

# Muscatine County Boards and Commissions



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**Benefited Fire District #6 (Muscatine & Scott County)**

**Authority:** Chapter 357B, Code of Iowa; appointments must be approved by both Muscatine and Scott County Boards of Supervisors

**Term:** 3 years

**Meetings:** as needed

**Members:**

Tony Brus (2012) term expires 06/30/2018  
3842 120<sup>th</sup> Street  
Stockton, IA 52769

Wes Wulf (2016) term expires 06/30/2019  
2640 E Wulf Rd  
Walcott, IA 52773

Mary Friederichs (2010) term expires 06/30/2020  
21676 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Walcott, IA 52773

**Contact Person:**

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Walcott Fire Chief  
PO Box 247  
Walcott, IA 52773

In summary, chapter 357B of the Code of Iowa states that the Benefited Fire District Board of Trustees has the following powers:

1. To purchase, own, rent or maintain fire apparatus or equipment and provide housing for apparatus or equipment.
2. To contract with any public or private agency under chapter 28E for the purpose of providing fire protection under this chapter.
3. To levy an annual tax.
4. To purchase material and employ persons to provide for the maintenance and operation of the benefited fire district.

## Board of Health

**Authority:** Chapter 137, Code of Iowa

**Term:** 3 years

**Meetings:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every other month, starting in July, at noon at Muscatine County Administration Building – Board Room

**Members:**

Dr. Michael Maharry (2016) term expires 12/31/2017  
207 Broadway St.  
Muscatine, IA 52761

Neva Rettig-Baker (1997) term expires 12/31/2018  
P.O. Box 1269  
Muscatine, IA 52761

William Koellner (2007) term expires 12/31/2018  
1110 North Miller Street  
West Liberty, IA 52776-1009

Brian Wright (2014) term expires 12/31/2019  
727 Woodlawn Avenue  
Muscatine, IA 52761

Karen Harper (2017) term expires 12/31/2019  
619 Sunrise Circle  
Muscatine, IA 52761

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Muscatine, IA 52761  
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In summary, Chapter 137 of the Code of Iowa states that the Board of Health has the following powers:

1. To enforce state health laws and the rules and lawful orders of the state department.
2. To make and enforce rules and regulations for the protection and improvement of the public health.
3. To enforce appropriate ordinance of said city by agreement with the council of any city within its jurisdiction.
4. To employ persons as necessary for the efficient discharge of its duties.
5. To provide reports of its operations and activities to the state department as may be required by the director.

## **Building Board of Appeals**

**Authority:** 2006 International Residential Code and Title III, Chapter VI, Muscatine County Code of Ordinances

**Term:** 3 years

**Meetings:** as needed

**Members:**

Greg Keller – Private Citizen (2004) term expires 12/31/2017  
1234 Western Avenue  
Stockton, IA 52769

Jim Noble, Jr. – General Construction Contractor (2015) term expires 12/31/2017  
3291 200<sup>th</sup> Street  
Muscatine, IA 52761

Andrea Ryan (2016) term expires 12/31/2018  
1454 Bunker Drive  
West Liberty, IA 52776

Vacancy – Private Citizen (2016) term expires 12/31/2018

Jeff Hackett – Licensed Electrician (2006) term expires 12/31/2019  
2310 Burlington Road  
Muscatine, IA 52761

**Contact Person:**

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Muscatine County Planning and Zoning Administrator  
3610 Park Avenue West  
Muscatine, IA 52761  
563-263-0482

In summary, Section R112 of the 2006 International Residential Code states that the Building Board of Appeals has the following powers:

1. To hear and decide appeals of orders, decisions or determinations made by the building official relative to the application and interpretation of this code.
2. To adopt rules of procedures for conducting its business.
3. To render all decisions and findings in writing to the appellant.

