

May 26, 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 availability of personal protective equipment and additional business openings. She also reported on the Department of Natural Resources' decision to delay the issuance of updated flood plain maps until early in 2022. The Public Health Coordinator reported that all active cases of COVID-19 in Jones County have been closed out, but are preparing for possible increased COVID-19 cases as business openings continue to expand. She also reported on other public health impacts related to the COVID-19 public health emergency including a decrease in child immunizations and well-child screenings, and an increased need for mental health services.

The Public Health Coordinator provided additional information regarding her May 19, 2020 request to replace the temporary Public Health Intern position with a regular part-time position, and possible funding resources to cover the expenses of the additional position. She reported that the County's labor relations consultant advised her that the position would need to be publicly advertised prior to filling the new position, and that she has reduced the hours requested for the position from twenty-four hours per week to twenty hours per week.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Eaken to approve a twenty-hour per week regular part-time Public Health Preparedness Specialist position through June 30, 2021, and to re-evaluate the need for the position during preparation of the fiscal year 2022 budget. All aye. Motion carried.

The JETS Director met with the Board to present a proposal for a written policy to clarify the regulations regarding the presence of service animals in JETS vehicles.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Oswald to adopt the following policy:

In accordance with the U.S. Department of Transportation regulations, "service animal" means any guide dog, signal dog or other animal individually trained to work or perform tasks for an individual with a disability, including, but not limited to, guiding individuals with impaired vision, alerting individuals with impaired hearing to intruders and sounds, pulling a wheelchair, or fetching dropped items.

Your service animal is welcome on JETS. No permit is required, but you may be asked to confirm that your animal is a service animal. You are responsible for the care and supervision of your animal while on board. A service animal should remain on the floor

or in a customer's lap, but cannot be given its own seat. Uncontrolled service animals or service animals which threaten other customers cannot be accommodated.

An animal which solely provides emotional support, well-being, comfort or companionship is not a service animal. These types of animals, "companion animals," are considered pets are not allowed to be transported on JETS buses.

All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Rohwedder seconded by Oswald to open the public hearing to amend the FY2020 County Budget at 9:28 a.m. On roll call vote: Eaken aye, Zirkelbach aye, Oswald aye, Rohwedder aye, Manternach aye. Motion carried.

No citizens were physically present for the hearing however an unknown number of persons were viewing the hearing remotely by internet or audio access. No objections to, nor comments in favor of, the proposed budget amendment were received.

The County Auditor provided a summary of the proposed amendment.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Rohwedder to close the public hearing at 9:30 a.m. On roll call vote: Eaken aye, Zirkelbach aye, Oswald aye, Rohwedder aye, Manternach aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Oswald introduced the following 2019/2020 JONES COUNTY BUDGET AMENDMENT RESOLUTION #3 and moved its adoption, seconded by Supervisor Eaken. On roll call vote: Eaken aye, Zirkelbach aye, Oswald aye, Rohwedder aye, Manternach aye, whereupon the Chairman declared the resolution passed and adopted.

2019/2020 JONES COUNTY BUDGET AMENDMENT RESOLUTION #3

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Jones County Board of Supervisors that the 2019/2020 Jones County budget be amended as published May 13, and 14, 2020 in the official County newspapers. Said budget after amendment shows \$19,587,103 of total revenues and other sources (which includes \$17,196,402 revenues and \$2,390,701 of interfund operating transfers in), and \$23,221,536 of total expenditures and other uses (which includes \$20,830,835 expenditures and \$2,390,701 of interfund operating transfers out).

Supervisor Rohwedder introduced the following APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION 2019/2020-05 and moved its adoption, seconded by Supervisor Oswald. On roll call vote: Eaken aye, Zirkelbach aye, Oswald aye, Rohwedder aye, Manternach aye, whereupon the Chairman declared the resolution passed and adopted.

APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION 2019/2020-05

BE IT RESOLVED by the Jones County Board of Supervisors that the following changes in departmental spending appropriations for fiscal year 2019/2020 be adopted:

	current	amended	Amount of change
02 Auditor	from \$526,777	to \$541,777	\$15,000

and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor post expenditure changes submitted by the department head of the department listed above into budgeted expenditure amounts.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Rohwedder to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2020 meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Eaken seconded by Oswald to approve claims #2005-0179 through #2005-0329. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Eaken to hire Melissa Wright as a full-time jailer, effective May 21, 2020 at \$16.34 per hour, with benefits per the collective bargaining agreement. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Rohwedder seconded by Oswald to approve, and place on file the Fifth Amendment to the Community Partnership for Protecting Children Coordination Services Contract #DCAT 4-18-075 for services through fiscal year 2021; and the Seventh and Eighth Amendments to the DECAT Project Coordination Services Contract #DCAT 4-18-074 for services through fiscal year 2022, all with the Iowa Department of Human Services. All aye. Motion carried. [2020-058, 2020-059, 2020-060]

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Rohwedder to acknowledge receipt of a manure management plan update from PRKG 368 (facility #69006) for a facility located in Section 18 of Clay Township with the County Auditor to retain the document in a temporary file for public access for one year. All aye. Motion carried.

The Auditor shared information from the County's workers' compensation insurance carrier regarding the premiums for fiscal year 2021 and the carrier's concerns with the lack of opportunities provided by certain departments for injured employees to return to work on temporary light duty status. She also reported that a new window had been installed over the weekend by the window contractor for the Board to view. [Auditor's note: the contractor reported after the meeting that this was not a complete installation with full finishes applied.]

