

August 27, 2019 9:00 a.m.

The Jones County Board of Supervisors met in regular session. Present Vice-Chairman Manternach, Supervisors Eaken, Oswald, and Zirkelbach. Absent Chairman Rohwedder.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Eaken to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2019 meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Oswald to approve the payroll for the period ending August 18, 2019, as certified by the department heads. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Zirkelbach to go into closed session at 9:01 a.m. per Iowa Code Section 20.17 (3) to discuss strategy for public employment relations matters. On roll call vote: Oswald aye, Eaken aye, Zirkelbach aye, Manternach aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Zirkelbach to exit closed session at 9:17 a.m. On roll call vote: Oswald aye, Eaken aye, Zirkelbach aye, Manternach aye. Motion carried.

The Auditor provided the Board with copies of a document regarding Senate File 634 that was presented by the Iowa Department of Management at a recent State Association of Counties annual conference, and shared correspondence from the Jones County Economic Development Commission regarding the city of Monticello's Main Street program.

Cindy Stevenson, Insurance Associates, met with the Board to review the estimated costs for the Solid Waste Commission to obtain its own workers' compensation policy separate from the County's policy, and a notice from EMC Insurance regarding an upcoming valuation and inspection of the courthouse to assure the building is properly valued for replacement and damages purposes.

The JETS Director and Information Technology Coordinator met with the Board to discuss the need to upgrade the internet service for the JETS office. The Board directed the Information Technology Coordinator to obtain upgraded internet services from Mediacom through United States Secure Hosting on a five-year contract.

The Engineer and Assistant to the Engineer met with the Board to report that the contract with Kluesner Construction for resurfacing work had not yet been returned; to provide updates on various road and bridge maintenance projects; the schedule for replacement of the fueling system at the Anamosa shop and discussion regarding the removal of the old fuel tanks and required testing; meetings with property owners on 75th Ave. regarding a grading, and possible resurfacing project and resurfacing options, noting that the property owners they met with may be willing to donate needed right of way for the project if the County were to assure them the road would be hard surfaced within a specified period of time; to discuss a complaint regarding roadside spraying along Forest Chapel Rd.; a citizen's request for signage near a tree that has become a public attraction along E23 County Home Rd. west of Amber; bridge funding; and the August 21, 2019 public meeting hosted by the Jones County Historic Preservation Commission regarding Ely's Stone Bridge.

The Auditor shared August 26, 2019 correspondence from the State Auditor's Office requesting additional information regarding the County's pre-payment of \$19,975 in September 2018 for fifty percent of the cost of a drone, and inquiring why the pre-payment was necessary, and noted that the drone had not yet been received.

The Auditor presented a request from the Eastern Iowa Regional Utility Service System to (E.I.R.U.S.S.) amend the County ordinance regulating the rates for the Fairview Sanitary Sewer System. Supervisor Eaken reported that the E.I.R.U.S.S. has notified the users of the system of the pending rate increase.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Zirkelbach to approve the first consideration of Jones County, Iowa Ordinance 2019-06, an ordinance amending the rates in CHAPTER 5, THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS RULES of TITLE V - PUBLIC ORDER, SAFETY & HEALTH. On roll call vote: Oswald aye, Eaken nay, Zirkelbach aye, Manternach aye, whereupon the Vice-Chairman declared the first consideration approved.

The Auditor and Board discussed the survey form presented at the August 20, 2017 meeting to be considered for use in a compensation study, and discussed which counties might be selected to send the surveys to. No decision was made regarding which counties to send the surveys to in order to gather comparable salary information, but the Auditor was directed to send the form to department heads to begin the internal process of gathering information regarding job duties.

The Board members reported on recent and upcoming committee meetings

Moved by Eaken seconded by Zirkelbach to adjourn at 11:15 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Attest: Janine Sulzner, Auditor

Wayne Manternach, Vice-Chairman