

April 22, 2020 4:00 p.m.

The Jones County Board of Supervisors met in special session to address matters related to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Present (by remote access) Vice-Chairman Oswald, Supervisors Eaken, Rohwedder, and Zirkelbach. Chairman Manternach was present by remote access but could not respond via audio connection.

*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 Auditor provided information related to rapidly changing benefits available through Iowa Workforce Development and the CARES Act. She made a recommendation that the Board consider action to rescind a provision in a recently adopted policy addressing employment matters associated with the COVID-19 public health emergency, as it has become apparent this past week in her conversations with the County's labor relations consultant, Iowa Workforce Development, and impacted employees, that it may be more beneficial for those impacted employees to seek compensation through unemployment avenues offered by Iowa Workforce Development.

Moved by Rohwedder seconded by Zirkelbach to rescind the provision of the Jones County, Iowa Infectious Disease Action Plan – COVID-19 Pandemic, adopted on April 10, 2020, that provided a two-thirds pay supplement for regularly scheduled full-time, or part-time, employees who work less than their normal schedule due to the employers' modification of their work schedule, which may include lack of work, as it has become apparent this past week, due to rapidly changing benefits available through Iowa Workforce Development and the CARES Act, that it may be more beneficial for those impacted employees to seek compensation through unemployment avenues offered by Iowa Workforce Development, and this action is further beneficial to the property taxpayers of Jones County. All aye. Motion carried. [2020-041]

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Rohwedder to adjourn at 4:06 p.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Attest: Janine Sulzner, Auditor

Joe Oswald, Vice-Chairman