

March 9, 2021 9:00 a.m.

The Jones County Board of Supervisors met in regular session. Present Chairman Oswald, Supervisors Rohwedder, Schlarmann, Swisher, and Zirkelbach.

Moved by Rohwedder seconded by Zirkelbach to convene as a Board of Canvassers at 9:00 a.m. to canvass the results of the March 2, 2021 Western Dubuque County Community School District Special Election All aye. Motion carried.

We, the undersigned Members of the Board of Supervisors, and ex-officio Board of County Canvassers, for Jones County, hereby certify the following to be a true and correct abstract of the votes cast in Jones County, Iowa at the Western Dubuque County Community School District Special Election held on the 2nd day of March, 2021, as shown by the tally lists returned from the election precincts.

UPON PUBLIC MEASURE A: Shall the following public measure be adopted?

Shall the Board of Directors of the Western Dubuque County Community School District, in the Counties of Dubuque, Clayton, Delaware, Jackson and Jones, State of Iowa, be authorized to continue to levy an annual physical plant and equipment levy upon all taxable property in said School District, said levy not to exceed one dollar per thousand dollars of assessed valuation in any one school year, for a period of ten (10) years, commencing with the levy to be made for collection in the fiscal year which begins July 1, 2022, with the money received from the levy to be expended only for the following purposes: the purchase and improvement of grounds; the construction of schoolhouses or buildings and opening roads to schoolhouses or buildings; the purchase, lease, or lease-purchase of equipment or technology exceeding \$500 in value per purchase, lease, or lease-purchase transaction, and each transaction may include multiple equipment or technology units; the payment of debts contracted for the erection or construction of schoolhouses or buildings, not including interest on bonds; procuring or acquisition of library facilities; repairing, remodeling, reconstructing, improving, or expanding the schoolhouses or buildings and additions to existing schoolhouses; expenditures for energy conservation, including payments made pursuant to a guarantee furnished by a school district entering into a financing agreement for energy management improvements, limited to agreements pursuant to Section 473.19, 473.20, or 473.20A, Code of Iowa; the rental of facilities under Chapter 28E of the Iowa Code; the purchase of transportation equipment for transporting students and certain repairs of such transportation equipment; purchase of buildings or lease-purchase option agreements for school buildings; equipment purchases for recreational purposes; payments to a municipality or other entity as required under Section 403.19, subsection 2, Code of Iowa; and demolition, clean-up, and other costs if such costs are necessitated by, and incurred within two years of, a disaster as defined in Section 29C.2, subsection 4, Code of Iowa; or for any other purpose now or hereafter authorized by Iowa Code Chapter 298.

There were 42 votes cast as follows:

FOR the question there were 35 votes cast.

AGAINST the question there were 7 votes cast.

The Auditor reported that there were no provisional ballots and no challenged ballots cast at the election.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Swisher to approve the canvass of the March 2, 2021 Western Dubuque County Community School District Special Election as stated above. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Rohwedder seconded by Schlarmann to adjourn as a Board of Canvassers and convene as a Board of Supervisors at 9:05a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Rohwedder seconded by Zirkelbach to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2021 meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Rohwedder to approve payroll for the period ending February 28, 2021. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Schlarmann to approve a Class A Liquor License, with Outdoor Service, and Sunday Sales privileges, for Wapsipinicon Country Club, 21309 E-34, Anamosa to be effective April 1, 2021. All aye. Motion carried. [2021-023]

Moved by Rohwedder seconded by Schlarmann to make of record the Conservation Board's appointment of Troy Olson for seasonal employment at \$15.25 per hour, effective March 8, 2021. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Zirkelbach to hire Patty Oberbreckling for on-call radio operator and courthouse door security duties at \$18.94 per hour, effective March 8, 2021. All aye. Motion carried.

The Auditor and Board discussed various facility maintenance matters including the roof replacement of the Courthouse and bid packets for next year's Courthouse snow removal.

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

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Rohwedder to open the hearing regarding the proposed maximum property tax dollars for the County's FY22 budget at 9:17 a.m. On roll call vote: Schlarmann aye, Swisher aye, Rohwedder aye, Zirkelbach aye, Oswald aye. Motion carried.

There was one citizen present and an unknown number of citizens present via remote connection. There was no public comment on the matter. The Auditor did provide an explanation of the proposed levy rates for FY22.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Schlarmann to close the public hearing at 9:23 a.m. On roll call vote: Schlarmann aye, Swisher aye, Rohwedder aye, Zirkelbach aye, Oswald aye. Motion carried.

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

Resolution of Approval of FY22 Maximum Property Tax Dollars

WHEREAS, the Jones County Board of Supervisors have considered the FY22 maximum county property tax dollars for both General County Services and Rural County Services, and

WHEREAS, a notice concerning the proposed maximum county property tax dollars was published as required and posted on the county website, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing concerning the proposed maximum county property tax dollars was held on March 9, 2021,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Jones County Board of Supervisors that the maximum county property tax dollars for General County Services and Rural County Services for FY22 shall not exceed the following:

General County Services: \$6,339,990, a 3.36% increase (Published: \$6,642,633, a 8.3% increase)

Rural County Services: \$2,298,620, a 4.3% increase (Published: \$2,348,446, a 6.57% increase)

The maximum property tax dollars requested for both General County Services and Rural County Services for FY22 represents an increase greater than 102% from the maximum property tax dollars requested for the prior year, FY21.