## Civil Service Commission

**Authority:** Chapter 341A, Code of Iowa  
Two appointed by Board of Supervisors; one appointed by County Attorney  
No more than two commissioners shall be members of the same political party

**Term:** 6 years

**Meetings:** as needed

**Members:**

Rosy Eichelberger (2009) term expires 06/30/2018  
2324 Burlington Road  
Muscatine, IA 52761  
563-263-6900  
Appointed by Board of Supervisors (Democrat)

Eric Knoernschild (2013) term expires 06/30/2020  
2497 Mulberry Ave  
Muscatine, IA 52761  
Appointed by Board of Supervisors (Republican)

Emily Blair (2016) term expires 06/30/2022  
2669 Tom Sawyer Road  
Muscatine, IA 52761  
Appointed by County Attorney (Republican)

In summary, the Code of Iowa states that the Civil Service Commission has the following duties:

1. To adopt rules for examinations, appointments, promotions, transfers, reinstatements, demotions, suspensions and discharges.
2. To administer tests to determine the ability of persons to perform required duties.
3. To conduct annual investigations and reports on effectiveness and compliance of rules of commission and Code of Iowa.
4. To conduct informal hearings on matters established in the Code of Iowa.
5. To hear and determine appeals or complaints regarding the appointment or rejection of individuals by the Sheriff.
6. To arrange, compile and administer tests to determine qualifications of individuals seeking employment and establish a list for various classes of positions in seniority order.
7. To certify to the Sheriff when a vacancy is to be filled and list the individuals passing the examination.
8. To classify deputy sheriffs and categorize by rank and grade based upon duties and responsibilities.

## **Community Action of Eastern Iowa Board of Directors**

**Authority:** Iowa non-profit corporation organized under Chapter 504A, Code of Iowa

**Term:** 2 years

**Meetings:** 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, every other month

**Members:**

Megan Elliott

term expires 12/31/2018

**Contact Person:**

Roger Pavey, Executive Director  
Community Action of Eastern Iowa  
500 E 59<sup>th</sup> Street  
Davenport, IA 52807  
563-324-3236

In summary, Community Action of Eastern Iowa by-laws state the following purpose:  
to respond to the human services needs of families and individuals with low income by promoting self-sufficiency through the utilization of available resources and collaborative partnerships, while preserving the dignity of those served.

Programs included: Head Start, Community Child Care Resources & Referral, Child & Adult Care Food Program, Family Development & Self-Sufficiency, and Weatherization.

**Compensation Board**  
**(Develops salary recommendations for elected officials)**

**Authority:** Chapter 331, Code of Iowa  
Two appointed by Board of Supervisors; one appointed by each of the following:  
County Treasurer, Auditor, Sheriff, Recorder and Attorney

**Term:** 4 years

**Meetings:** as needed

**Members:**

Vacancy term expires 6/30/2017  
Appointed by Board of Supervisors

Eric Vela (2010) term expires 06/30/2017  
1110 W. Wate  
Wilton, IA 52778  
[ericvela081180@hotmail.com](mailto:ericvela081180@hotmail.com)  
Appointed by County Attorney

Rosy Eichelberger (2009) term expires 06/30/2017  
2206 Lucas Street  
Muscatine, IA 52761  
[rosy@jrelaw.com](mailto:rosy@jrelaw.com)  
Appointed by County Recorder

Gary Allison (2015) term expires 06/30/2019  
226 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Ste. 2  
Muscatine, IA 52761  
[gary@allisonlawpc.com](mailto:gary@allisonlawpc.com)  
Appointed by County Sheriff

Tom Spread (2015) term expires 06/30/2019  
1809 Mulberry Avenue  
Muscatine, IA 52761  
[tspread@commbk.net](mailto:tspread@commbk.net)  
Appointed by County Treasurer

Steve Kundel (2015) term expires 6/30/2019  
300 E. Second St., Ste. 100  
Muscatine, IA 52761  
[sdk@machlink.com](mailto:sdk@machlink.com)  
Appointed by County Auditor

Stacey Eberhard term expires 6/30/2019  
3110 Clermont Drive  
Muscatine, IA 52761  
Appointed by Board of Supervisors



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In summary, Chapter 331.905 of the Code of Iowa states that the County Compensation Board has the following powers:

1. To recommend to the Board of Supervisors the annual compensation of the auditor, treasurer, recorder, sheriff, county attorney and supervisors.

