

April 7, 2020 9:00 a.m.

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

*Due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, and to abide by health safety and social distancing guidelines, remote participation to this meeting was provided by electronic video and audio streaming via remote meeting software, with audio only access also available by telephone. Said remote participation electronic meeting access is permitted via a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency issued by Governor Kim Reynolds on March 19, 2020. Physical in-person access to the public was not permitted at this meeting. Full instructions for access via remote participation were included on the meeting agenda which was posted on the east, west, and north exterior doors of the Courthouse, the County web-site, and was emailed to the list of fifty-seven individuals who are typically emailed the agenda for Board of Supervisors' meetings. A statement was read at the beginning of the meeting noting that if it became apparent that the electronic meeting was being maliciously hacked or compromised the electronic access would be promptly terminated and the Board would proceed to adjourn the meeting.*

The Emergency Management Coordinator and Public Health Coordinator met with the Board to provide an update on emergency preparedness activities to address the COVID-19 public health emergency. The Emergency Management Coordinator reported that the Iowa National Guard has made another delivery of personal protective equipment primarily for first responders, and that she had been working with Jones Regional Medical Center regarding personal protective equipment and supplemental generators. The Public Health Coordinator reported that she had provided guidance to County department heads regarding illness reporting, availability of COVID-19 tests, and additional temporary business closings as per the orders from the Governor. Sheriff Graver was present to report this his officers are prepared to act on violations of the Governor's orders if necessary.

The Land Use Administrator met with the Board to review the status of a nuisance at 18572 Linn Jones Rd., Monticello, in Section 6 of Cass Township, and the property owners' concerns regarding cleanup activities during the COVID-19 public health emergency. She also inquired as to enforcement of nuisance abatements while the Jones County Transfer Station is temporarily closed to residential customers. The Board agreed that if residents were living on the properties with nuisance abatements or courtesy notices that the owners should be encouraged to do what they can reasonably do without unnecessary travel, and that commercial waste haulers are still operating.

Moved by Rohwedder seconded by Eaken to approve the minutes of the March 31, 2020 and April 3, 2020 meetings. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Rohwedder to approve the payroll for the period ending March 29, 2020, as certified by the department heads. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Eaken to approve the following proclamation, as requested by the Riverview Center:

PROCLAMATION OF SEXUAL ASSAULT  
AWARENESS MONTH APRIL 2020

WHEREAS, sexual assault affects individuals of any gender, race, culture, or socio-economic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the immediate physical and emotional costs, sexual assault may also have associated consequences of post-traumatic stress disorder, substance abuse, depression, homelessness, eating disorders and suicide; and

WHEREAS, sexual assault can be devastating not only to the survivor, but also for the family and friends of the survivor; and

WHEREAS, since no one person, organization, agency or community can eliminate sexual assault on their own, we must work together to educate our entire population about what can be done to prevent sexual assault, support victims/survivors and their significant others and support those agencies providing services to victims/survivors.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Jones County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of all staff and citizens of Jones County, that the Month of April 2020 is hereby proclaimed as: "*SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH*" in Jones County and encourages all citizens of the county to learn more about preventing sexual violence.

All aye. Motion carried. [2020-031]

Moved by Rohwedder seconded by Zirkelbach to acknowledge receipt of a manure management plan from Mike Ahrendsen (facility #65789) for a facility located in Section 22 of Hale Township, with the County Auditor to retain the document in a temporary file for public access for one year. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Eaken to make of record the Conservation Board's appointment of Jonathon Mootz for seasonal employment at \$11.00 per hour, effective April 2, 2020. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Rohwedder seconded by Oswald to approve, and place on file, the Clerk's Report of Fees Collected for the month ending March 31, 2020, and the Recorder and Sheriff's Reports of Fees Collected for the quarter ending March 31, 2020. All aye. Motion carried. [2020-032, 2020-033, 2020-034]

The Auditor reviewed the details for a second amendment to the County's FY20 budget to meet increased expenditures for response to the COVID-19 public health emergency, and to enable reimbursement of advance grant payments to the Iowa Dept. of Natural Resources for the MonMaq Dam project.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Rohwedder to set a public hearing to amend the current county budget at 9:15 a.m. on April 28, 2020; said amendment makes no changes to total revenues and other sources, and increases total expenditures and other uses by \$511,500, with the Auditor directed to publish the amendment notice in the two official county newspapers. All aye. Motion carried.

The Auditor provided an updated on development of a policy to provide administrative leave for employees whose work place or duties are, or may be further, impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency, and a possible policy to place restrictions on employee travel for work and personal activities during the COVID-19 public health emergency. She reported that she had been waiting to hear from the County's labor relations consultant and had just heard back from him moments before the meeting started, so recommended that the matter be addressed at a special meeting later in the week, and reported that she would send out a draft of the proposed policy to the Board and department heads prior to that meeting.

The Board and Auditor discussed the purchase of the drop box for the Courthouse approved at the April 3, 2020 meeting. The Auditor reported that Iowa Prison Industries would be at least twelve weeks out, but that she could order one from another vendor with delivery in less than two weeks. Supervisor Zirkelbach wanted to check availability with a local metal fabricator.

The County Attorney reported that he has communicated with all local law enforcement agencies and all are prepared to carry out the Governor's orders on various closings.

Moved by Eaken seconded by Oswald to adjourn at 9:37 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Attest: Janine Sulzner, Auditor

Wayne Manternach, Chairman

