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Progress Muscatine Thanks Supervisors for Work Toward Transparency and Accessibility

(Muscatine, Iowa) Progress Muscatine requested the public hearings regarding the Muscatine County Comprehensive Plan and code recommendations for proposed utility-scale solar energy systems be delayed by 1 week, and the language being commented on be made accessible on the Muscatine County website. During the request there were technical difficulties with the audio and the hearing was postponed by 1 week.

Board Chairperson Santos Saucedo then addressed the root of the issue and explained that when he was a city councilor the packet of information the councilors worked from was made public, and suggested the county do the same thing. Chairperson Saucedo said, "I think there is value for the public, so they are more informed." Other supervisors agreed and Supervisor Sorenson said, "We certainly have the capability to do it."

"Making this information accessible on the website is a significant and measurable step toward transparency and accessibility in county government, and we would like to thank the board for their efforts," said Jessica Brackett, Board President, Progress Muscatine.