

August 12, 2020 4:00 p.m.

The Jones County Board of Supervisors met in special session. Present Chairman Manternach, Supervisors Eaken, Oswald (by speaker phone), Rohwedder (4:05 p.m. by speaker phone), and Zirkelbach.

Meeting access is available via in-person presence, electronic video and audio streaming via remote meeting software, and audio only access available by telephone.

Internet access for electronic video and audio streaming for this meeting was disrupted at 4:06 p.m. due to ongoing weather related utility outages from the August 10, 2020 windstorm.

The Emergency Management Coordinator met with the Board to present a request for approval of a local disaster declaration due to damages in the County from a recent windstorm. She explained that the declaration would allow the County, and the cities within the County, to access additional resources from the State to assist with cleanup efforts by those entities. She also explained the process to obtain a Presidential Emergency Declaration.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Eaken to authorize the Chairman to sign the following Local Disaster Declaration:

JONES COUNTY LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY DECLARATION

Whereas, an emergency declaration has been requested due to strong straight-line winds in Jones County which occurred on August 10, 2020 causing severe damage to public and private property, disruption of utility services, and endangerment of the health and safety of the citizens of Jones County within the disaster area. Therefore, the Jones County Board of Supervisors has declared a state of emergency authorized under Iowa State statute and will execute the expenditure of emergency funds from all available sources, the invoking of mutual aid agreements, and the applying to the State of Iowa for assistance for damage assessment necessary for a Presidential Disaster Declaration.

All aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Zirkelbach volunteered to remove a storm damaged tree at the Courthouse. Supervisor Oswald reported on communication from the chairperson of the Jones County Historic Preservation Commission regarding tree damages at the Grant Wood Memorial Park, noting that no buildings appeared to have been damaged and that debris removal may need to wait due to widespread damages in the County.

The Auditor provided a brief update on the Courthouse window project, and storm-related damages to air conditioning units that were recently placed on the Courthouse roof.

Moved by Eaken seconded by Zirkelbach to adjourn at 4:18 p.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Attest: Janine Sulzner, Auditor

Wayne Manternach, Chairman