

May 6, 2020 1:00 p.m.

The Jones County Board of Supervisors met in special. Present (by remote access) 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.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Rohwedder to waive the reading of the minutes of the May 5, 2020 meeting until the May 12, 2020 meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

The Auditor presented her request for additional funding for her department to conduct the June 2, 2020 Primary Election under COVID-19 health safety conditions, and the costs associated with the statewide mailing of absentee ballot requests encouraging voters to vote from home. The mailing, sent at the expense of the Iowa Secretary of State, has resulted in additional unbudgeted expenses for her office, particularly for postage, envelopes, ballots, and staffing expense, to process an unprecedented increase in absentee ballot requests. She stated that it has become apparent that the additional \$10,000 from the April 28, 2020 budget amendment was not going to be sufficient to cover the additional costs. She reported that the highest number of absentee ballots in any primary election in Jones County in prior years was just over 400, while her office had already processed over 1,600 absentee ballot requests for this election just through May 5th, with over 1,100 of those from just the first two days of this week alone. She will seek reimbursement for the additional costs through FEMA's public assistance program, if possible.

Moved by Eaken seconded by Zirkelbach to set a public hearing to amend the current county budget at 9:15 a.m. on May 26, 2020; said amendment makes no changes to total revenues and other sources, and increases total expenditures and other uses by \$15,000, with the Auditor directed to publish the amendment notice in the two official county newspapers. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Zirkelbach to make of record the Auditor's appointment of Grace Lubben for temporary election related employment at \$13.00 per hour, effective May 5, 2020. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Eaken to adjourn at 1:15 p.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Attest: Janine Sulzner, Auditor

Wayne Manternach, Chairman