

October 20, 2020 9:00 a.m.

The Jones County Board of Supervisors met in regular session. Present Chairman Manternach, Supervisors Eaken (as indicated and by remote connection), Oswald, Rohwedder, 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.

Moved by Rohwedder seconded by Zirkelbach to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2020 meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Zirkelbach to approve the payroll for the period ending October 11, 2020, as certified by the department heads. All aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Eaken joined the meeting by remote connection at 9:09 a.m.

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 reported on new restrictions impacting the ability to provide personal protective equipment to nursing homes, and related grant funding. She also provided an update from FEMA regarding the denial of certain costs for services and supplies provided through her office for the August 10, 2020 derecho. The Public Health Coordinator provided an update on the number of active COVID-19 cases in the County and related staff responsibilities.

Moved by Oswald to take from the table a motion tabled on September 29, 2020 regarding a proclamation proposed to be issued jointly with the Jones County Board of Health encouraging the public to wear facing coverings while in public.

The County Attorney provided guidance to the Board regarding possible lack of action on the previously tabled motion.

The motion made by Oswald died for lack of a second.

The Auditor provided an update on absentee voting activity for the November General Election and provided an update on the courthouse window and door replacement project, and installation of window shades.

Supervisor Oswald provided an update from an October 19, 2020 walk through with the custodian, sub-contractor, contractor, and project engineer for the HVAC retro-fit project, and follow-up work remaining to be completed by the contractor and sub-contractor.

The Engineer met with the Board to present a resolution to restore the speed limit on County Rd. E23 west of Amber to 55 miles per hour; to provide an update on debris removal and sign replacement from the August 10, 2020 derecho; to report on a notice to a property owner regarding an obstruction in the right of way on 230th Ave., and the unauthorized placement of regulatory signage; and provided an update on a recent condemnation hearing for the Lead Mine Rd. project and the tentative time frame for the project letting.

Supervisor Zirkelbach inquired about the schedule for replacing a bridge on Madison Rd. just west of Iowa Highway 38.

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

RESOLUTION FOR ESTABLISHING SPEED LIMITS

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors is empowered under authority of the Iowa Code Sections 321.255 and 321.285 of the Code of Iowa, to determine upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation, that the speed limit of any secondary road is greater than is reasonable

and proper under the conditions existing, and may determine and declare a reasonable and proper speed limit, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors identified a location which they felt the speed was greater than is reasonable and proper due to increased pedestrian activity along the roadside, and

WHEREAS, said location of increased pedestrian activity has ceased, and

WHEREAS, it is good engineering practice to provide uniform, consistent speed limits.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Jones County that the speed limit be changed, and appropriate signs be erected at the location described as follows:

55 miles per hour on County Road E-23 from US Highway 151, easterly to the unincorporated village of Amber.

The Supervisors reported on recent and upcoming committee meetings.

Moved by Eaken seconded by Oswald to adjourn at 9:51 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Attest: Janine Sulzner, Auditor

Wayne Manternach, Chairman