**Compensation Commission**  
**(Determines property damages in condemnation hearings)**

**Authority:** Chapter 6B, Code of Iowa

**Term:** 1 year

**Meetings:** as needed

**Members:** Not less than 28 members. One-fourth of the members shall be owners of city or town property. One-fourth shall be owner-operator of agricultural property. One-fourth shall be licensed real estate salesmen or brokers. One-fourth shall be persons having knowledge of property values in the County by reason of their occupations, such as bankers, auctioneers, property managers, etc.

**Licensed Real Estate Salespersons or Brokers**

Morris Burlington (2017) term expires 06/30/2018  
226 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Muscatine, IA 52761

Vince Gaeta (2000) term expires 06/30/2018  
106 Emerald Lane  
Fruitland, IA 52749

Peggy Heither (2000) term expires 06/30/2018  
2228 Fareway Drive  
Muscatine, IA 52761

Larry Hetzler (1998) term expires 06/30/2018  
1729 Lindle Avenue  
Muscatine, IA 52761

Anna Mack (2007) term expires 06/30/2018  
2240 Hickory Hill Road  
Muscatine, IA 52761

Steve Welk (2003) term expires 06/30/2018  
307 Wood Creek Lane  
Muscatine, IA 52761

## **Compensation Commission Continued**

### **Bankers, Appraisers, Auctioneers, Property Managers, etc.**

Steve Bloomquist (2001) term expires 06/30/2018  
102 Summer Place  
Fruitland, IA 52749

Jason Cassady (2010) term expires 06/30/2018  
1249 Hawkeye Ln  
West Liberty, IA 52776

M. Wayne Johanson (1999) term expires 06/30/2018  
2787 Shamrock Drive  
Muscatine, IA 52761

Cindy Mays (2010) term expires 06/30/2018  
1470 Ridgeview Drive  
West Liberty, IA 52776

## Compensation Commission Continued

### Owners of Agricultural Property

Roger Eichelberger (2005) 1803 215 <sup>th</sup> Street Muscatine, IA 52761	term expires 06/30/2018
Scott Eichelberger (2014) 2352 Jasper Avenue Muscatine, IA 52761	term expires 06/30/2018
Larry Marine (1998) 1276 Thayer Avenue Wilton, IA 52778	term expires 06/30/2018
Inez Rathjen (2010) 2806 120 <sup>th</sup> Street Wilton, IA 52778	term expires 06/30/2018
Donald Schumaker (1998) 1049 Vine Avenue Stockton, IA 52769	term expires 06/30/2018
Larry Salemink (2007) 1261 Atwood Avenue West Liberty, IA 52776	term expires 06/30/2018

## **Compensation Commission Continued**

### **Owners of City Property**

Glenn Moench (1998) term expires 06/30/2018  
3015 Grandview Avenue  
Muscatine, IA 52761

Jeanette Phillips (1998) term expires 06/30/2018  
1225 Highway 22 East  
Muscatine, IA 52761

John Sayles (2004) term expires 06/30/2018  
119 Park Avenue  
Muscatine, IA 52761

Carol Wade (2011) term expires 06/30/2018  
609 W. Wate Street  
Wilton, IA 52778

David Wisniewski (2004) term expires 06/30/2018  
501 Sunset Drive  
Muscatine, IA 52761

### **Contact Person:**

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The chief judge of the judicial district shall select by lot, six persons from the list of twenty-eight people, two persons who are owner-operators of agricultural property when the property to be condemned is agricultural property; two persons who are owners of city or town property when the property to be condemned is other than agricultural property; and two persons from each of the remaining two representative groups, who shall constitute a compensation commission to assess the damage of all property to be taken by the applicant and located in the County. No member of the Compensation Commission selected shall possess any interest in the proceeding which would cause such person to render a biased decision.

