON, IA
6/11	BURLINGTON RIVER DAYS: CAPTAIN GEECH & THE SHRIMP SHACK SHOOTERS THE RIVERFRONT 6 PM BURLINGTON, IA	6/26	LUNCH ALA ART: NICOLE OBRIEN WATERCOLOR FMAAA ART CENTER 12 PM FORT MADISON, IA
6/12	BURLINGTON RIVER DAYS: LINC & THE DRIFTERS, STONE COLD COWBOYS, ROSELAND, STUMPTOWN THE RIVERFRONT 6 PM BURLINGTON, IA	6/27	THE ROAD TO OLD COUCH BODHI UTAH FT. ED MANSHEIM, ERIC PETTIT & GUEST NIGHT CAP 7-9 PM BURLINGTON, IA
6/13	BURLINGTON RIVER DAYS: HINDER & PARALANDRA THE RIVERFRONT 6 PM BURLINGTON, IA	6/27-28	SPOTLIGHT KIDS: THEATER CAMP WRAP UP SHOWS THE CAPITOL THEATER 2 PM BURLINGTON, IA
6/13	SECOND HAND NEWS: A TRIBUTE TO FLEETWOOD MAC THE LEGACY THEATER 7 PM CARTHAGE, IL	6/28	DR. EXPERIMENTOR AND THE LEAGUE OF EVIL THE PLAYERS WORKSHOP 2 PM BURLINGTON, IA
6/14	BURLINGTON MUNICIPAL BAND MT. PLEASANT'S ADAM CREAGER CONDUCTS CRAPO BAND SHELL 7:30 PM BURLINGTON, IA	6/28	BURLINGTON MUNICIPAL BAND NOTRE DAME'S CARMEN LACHNITT CONDUCTS CRAPO BAND SHELL 7:30 PM BURLINGTON, IA