

December 8, 2020 9:00 a.m.

The Jones County Board of Supervisors met in regular session. Present Vice-Chairman Oswald, Supervisors Eaken, Rohwedder, and Zirkelbach. Absent Chairman Manternach.

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 Eaken to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2020 meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Rohwedder to approve claims #2012-0001 through #2012-0142. All aye. Motion carried.

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 Public Health Coordinator provided an update on the status of COVID-19 cases in the County, and preparations for vaccinations which are expected to start later in the month. The Emergency Management Coordinator reported on availability of personal protective equipment for medical providers, long-term care facilities, and first responders.

The Auditor reported that Auditor-elect Whitney Hein is able to start training in the Auditor's office on December 14, 2020 and reminded the Board of funds set aside in the FY21 budget for this purpose.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Eaken to make of record the Auditor's appointment of Whitney Hein as Auditor in Training, at \$30 per hour with benefits per the county employee handbook, from December 14, 2020 through January 1, 2021. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Rohwedder seconded by Eaken to void check #176729 in the amount of \$720.00, dated November 10, 2020, made payable to the Iowa Department of Transportation; and corresponding claim #2011-0015, submitted by the Secondary Road Department, with reason being the classes paid for have been cancelled. All aye. Motion carried.

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

TAX ABATEMENT RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Jones County Treasurer shall, pursuant to Section 445.63 of the Code of the Iowa (2019), abate property taxes on property acquired by the City of Monticello, in the amount shown below, and any applicable interest and cost, and make appropriate notations on the tax list for the parcels listed below:

MONCO 02 22 357 015	\$5,174.00 (2020 CT)	Briefly described as: LOTS 6, 7, 8, AND PT LOTS 2 & 3, OF THE S.D. OF LOTS 449, 450, 451, & 452, IN R.R. ADDITION, CITY OF MONTICELLO
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RESOLUTION CREATING THE COUNTY CONSERVATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS (SPECIAL PURPOSE) FUND

WHEREAS, on August 10, 2020 a severe weather event known as a derecho passed through Jones County significantly damaging structures, crops, and trees, across the southern half of Jones County, and,

WHEREAS, said derecho caused significant damages to the trees and structures at Central Park in Jackson Township, and

WHEREAS, Jones County's property and casualty insurance policy provided reimbursement for damages at Central Park in excess of \$534,000, and

WHEREAS, the Jones County Auditor has recommended, and the Jones County Conservation Board concurs, that a separate fund be established to account for the insurance reimbursement and expenses for the associated repairs and re-establishment of timbered areas, as well as other Conservation area improvements that may take a period of years to accomplish, and it is the desire of the Jones County Conservation Board that said funds not be repurposed for general operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a fund shall be created in the county general ledger for the purpose of accounting for use of the insurance proceeds for damages at Central Park from the August 10, 2020 derecho. The fund shall be a budgetary fund and shall be subject to standard county accounting practices and policies. The balance in the fund shall be held as committed fund balance pursuant to the County's Fund Balance Policy and shall be designated as a General Fund pursuant to the County's Fund Classification Policy. Should additional revenue related to storm damages at County Conservation areas be received from insurance proceeds or other sources, those monies may be deposited in and expended from said fund.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Eaken to set a public hearing, as required by Iowa Code Section 331.434(6), at 9:10 a.m. on December 22, 2020 to receive public comment on proposed reductions to fiscal year 2021 departmental appropriations which are in excess of 10% or \$5,000 (whichever is greater), of the current appropriation for the following department:

Wapsipinicon Trail Project – the original fiscal year appropriation was \$512,820, the proposed reduction is \$300,000 (to reflect the delay in construction of phase 2 of the trail project to later in fiscal year 2021 and into fiscal year 2022).

All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Rohwedder seconded by Eaken to suspend the provisions of Iowa Code Section 331.302(5) which requires three considerations of an ordinance prior to passage. On roll call vote: Zirkelbach aye, Rohwedder aye, Eaken aye, Oswald aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Eaken seconded by Zirkelbach to approve the final consideration of, and to adopt, pass, and publish, Jones County, Iowa Codification Ordinance 2020. On roll call vote: Zirkelbach aye, Rohwedder aye, Eaken aye, Oswald aye, whereupon the Vice-Chairman declared the final consideration approved, and the ordinance adopted.

