

September 17, 2019 9:00 a.m.

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

Moved by Oswald seconded by Zirkelbach to approve the minutes of the September 10 and September 13, 2019 meetings. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Manternach seconded by Zirkelbach to approve claims #1909-0138 through #1909-0381. All aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Oswald introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Supervisor Eaken. On roll call vote: Oswald aye, Eaken aye, Zirkelbach aye, Manternach aye, Rohwedder aye, whereupon the Chairman declared the resolution passed and adopted.

#### TAX ABATEMENT RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Jones County Treasurer shall, pursuant to Section 445.63 of the Code of the Iowa (2019), abate property taxes on property acquired by the City of Oxford Junction, in the amount shown below, and any applicable interest and cost, and make appropriate notations on the tax list for the parcels listed below:

OXJCO 16 21 279 009	\$398.00 (2018 CT)	Briefly described as:
		F & M ADD. LOTS 3 & 29, BLK 1, CITY OF OXFORD JUNCTION

The Board reviewed correspondence regarding contributions to the Central Park Lake projects. The Auditor reported that the Conservation Director has contacted the author of the letter to clarify the matter.

The Auditor shared a request from the owner of property adjacent to the Broadway Place Annex requesting permission to install a retaining wall along the east end of the parking lot at no cost to Jones County. Informal approval was granted.

The Board reviewed a request from the East Central Iowa Council of Governments (E.C.I.C.O.G.) to appoint a replacement for Anamosa Council member Betty Weimer who has resigned from the E.C.I.C.O.G. Board of Directors. An appointment will be made after the November 2019 city election.

Supervisor Oswald reported on damages to a barricade gate at Ely's Stone Bridge. Supervisor Manternach reported that the mental health region board would be meeting later in the day to conduct the final interviews for a new region executive director, followed by action to hire.

The JETS Director and Information Technology Coordinator, and Jerry Pasker, United States Secure Hosting, met with the Board to discuss a proposed contract with Mediacom to provide high speed internet service at the JETS facility, and to discuss options to increase the available internet speed for new transit routing operations software until the service can be updated. The Board also asked the JETS Director to consider a date for an open house to showcase the new facility.

Moved by Eaken seconded by Oswald to enter into a five-year contract with Mediacom Business (MCC Telephony of Iowa LLC) to provide high-speed internet service for the JETS facility for \$149.95 per month. All aye. Motion carried. [2019-107]

The Land Use Administrator met with the Board to present a subdivision plat for approval.

Supervisor Zirkelbach introduced the following resolution, seconded by Supervisor Eaken. On roll call vote: Oswald aye, Eaken aye, Zirkelbach aye, Manternach aye, Rohwedder aye, whereupon the Chairman declared the resolution passed and adopted.

## RESOLUTION APPROVING PLAT

WHEREAS, a preliminary and final plat of Moonstorm Meadow Woods 3<sup>rd</sup> Addition, a subdivision containing two (2) lots and located in Section 7, Township 84 North, Range 4 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., has been filed with the Jones County Board of Supervisors, and after consideration, the same is found to be correct and in accordance with the ordinances of Jones County, Iowa in relation to platting and the subdivision of land, with the exception of the following:

- access point, interior road width, and road association requirements found in Section 2 of Article V, Minimum Improvements, of the Jones County Subdivision Ordinance, and
- interior street standards found in Section 3 of Article V, Minimum Improvements, of the Jones County Subdivision Ordinance
- storm water pollution prevention plan requirements found in Section 7 of Article V, Minimum Improvements, of the Jones County Subdivision Ordinance.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF JONES COUNTY, IOWA that said final plat of Moonstorm Meadow Woods 3<sup>rd</sup> Addition, be approved, with