## Conesville Benefited Fire District (Louisa & Muscatine)

**Authority:** Chapter 351B, Code of Iowa  
Appointments must be approved by both Muscatine and Louisa County Boards of Supervisors

**Term:** 3 years

**Meetings:** as needed

**Members:**

Donald McCullough Sr. (2015) term expires 12/31/17  
2703 Hwy 70  
Conesville, IA 52739

Marsha Gerot (2013) term expires 12/31/18  
20858 T Avenue  
Conesville, IA 52739

Richard Buser (2015) term expires 12/31/19  
1051 250<sup>th</sup> Street  
Conesville, IA 52739

**Contact Person:**

Dan Conaway  
Conesville Fire Chief  
306 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Conesville, IA 52739

In summary, Chapter 357B of the Code of Iowa states that the Benefited Fire District Boards of Trustees has the following powers:

1. To purchase, own, rent or maintain fire apparatus or equipment and provide housing for apparatus or equipment.
2. To contract with any public or private agency under chapter 28E for the purpose of providing fire protection under this chapter.
3. To levy an annual tax.
4. To purchase material and employ persons to provide for the maintenance and operation of the benefited fire district.

## Conservation Board

**Authority:** Chapter 350, Code of Iowa

**Term:** 5 years

**Meetings:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month, 7:00 p.m. at the Discovery Park Learning Center

**Members:**

Debra Elliott (2013) term expires 12/31/2017  
1201 Oakland Dr.  
Muscatine, IA 52761

James H. Goedken (2014) term expires 12/31/2018  
2273 Ridgeview Drive  
Muscatine, IA 52761  
[jhgoedken@gmail.com](mailto:jhgoedken@gmail.com)

Mark Petersen (2015) term expires 12/31/2019  
1019 Sunrise Circle  
Muscatine, IA 52761  
[huntalab@machlink.com](mailto:huntalab@machlink.com)

Jenny Paetz (2007) term expires 12/31/2020  
3011 Bidwell Road  
Muscatine, IA 52761  
[jpaetz@muscatine.k12.ia.us](mailto:jpaetz@muscatine.k12.ia.us)

Mike Schulte (2016) term expires 12/31/2021  
3233 Mulberry Avenue  
Muscatine, IA 52761  
[allseasonsglass@machlink.com](mailto:allseasonsglass@machlink.com)

**Contact Person:**

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Conservation Director  
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Muscatine, IA 52761  
563-264-5922  
[cweiss@co.muscatine.ia.us](mailto:cweiss@co.muscatine.ia.us)

In summary, Chapter 350.4 of the Code of Iowa states that the County Conservation Board has the following powers:

1. To study and ascertain the county's museum, park, preserve, parkway and recreation and other conservation facilities.
2. To prepare and adopt a coordinated plan of areas and facilities to meet needs.
3. To acquire in the name of the county by gift, purchase, lease, agreement, exchange or otherwise in fee or with conditions suitable real estate within or without the territorial limits of the county for public museums, parks, preserves, parkways, playgrounds, recreation

centers, forests, wildlife and other conservation purposes and for participation in watershed, drainage and flood control programs for the purpose of increasing the recreational resources of the county.

4. To plan, develop, preserve, administer and maintain all such areas, places and facilities, and construct, reconstruct, alter and renew buildings and other structures and equip and maintain the same.
5. To plan, develop, preserve, administer and maintain all such areas, places and facilities, and construct, reconstruct, alter and renew buildings and other structures and equip and maintain the same.
6. To employ and fix the compensation of a director.
7. To charge and collect reasonable fees for the use of the parks, facilities, privileges and conveniences as may be provided.
8. To operate concessions or to lease concessions and to let out and rent privileges in or upon any property under its control.