Moved by Eaken seconded by Rohwedder to open the public hearing at 9:37 a.m. regarding the Community Development Block Grant application for an emergency food distribution program in Jones County. On roll call vote: Eaken aye, Zirkelbach aye, Oswald aye, Rohwedder aye, Manternach aye. Motion carried.

The Auditor, Emergency Management Coordinator, and Public Health Coordinator provided information about the program.

Approximately twenty people were accessing the meeting via remote internet connection. No citizens offered comments in favor of, or in opposition to, the grant funded program.

The Auditor read aloud the following information during the public hearing:

1. Need for the CDBG funded project:
 - a. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, 36 percent of Jones County households were struggling to afford basic needs, according to the 2018 ALICE Report from the United Way. Current circumstances have resulted in a drastic increase in unemployment across the state and workers are bringing home decreased wages as businesses close to reduce the spread of the virus. These closures and reductions are anticipated to result in additional families and residents of Jones County in need of assistance to afford basic needs such as food.
2. A description of the project and related activities:
 - a. to provide shelf-stable food deliveries to residents of Jones County who have been impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency and cannot access other resources for any of the following reasons: at an increased risk for COVID-19 due to pre-existing conditions, over the age of 65, self-isolating due to illness, experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19, or is unable to access other food resources (i.e. food banks or food pantries) due to transportation barriers related to COVID-19
 - b. food containers are prepared by Jones County Senior Dining staff and delivered by Jones County JETS vehicles and staff
 - c. intake calls are taken by Jones County JETS staff
 - d. advertising and other information is provided by Jones County Public Health and Jones County Emergency Management staff

3. The amount of funds needed for the project:
 - a. \$44,000
4. The location of the project activities:
 - a. All communities in Jones County, the base of operations is at the Senior Center at 112 N. Ford St., Anamosa.
5. The estimated amount of the funding that will be used to benefit low to moderate income persons:
 - a. Unknown, likely more than 50%; this project serves an urgent need due to the COVID19 pandemic, financial eligibility for the project is not assessed.
6. Whether any relocation will take place as a result of the project:
 - a. No relocations are anticipated
7. County contact information for residents to contact with concerns or complaints regarding the project:
 - a. Jenna Lovaas, Public Health Coordinator – 319 480-9506;
publichealth@co.jones.ia.us
 - b. Brenda Leonard, Emergency Management Coordinator – 319-480-0617;
ema@co.jones.ia.us
 - c. Wayne Manternach, Chairman, Board of Supervisors – 319-480-2228;
supv1@co.jones.ia.us
8. Community development and housing needs of low to moderate income persons in the county:
 - a. Housing needs of low to moderate income persons in the county may be addressed to the Eastern Iowa Regional Housing Authority at 1-800-942-4648, or the Eastern Iowa Housing Trust Fund at 319-365-9941.
9. Other community development and housing needs and any planned or potential activities to address these needs:
 - a. None associated with this project.

Moved by Rohwedder seconded by Oswald to close the public hearing at 9:40 a.m. On roll call vote: Eaken aye, Zirkelbach aye, Oswald aye, Rohwedder aye, Manternach aye. Motion carried.

The Sheriff met with the Board to present a contract with Animal Welfare Friends for picking up and boarding stray dogs from the rural areas of the County, and to request an extension to the provisions of the Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement regarding use of holiday bank hours for deputy sheriffs.

Moved by Eaken seconded by Oswald to approve and place on file an Agreement For Animal Control Services Between the Jones County Sheriff and The Animal Welfare Friends effective April 17, 2020 through June 30, 2021, for the care, custody, and control of at-large, nuisance, abused or neglected dogs in areas of Jones County that are under the jurisdiction of the Sheriff (incorporated cities under a Law Enforcement Services Agreement with Jones County are financially responsible for the fees for dogs from their city). Said contract provides for the following service rates:

- \$35 for pickup Tuesday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (normal business hours).
- \$70 for pickup on Sunday and Monday, and from 5 p.m. to 8 a.m. (after hours) on Tuesday through Saturday.
- \$15 daily boarding fee for up to seven days.

All aye. Motion carried. [2020-054]

Moved by Eaken seconded by Oswald to grant an extension until July 19, 2020 for deputy sheriffs to use their remaining fiscal year 2020 holiday bank hours, with the unused balance to be

paid on the July 31, 2020 paychecks at the respective hourly rate of pay in effect on June 30, 2020; extension is to the terms of Article 7-Holidays, of the Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement and is granted as a result of a six-week COVID19 related travel restriction imposed by the Board of Supervisors that expired on May 19, 2020. All aye. Motion carried.

The Engineer and Assistant to the Engineer met with the Board to discuss duties for seasonal staff; to provide updates on the Shaw Rd. grading and resurfacing project and the various overlay projects; to provide an update on placement of contract rock and dust control; to provide information on the Old Dubuque Rd. and U.S. Highway 151 intersection; and reported that condemnation hearings have been set for the Lead Mine Rd. grading project.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Oswald to hire Andrew Russ as temporary seasonal help for the Secondary Road Department effective May 26, 2020 at \$11.50 per hour. All aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Oswald reported on a recent meeting of the Jones County Fair Board and noted that the 2020 Great Jones County Fair will feature only 4-H and FFA exhibitors with no entertainment or midway attractions for health safety precautions due to the COVID19 public health emergency.

The Board members discussed recent and upcoming committee meetings.

Moved by Eaken seconded by Oswald to adjourn at 10:22 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Attest: Janine Sulzner, Auditor

Wayne Manternach, Chairman