Supervisor Zirkelbach introduced the following Proposed Budget Resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Supervisor Rohwedder. On roll call vote: Schlarmann aye,

Swisher aye, Rohwedder aye, Zirkelbach aye, Oswald aye, whereupon the Chairman declared the Resolution passed and adopted.

FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022 PROPOSED BUDGET RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE JONES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

that the Jones County Auditor publish, once in each of the two official County newspapers, the week of March 15, 2021, the proposed Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Jones County Budget Summary showing:

- gross taxes levied to be \$9,338,610 (FYI= FY21 \$9,037,499 + \$301,111)
 - tax breakdown reflecting \$9,183,877 levied on property and \$154,733 as utility replacement taxes
 - \$51,000 of said levy is specifically designated for county facility capital improvements, major software updates, election equipment replacement, aerial tax map update, and other one-time projects deemed by the Board to be of beneficial service to the public
 - the proposed tax levy includes a Mental Health & Disability Services (MHDS) levy for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 at a level \$55,063 less than the statutory maximum levy, and is projected to be sufficient to meet the anticipated expenses from the fund
 - no debt service levy is included in the proposed budget
- total revenues of \$18,156,084 (including taxes, but net of interfund transfers)
- total expenditures of \$19,621,004 (net of interfund transfers)

and setting the public hearing at 9:05 a.m. on Tuesday, March 30, 2021 in the Basement Conference Room of the Jones County Courthouse.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Swisher to set a public hearing, as required by Iowa Code Section 331.434(6), at 9:10 a.m. on March 30, 2021 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 original appropriation for the following departments:

- JETS- the original fiscal year appropriation was \$536,735, the total proposed reduction is \$58,527 (to reflect a reduction in staff hours and a reduction in fuel and vehicle maintenance costs due to COVID-19)
- Veterans Affairs- the original fiscal year appropriation was \$74,854, the total proposed reduction is \$8,262 (to reflect a reduction in health benefit costs)
- Central Park Lake Project- the original fiscal year appropriation was \$253,000, the total proposed reduction is \$253,000 (the project has been moved to the Conservation Capital Project Department)
- Substance Abuse- the original fiscal year appropriation was \$22,350, the total proposed reduction is \$7,300 (to reflect a reduction of services due to COVID-19)
- Senior Dining- the original fiscal year appropriation was \$299,009, the total proposed reduction is \$112,766 (to reflect a reduction of staff hours and reduction in services due to COVID-19)
- Wapsipinicon Trail Project- the original fiscal year appropriation was \$512,820, the total proposed reduction is \$387,820 (to reflect a delay in construction of phase 2 of the trail project to fiscal year 2022)

On roll call vote: Schlarmann aye, Swisher aye, Rohwedder aye, Zirkelbach aye, Oswald aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Rohwedder seconded by Schlarmann to set a public hearing to amend the current county budget at 9:15 a.m. on March 30, 2021; said amendment increase total revenues and other

sources by \$834,322 and decreases total expenditures and other uses by \$559,518, with the Auditor directed to publish the amendment notice in the two official county newspapers. On roll call vote: Schlarmann aye, Swisher aye, Rohwedder aye, Zirkelbach aye, Oswald aye. Motion carried.

All county elected officials were present to discuss door security at the west entrance of the Courthouse.

Moved by Rohwedder seconded by Swisher to continue to use door security at the west entrance of the Courthouse and to re-visit the issue in one month. All aye. Motion carried.

Multiple department heads and employees were present to discuss re-opening all county facilities to the public.

Moved by Rohwedder seconded by Schlarmann to table discussion and to re-visit issue in one month. All aye. Motion carried.

The Public Health Coordinator met with the Board to provide an update on the COVID-19 public health emergency. The Public Health Coordinator gave an update on the number of active COVID-19 cases in the County and an update on vaccine clinics.

The Emergency Management Coordinator met with the Board to provide an update on federal and state COVID relief money, an update on securing PPE, and an update on vaccine clinics.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Schlarmann to approve 28E Agreement with Benton County, Buchanan County, Clayton County, and Delaware County for a Victim Witness Coordinator/Sexual Assault Response Team Assistant. All aye. Motion carried. [2021-024]

Moved by Rohwedder seconded by Zirkelbach to approve claim #2103-0146. All aye. Motion carried.

The Engineer met with the Board to discuss the Title VI agreement and assurance, give an update of the FEMA Derecho funds, and to discuss an upcoming job opening.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Rohwedder to approve the updated Jones County Title VI Non-Discrimination Agreement and Assurance. All aye. Motion carried. [2021-025]

The Board continued discussion on past and upcoming committee meetings.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Swisher to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Attest: Whitney Hein, Auditor

Joe Oswald, Chairman