## **Eastern Iowa Tourism Association**

**Authority:** Paid membership

**Term:** 1 year

**Meetings:** N/A

**Members:**

Jodi Hansen, CVB Director – Representative

term expires 12/31/2017

**Contact Person:**

Jodi Hansen  
Muscatine County Convention & Visitors Bureau Director  
215 Sycamore Street  
Muscatine, IA 52761  
563-272-2534

## Historic Preservation Commission

**Authority:** State Historical Society of Iowa, Historic Preservation Office

**Term:** 3 years

### **Meetings:**

### **Members:**

Lisa Wertzbaugher (2013, 2015) term expires 01/01/2018  
1216 120<sup>th</sup> Street  
West Liberty, IA 52776  
[imdrouhy@gmail.com](mailto:imdrouhy@gmail.com)

William Koellner (2015) term expires 01/01/2018  
110 N. Miller  
West Liberty, IA 52776  
[libertypark@lcom.net](mailto:libertypark@lcom.net)

Bette Schneider (2016) terms expires 01/01/2018  
15 Geneva Drive  
Muscatine, IA 52761  
[Bkschneider61@yahoo.com](mailto:Bkschneider61@yahoo.com)

L. Lynn Pruitt (2013) term expires 01/01/2019  
606 Broadway Street  
Nichols, IA 52766  
[Pruitt.Lynn@gmail.com](mailto:Pruitt.Lynn@gmail.com)

Mary C. Beveridge (2013) term expires 01/01/2019  
1416 Mulberry Avenue  
Muscatine, IA 52761  
[mabev@aol.com](mailto:mabev@aol.com)

Rebeckah Allgood (2015) term expires 01/01/2019  
PO Box 652  
Wilton, IA 52778  
[rebeckahallgood@yahoo.com](mailto:rebeckahallgood@yahoo.com), [wiltondey@netwtc.net](mailto:wiltondey@netwtc.net)

Anna Mack (2016) term expires 01/01/2020  
2240 Hickory Hills Rd  
Muscatine, IA 52761  
[amack@machlink.com](mailto:amack@machlink.com)

James Nepple (2011) term expires 01/01/2020  
2704 Mulberry Avenue  
Muscatine, IA 52761  
[jim@nepplelaw.com](mailto:jim@nepplelaw.com)

Thomas Furlong (2014)  
1745 231<sup>st</sup> Street  
Letts, IA 52754  
[tbfurlong@gmail.com](mailto:tbfurlong@gmail.com)

term expires 01/01/2020

**Contact Person:**

Lisa Wertzbaugher

In summary, the purpose and intent of this commission is to promote the educational, cultural, economic and general welfare of the public through the recognition, enhancement perpetuation of sites and districts of historical and cultural significance; safeguard the County historic, aesthetic and cultural heritage by preserving sites and districts of historic and cultural significance; stabilize and improve property values; foster pride in the legacy of beauty and achievements of the past; protect and enhance the County's attractions to tourists and visitors and the support and stimulus to business thereby provided; strengthen the economy of the County; promote the use of sites and districts of historic and cultural significance as places for the education, pleasure and welfare of the people of the County.

## County Judicial Magistrate Appointing Commission

**Authority:** Chapter 602, Code of Iowa

**Term:** 6 years

**Meetings:** Once each four years upon expiration of magistrates' terms or in the event of a vacancy

### **Members:**

Martha Peterson (1991) term expires 12/31/2020  
2282 Camp Avenue  
Nichols, IA 52766  
Appointed by Board of Supervisors

Holly Oppelt (2015) term expires 12/31/2020  
3241 Mulberry Avenue  
Muscatine, IA 52761  
Appointed by Board of Supervisors

Mark Cisneros (2015) term expires 12/31/2020  
1405 N. Elm St. #205  
West Liberty, IA 52776  
Appointed by Board of Supervisors

Brain Metcalf (2015) term expires 12/31/2020  
126 W Second Street  
Muscatine, IA 52761  
Appointed by Bar Association

Esther Dean (2015) term expires 12/31/2020  
319 Myrtle Street  
Muscatine, IA 52761  
Appointed by Bar Association

Judge Thomas Reidel (2015) term expires 12/31/2020  
2621 Canterbury Rd  
Muscatine, IA 52761  
Appointed by Chief Judge

### **Contact Person:**

Jeff Tollenaer, Clerk of the District Court  
Muscatine County Courthouse  
401 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Muscatine, IA 52761  
563-263-6511

In summary, Chapter 602.6403 of the Code of Iowa states that the County Judicial Magistrate Appointment Commission has the following powers:

1. To appoint the number of magistrates apportioned to the county by the state court administrator.
2. To prescribe the contents of an application for an appointment, to publicize the notice of any vacancy and to accept applications.
3. To reconvene and decertify the magistrate appointee for good cause.