JONES COUNTY IOWA CODIFICATION ORDINANCE 2020

An ordinance amending the code of ordinances of the County of Jones, State of Iowa.

Be it enacted by the Board of Supervisors of Jones County, Iowa as follows:

Section 1: The purpose of this ordinance is to codify the Jones County Code of Ordinances by adding CHAPTER 23, ORDINANCE CODIFICATION – DECEMBER 2020, of TITLE I- ORGANIZATION & STRUCTURE.

Section 2: The Chapter will read as follows:

CHAPTER 23
ORDINANCE CODIFICATION - DECEMBER 2020
TITLE I - ORGANIZATION & STRUCTURE

Jones County ordinance readopting the existing county ordinances, as amended, into a county code of ordinances.

SECTION 1. PURPOSE

Code of Iowa Section 331.302(9) requires that at least once every five years, the Board of Supervisors shall compile a code of ordinances containing all of the county ordinances in effect. This ordinance hereby adopts the code of ordinances, as amended.

SECTION 2. READOPTION OF CURRENT ORDINANCES

The following ordinances have all been adopted and enacted into law after December 3, 2019 and were duly published as provided by law. All other ordinances previously adopted as provided by law are hereby readopted.

- A. Jones County, Iowa Ordinance 2020-01, now becomes **CHAPTER 17, TANNING FACILITIES – MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS of TITLE V – PUBLIC ORDER, SAFETY & HEALTH.**
- B. Jones County, Iowa Ordinance 2020-02, becomes part of **CHAPTER 3, JONES COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE of TITLE VI – PROPERTY & LAND USE** by amending the zoning map.
- C. Jones County, Iowa Ordinance 2020-03, becomes part of **CHAPTER 3, JONES COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE of TITLE VI – PROPERTY & LAND USE** by amending the zoning map.

SECTION 3. CODE OF ORDINANCES

Copies of the code as adopted herein shall be on file and available for public inspection in the Jones County Auditor's Office.

SECTION 4. WHEN EFFECTIVE

This ordinance shall be effective upon approval as provided by law.

Section 3. When Effective

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its final passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

The County Attorney met with the Board to review a proposal from a law firm to represent Jones County in a litigation settlement against some prescription opioid distributors and manufacturers. He noted the firm is working collaboratively with the Iowa State Association of Counties and many other Iowa counties.

Moved by Rohwedder seconded by Eaken to authorize the County Attorney to obtain, for consideration at the December 15, 2020 meeting, a formal letter of engagement from the Crueger Dickinson and Simmons Hanly Conroy law firm to possibly represent Jones County in settlement negotiations with some prescription opioid distributors and manufacturers and their alleged practices of misrepresenting the safety of using opioids. All aye. Motion carried.

The Engineer met with the Board to provide an update on engineering and surveying activities to support a grant application to assist with replacement of the Landis Rd. bridge over the Wapsipinicon River; and requested to set a date to accept bids for a tandem axle plow truck, reporting that two plow trucks are currently on an on-line auction site, and the plow truck cab and chassis ordered last winter will soon be placed in use.

Moved by Rohwedder seconded by Eaken to accept bids until 9:30 a.m. on December 29, 2020 for a tandem axle plow truck cab and chassis. All aye. Motion carried.

The Board members provided brief updates on recent and upcoming committee meetings.

Moved by Eaken seconded by Rohwedder to adjourn at 9:49 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Attest: Janine Sulzner, Auditor

Joe Oswald, Vice-Chairman

After the meeting was adjourned the Board of Supervisors and other elected county officials and department heads, and the Jones County Economic Development Director, met informally with State Representative Lee Hein to discuss legislative matters of importance to county operations. [Arrangements are pending for meeting with State Senators Dan Zumbach and Carrie Koelker, and State Representative-elect Steve Bradley.]