1. a variance granted to the access point, interior road width, and road association requirements of Section 2 of Article V, Minimum Improvements, of the Jones County Subdivision Ordinance, said variance:
  - a. permits Lot 1 in the subdivision to use a pre-existing individual access point along the hard-surfaced county road, and
  - b. permits Lot 2 in the subdivision to be accessed by a pre-existing private roadway that is less than sixty-six (66) feet in width, and
  - c. permits the subdivision to have no interior road as Lot 2 is accessed via a private roadway through other subdivisions, and
  - d. permits the subdivision to be approved without a Road Association Agreement; and
2. a variance granted to the requirements of Section 3 of Article V, Minimum Improvements, of the Jones County Subdivision Ordinance, as the subdivision is approved with no interior road, and
3. a variance granted to the storm water pollution prevention plan requirements of Section 7 of Article V, Minimum Improvements, of the Jones County Subdivision Ordinance, said variance provides that a storm water pollution prevention plan shall be submitted thirty days prior to commencement of construction on the respective lot, if the area to be disturbed is more than one acre.

AND, the same is hereby acknowledged on the part of Jones County, Iowa,

AND, the Chairman and County Auditor are hereby directed to certify this Resolution of Approval and affix the same to the plat as provided by law. In approving the plat, Jones County is expressly not accepting any responsibility for the roadways set forth on said plat.

The Auditor reminded the Board of the October 2, 2019 workshop on property tax reform being presented by the Iowa State Association of Counties.

Bobby Krumm, BlueCut Trailblazers, informed the Board that an ATV/UTV route map for Jones County is currently in production and expected to be available to the public in the near future.

The Engineer met with the Board to discuss the location of a tree commonly known as the "Hula Hoop Tree" west of Amber along E23 County Home Rd. The County Attorney and Sheriff were present for the discussion. Four citizens were present to offer comments. The Engineer reported that his staff had determined that approximately 49% of the tree trunk was in the county

road right of way. The Board directed the Engineer to prepare a resolution for a future meeting to reduce the speed limit in a limited area of E23 County Home Rd. east and west of Amber to 35 miles per hour, after confirming with the Iowa Department of Transportation whether the action could be taken without a formal speed study being conducted.

The Engineer also provided updates on the Shaw Rd. project, 15<sup>th</sup> St. in Greenfield Township, and installation of the new fueling facility at the Anamosa maintenance shop; discussed ongoing meetings with property owners along 75<sup>th</sup> Ave. near Cascade regarding possible work on the road; and damages to the barricade gate at Ely's Stone Bridge.

The Attorney and Auditor met with the Board to present a bid from Jeff and JoAnn Hinz to acquire unused road right of way adjacent to their property near Old Dubuque Rd., Anamosa, and reviewed the next steps to transfer ownership of the property to the Hinz'. The Attorney noted that by submitting the bid for the property the notification period for the Hinz' had effectively expired, and that Jones County is the only other adjacent property owner. The Auditor also recommended that the Board consider future action to transfer the remaining unused right of way in that area to the City of Anamosa as the remaining portion lies within the corporate boundaries of the city.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Eaken to waive the sixty-day notice provisions of Iowa Code Section 306.23 as they apply to Jones County's ownership of unused road right of way in Parcel 98-80 in Section 1 of Fairview Township. All aye. Motion carried.

Possible action to accept the bid offered by Jeff and JoAnn Hinz will be placed on the September 24, 2019 agenda.

Ed Bertch, EB Solutions, met with the Board to review the provisions of a contract he proposed to provide required wetland mitigation monitoring services associated with the Wapsipinicon Trail project. The Auditor reported that it appeared there were sufficient Trail funds available to fund the monitoring services contract, and that the Conservation Director had offered to cover the costs in the Conservation budget if Trail funds were insufficient.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Oswald to approve a contract with EB Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$9,360 to provide wetland mitigation monitoring, and required reports, for the Wapsipinicon Trail project in the amount of \$9,360 (\$2,080 initial monitoring plus \$1,820 per year for four years for annual monitoring services). All aye. Motion carried. [2019-108]

During the public comment period Jim Carlson expressed his concerns regarding allowing the "Hula Hoop Tree" to remain at its present location.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Eaken to adjourn at 10:30 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Attest: Janine Sulzner, Auditor

Ned Rohwedder, Chairman