## Medical Examiner

**Authority:** Chapter 331, Code of Iowa

**Term:** 2 years

**Meetings:** N/A

**Members:**

Dr. Robert Weis (2016)  
Chief Medical Examiner  
Trinity Physicians Clinic  
1518 Mulberry Avenue  
Muscatine, IA 52761  
563-262-4110

term expires 12/31/2018

**Deputy Medical Examiners**

Collette Hostetler, M.D.  
Mark Odell, M.D.  
Steven Paulsrud, D.O.  
David Wettach, M.D.

**Medical Examiner Investigators**

Thomas Summitt (Chief Medical Examiner Investigator)  
Darren Brooke  
Chase Conaway  
Susan Garrett  
Kevin Guck  
Todd Heck  
Richard Hines  
Kenny Hora

In summary, Chapter 331.802 of the Code of Iowa states that the County Medical Examiner has the following powers:

1. To notify the city or state law enforcement agency or sheriff and take charge of the body if a person's death affects the public interest.
2. To conduct a preliminary investigation of the cause and manner of death, prepare a written report of the findings, and submit report to state medical examiner and county attorney if a person's death affects the public interest.
3. To conduct investigation and determine whether the public interest requires an autopsy or other special investigation.
4. To notify the county attorney to apply for a court order to exhume the body in a case of a sudden, violent or suspicious death after which the body is buried without an investigation or autopsy.

## **Mercer-Muscatine Revolving Loan Fund Administration Board**

**Authority:** Mercer-Muscatine County Revolving Loan Fund Plan

**Term:** 2 years

**Meetings:** quarterly or as needed

### **Members:**

David Jones (2014)  
2672 Becky Thatcher Road  
Muscatine, IA 52761

term expires 06/30/2018

Tom Spread (2014)  
1809 Mulberry Avenue  
Muscatine, IA 52761

term expires 06/30/2018

### **Contact Person:**

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Bi-State Regional Commission  
1504 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue  
Rock Island, IL 61204  
309-793-6300  
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The Loan Administration Board responsibilities include the approval or denial of liens and foreclosure actions, waivers and/or modifications of lien terms, and the recommendation of program policy to the Bi-State Regional Commission.

## Veterans Affairs Commission

**Authority:** Chapter 35B, Code of Iowa

**Term:** 3 years

**Meetings:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month at 2:00 p.m. in the Duncan Conference Room of Community Services (315 Iowa Avenue)

**Members:**

Allen Kilberger (2015) term expires 06/30/2018  
1726 Pearlview Court  
Muscatine, IA 52761

Ron Miller (2016) term expires 06/30/2019  
5804 65<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Muscatine, IA 52761

Jodi Royal-Goodwin term expires 06/30/2019  
2700 River Road  
Muscatine, IA 52761

Brandy Wedekind (2014) term expires 06/30/2020  
11292 Co. Rd. G44X  
Muscatine, IA 52761

Roger Strong, Sr. (2015) term expires 06/30/2020  
2120 Bidwell Road  
Muscatine, IA 52761

**Contact Person:**

Jennifer Watkins-Schoenig  
Muscatine County Community Services  
315 Iowa Avenue  
Muscatine, IA 52761  
563-263-7512  
jennifer.watkins@co.muscatine.ia.us

In summary, Chapter 35B.6 of the Code of Iowa states that the Veterans Affairs Commission has the following powers:

1. To employ an executive director and other necessary administrative or clerical assistants when needed.
2. To determine who are entitled to benefits and the probable amount required to be expended.
3. To prepare estimated budget for all expenditures for the next fiscal year and certify with the board of supervisors.
4. To submit to the board of supervisors a certified list of those persons to whom benefits have been authorized and the amounts awarded.
5. To interment in a suitable cemetery of the body of any honorably discharged person who served in the military or naval forces for the United States during any war.



