

May 5, 2020, 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 provided an update on the emergency food distribution program. The Public Health Coordinator reported on the number of COVID-19 cases in Jones County and their contact tracing efforts. She reported that most restaurants in the County were continuing only carry-out services even though they may now open to restricted dine-in services. The Community Health Specialist reported that HACAP has extended the deadlines for the LIHEAP utility assistance program.

The Auditor provided an update on absentee voting and the curbside voting her office is offering in the Courthouse parking lot. She explained the sanitation measures used with each curbside voter. She reported that the drop box in the parking lot is expected to be available soon and that the Custodian, and Supervisor Zirkelbach and a friend, installed a cement pad for the box.

The Engineer met with the Board to present a request to vacate a portion of Lily Rd.; to present a proposed update to the Integrated Roadside Management Plan; and to provide updates on the placement of contract rock, the committee to address safety concerns at the intersection of U.S. Highway 151 and Old Dubuque Rd., the Shaw Rd. grading and resurfacing project, and the overlay project with Kluesner Construction; and proposed that the speed limit on a portion of E23 County Home Rd. near Amber be returned to 55 miles per hour as it was prior to Board action in September, 2019.

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

RESOLUTION FOR ROAD VACATION PUBLIC HEARING

Whereas, a request has been received by the Jones County Engineer asking that action be taken to vacate and close a section of Jones County Secondary Road, described as follows:

That portion of Lily Rd., established on the 7th day of November 1859 (See Road Record Book 1, page 69), commencing at the South line of Section 7, T-83N, R-2W, thence running 900 feet Northwest to a point of termination in said Section.

Now, therefore be it resolved that a hearing on the proposed vacation will be held in the Board Room, Jones County Courthouse, Anamosa, Iowa, 52205, at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 in accordance with Iowa Code Chapter 306.

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

INTEGRATED ROADSIDE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
RESOLUTION

Whereas, State legislation has been enacted providing for integrated roadside vegetation management for state primary highways under the jurisdiction of the Iowa Department of Transportation, and

Whereas, State legislation allows counties to adopt plans consistent with the State's plan and defined in Section 314.22, Subsection 1, of the Code of Iowa, and

Whereas, the following guidelines have been reviewed and recommended for use on the Jones County Secondary Roads System:

It is declared to be in the general public welfare of Jones County and a prudent use of county roadsides that the vegetation of Jones County's roadsides be preserved, planted and maintained to be safe, visually interesting, ecologically integrated, and useful for many purposes.

The Jones County Secondary Road Department in cooperation with the Jones County Conservation Board shall provide an annual integrated roadside vegetation management program which shall be designed to promote the following:

1. Maintain a safe travel environment by providing adequate line of sight at intersections, minimizing snow drifting, and removing potentially dangerous trees and other obstructions.
2. Serve a variety of public purposes including drainage, erosion control, wildlife habitat, recreational uses, noxious weed control, scenic qualities, utility easements, and sustenance of water quality.
3. Emphasize the establishment of adaptable and long-lived vegetation, often native species, matched to the unique environment found in and adjacent to the roadside.
4. Be based on a systematic assessment of conditions existing in roadsides, preservation of valuable vegetation and habitats in the area, and the adoption of a comprehensive plan and strategies for long-term, cost effective maintenance of roadsides.
5. Build upon a public education program allowing input from adjacent landowners and the general public.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Jones County Board of Supervisors, meeting in regular session, that Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management program be hereby adopted for and on behalf of the people of Jones County, and herewith direct the Jones County Secondary Road Department in cooperation with the Jones County Conservation Board to administer said program under the authority of the Jones County Board of Supervisors.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Eaken to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2020 meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Rohwedder seconded by Oswald to approve the payroll for the period ending April 26, 2020, as certified by the department heads. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Rohwedder to acknowledge receipt of a manure management plan update from Milder Trust (facility #69010) for a facility located in Section 33 of Jackson 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 Eaken seconded by Oswald to approve the Vote Safe Iowa Initiative Grant Agreement with the Iowa Secretary of State to provide up to \$4,500 of funding towards the County Auditor's purchase of supplies and equipment for polling place safety measures associated with the COVID-19 public health emergency. All aye. Motion carried. [2020-043]

Moved by Rohwedder seconded by Eaken to adopt and place on file a Privacy and Confidentiality Policy establishing guidelines related to the collection, use, and release of private information about citizens or employees, and a Segregation of Duties Policy establishing guidelines related to internal controls to prevent losses from employee error or dishonesty. All aye. Motion carried. [2020-044, 2020-045]

Moved by Oswald seconded by Eaken to approve a contract with the Iowa Economic Development Authority Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program (20-OT-17) to provide \$44,000 for an emergency food distribution program. All aye. Motion carried. [2020-046]

Chairman Manternach read a proclamation declaring May 8, 2020 as Child Care Provider Appreciation Day in Jones County, as requested by the Cedar/Jones Early Childhood Iowa Board. Sherri Hunt, Cedar/Jones Early Childhood Iowa Coordinator, presented information regarding the number of child care providers and the numbers of children served by child care providers in Jones County.

Moved by Eaken seconded by Zirkelbach to issue the following proclamation declaring May 8, 2020 as Child Care Provider Appreciation Day in Jones County. All aye. Motion carried.

Proclamation by Jones County Board of Supervisors

Child Care Provider Appreciation Day®

May 8, 2020

WHEREAS, Early Childhood Iowa, Child Care Resource & Referral, Jones County Extension, Hawkeye Area Community Action Program (HACAP) and other organizations statewide are recognizing child care providers on this day; and

WHEREAS, of the 2,300 children under age 10 in Jones County, nearly 1,300 are in some form of child care setting; and

WHEREAS, by calling attention to the importance of high-quality child care services for all children and families within our state/community, these groups hope to improve the quality and availability of such services; and

WHEREAS, our future depends on the quality of the early childhood experiences provided to young children today; high quality early childcare services represent a worthy commitment to our children's future.

Now, therefore, the Jones County Board of Supervisors in Jones County, Iowa hereby proclaim May 8th, 2020, as Provider Appreciation Day® in Jones County, Iowa and urge all citizens to recognize child care providers for their important work. [2020-047]

Supervisor Rohwedder provided an update on roof damage to the schoolhouse at Grant Wood Memorial Park, noting the damage was caused by racoons. Supervisor Zirkelbach reported that the shed removal project at the County farm has been completed, and that installation of the boundary line fence on the property will begin in the next week.

Chairman Manternach led discussion on a revised 28E agreement for the mental health region. The County Attorney was present to provide input. The Board members and Attorney agreed with Chairman Manternach that elected region board members (i.e. county supervisors) continue to be the only region board members allowed to vote on financial matters of the region, as they are elected to levy the property taxes that support the region's services.

The Board members discussed recent and upcoming committee meetings.

The Auditor requested a special session on May 6, 2020 to set a public hearing to further amend the FY20 budget for additional election related costs.

Moved by Eaken seconded by Oswald to adjourn at 9:54 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Attest: Janine Sulzner, Auditor

Wayne Manternach, Chairman