

May 7, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

The Jones County Board of Supervisors met in regular session. Present Supervisors Rohwedder, Schlarmann, Oswald, Swisher, and Zirkelbach.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Oswald to approve the minutes of the April 30, 2024 meetings. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Zirkelbach to approve claims #2405-0001 through #2405-0124. All aye. Motion carried.

Sherri Hunt, Cedar/Jones Early Childhood Iowa, met with the Board for approval of a proclamation for Childcare Provider Appreciation Day on May 10, 2024.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Zirkelbach to approve the following proclamation, as requested by Cedar/Jones Early Childhood Iowa. All aye. Motion carried.

Child Care Provider Appreciation Day

WHEREAS, the Jones County Board of Supervisors along with other organizations throughout our community are recognizing May 10th, 2024 as Child Care Provider Appreciation Day; and WHEREAS, Child Care Providers play an important role in supporting and educating young children in a warm and loving environment preparing children for school and lifelong success; and WHEREAS, in Jones County 85% of families with children under of the age of 6 have all parents working outside of the home and these children spend an extended period of time in childcare arrangements on a weekly basis, during the most critical time of their lives in which 90% of their brain is developed;

WHEREAS, Jones County recognizes child care providers, which are mostly small businesses, as essential workers for our economy that allow our families access to the care needed so they can work; and

WHEREAS, our future depends on the quality of the early childhood experiences provided to young children today and support for high-quality childcare represents a worthy commitment to our children's future.

THEREFORE, we, the Jones County Board of Supervisors, hereby proclaim May 10th, 2024, as Child Care Provider Appreciation Day and urge all citizens to recognize Child Care Providers for their important work and dedication in supporting our youngest resource and the efforts of those providers who work tirelessly to uplift Jones County families. [2024-071]

The Recorder met with the Board for the hire of a clerk.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Swisher to hire Stephanie Herrig as an on-call clerk for the Recorder with a starting wage of \$17.50 per hour effective May 15, 2024. All aye. Motion carried.

The Auditor met with the Board for the various items as noted in the motions below and to discuss becoming a member county of Central Iowa Juvenile Detention and to give an update on the Courthouse First Floor Bathroom remodel project timeline.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Schlarmann to approve the revised Right-To-Use Lease Asset Policy that adds a useful life of 2 to 20 years for lease assets and a useful life of 5 to 20 years for subscription assets. All aye. Motion carried. [2024-072]

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Swisher to approve an agreement between the County and Auditor of State for annual audit services for the following fiscal years

- FY24 amount to not exceed \$68,950
- FY25 amount to not exceed \$72,335

- FY26 amount to not exceed \$75,950

All aye. Motion carried. [2024-073]

Moved by Swisher seconded by Schlarmann to approve a gathering permit for Midwest Hillclimbers Association for a semi-pro motorcycle hill climb and swap meet event to be held June 2, 2024 (rain date June 23, 2024) and September 9, 2024 (rain date September 22, 2024) at 10277 Shaw Rd., Anamosa. All aye. Motion carried. [2024-074]

Moved by Oswald seconded by Zirkelbach to approve, and place on file, the Clerk's Report of Fees Collected for the month ending April 30, 2024. All aye. Motion carried. [2024-075]

The IT Director met with the Board to discuss quotes for a surveillance camera system upgrade as the current software is going end of life.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Swisher to approve a quote of \$65,329.29 for a server, surveillance camera software, five cameras and camera licenses including installation from Radio Communications and to use ARPA funds for the purchase. All aye motion carried. [2024-076]

The EMA Director, Sheriff, and Auditor met with the Board to discuss a potential future Public Safety Storage Building. The Sheriff explained that this type of building would serve and support the all-emergency services in the county and that he has already been seeing support for such building. The EMA Director, Sheriff, and Auditor have been meeting to discuss what should be included in the building and talking with other counties who have done similar projects. This building would help alleviate storage limitations at the Courthouse and current two stall Sheriff garage. This would be a project that could be funded by the remaining ARPA funds.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Swisher to approve an RFP for Architect/Engineering Services for the proposed Public Safety Storage building and to set a bid opening date of June 4, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. All aye. Motion carried. [2024-077]

The Land Use Administrator met with the Board to discuss violations of the Jones County Nuisance Ordinance and to discuss the procedures for re-occurring nuisance violations.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Swisher to issue a formal notice of violation of the Jones County Nuisance Ordinance to Shawna Bechthold for a property located at 12595 Davenport St., Center Junction and providing thirty days to abate the nuisance or to request a hearing before the Board of Supervisors. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Oswald to set a public hearing on May 28, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. to discuss a violation of the Jones County Nuisance Ordinance on property owned by Michael R. Alexander and Alexa A. Tullar and located at 8478 Slide Rock Rd., Anamosa. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Schlarmann to set a public hearing on June 4, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. to discuss a violation of the Jones County Nuisance Ordinance on property owned by Faron Fritz and located at 24052 Ridge Rd., Anamosa. All aye. Motion carried.

Harold Weber, citizen, and his daughter, Linda, met with the Board to discuss dedicating a portion of County Road X40 from Mechanicsville to Hwy 151 in memory of Dennis Lee Weber who lost his life in the Vietnam War. The family of Dennis Lee Weber offered to be responsible for the cost of the signage. Currently, the County does not have a policy on road dedications.

The Engineer and Road Superintendent met with the Board to give an update on current road projects including contract rock and ditching projects and a state road project on Hwy 136.

The Engineer, Board, and County Attorney also discussed an article in the Anamosa Journal-Eureka outlining action that the Anamosa City Council has taken on getting an inspection of the Dillon Military Bridge. Per the 28E Agreement the County has with the City, the County will not be responsible for a portion of the cost unless it was authorized in writing to the City. The County Attorney will work with the Auditor to draft a letter to send to the City inquiring on the project.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Swisher to go in to closed session at 11:23 a.m. per Iowa Code section 21.5 (1)g. to avoid disclosure of specific law enforcement matters, such as current or proposed investigations or inspection or auditing techniques or schedules, which if disclosed would enable law violators to avoid detection. On roll call vote: Schlarmann aye, Zirkelbach aye, Swisher aye, Oswald aye, Rohwedder aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Zirkelbach to exit closed session at 11:45 a.m. On roll call vote: Schlarmann aye, Zirkelbach aye, Swisher aye, Oswald aye, Rohwedder aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Schlarmann to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Attest: Whitney Hein, Auditor

Ned Rohwedder, Chairman