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### **Weed Commissioner**

**Authority:** Chapter 317, Code of Iowa

**Term:** 1 year

**Meetings:** N/A

**Members:**

Bruce Bryant (1992)  
2846 Rolling Meadow Lane  
Muscatine, IA 52761  
563-263-6351  
[bbryant@co.muscatine.ia.us](mailto:bbryant@co.muscatine.ia.us)

term expires 12/31/2017

In summary, Chapter 317.4 of the Code of Iowa states that the Weed Commissioner has the following powers:

1. To supervise the control and destruction of all noxious weeds in the county, including those growing within the limits of cities.
2. To notify the department of public safety of the location of marijuana plants found growing on public or private property.
3. To enter upon any land in the county at any time for the performance of the commissioner's duties.
4. To hire the labor and equipment necessary subject to the approval of the board of supervisors.
5. To control the weeds growing in abandoned cemeteries.
6. To have full power and authority to enter upon any land within their county for the purpose of destroying noxious weeds.
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## Zoning Board of Adjustment

**Authority:** Chapter 335, Code of Iowa  
Title III, Chapter II, Article XV, Muscatine County code of Ordinances

**Term:** 5 years

**Meetings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of every month in the morning at the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors Room in the County Administration Building, 414 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.

**Members:**

Mike Birkinbine (2008) term expires 03/31/2018  
3957 Highway 61  
Blue Grass, IA 52726

Tom Harper (2009) term expires 03/31/2019  
2236 Hickory Hills Road  
Muscatine, IA 52761

Bill Tharp (2010) term expires 03/31/2020  
1206 N. Division Street  
West Liberty, IA 52776

Carol Schlueter (2011) term expires 03/31/2021  
1067 Vail Avenue  
Durant, IA 52747

Emily Geertz (2017) term expires 03/31/2022  
1118 N. Walnut  
West Liberty, IA 52776

**Contact Person:**

Eric Furnas  
Muscatine County Planning and Zoning Administrator  
3610 Park Avenue West  
Muscatine, IA 52761  
563-263-0482

In summary, Chapter 335.15 of the Code of Iowa states that the Zoning Board of Adjustment has the following powers:

1. To hear and decide appeals where it is alleged there is error in any order, requirement, decision or determination made by an administrative official in the enforcement of this chapter.
2. To hear and decide special exceptions to the terms of the ordinance.
3. To authorize upon appeals which are not contrary to the public interest, will not result in unnecessary hardship and that the spirit of the ordinance shall be observed and substantial justice done.

## Zoning Commission

**Authority:** Chapter 335, Code of Iowa

**Term:** 5 years

**Meetings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of every month in the morning at the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors Room in the County Administration Building, 414 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.

**Members:**

Emily Geertz (2007) term expires 11/07/2017  
1118 N. Walnut  
West Liberty, IA 52776

Tom Harper (2013) term expires 11/07/2018  
2236 Hickory Hills Rd.  
Muscatine, IA 52761

Virginia Cooper (2013) term expires 11/07/2019  
2319 Saulsbury Road  
Muscatine, IA 52761

Carol Schlueter (2015) term expires 11/7/2020  
1067 Vail Avenue  
Durant, IA 52747

Clyde Evans (2016) term expires 11/7/2021  
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Muscatine, IA 52761

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In summary, Chapter 335.8 of the Code of Iowa states that the Zoning Commission has the following powers:

1. To adopt regulations, restrictions and boundaries of districts.
2. To recommend to the Board of Supervisors amendments, supplements, changes or modifications to the Zoning Ordinance.