

July 19, 2022, 9:00 a.m.

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

Moved by Rohwedder seconded by Schlarmann to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2022 meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Swisher to approve claims #2207-0082 through #2207-0330. All aye. Motion carried.

The Land Use Administrator met with the Board to discuss the resignation of a Planning and Zoning Commission member.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Swisher to accept the resignation of James McElheny from the Planning and Zoning Commission District 4 Member effective immediately. All aye. Motion carried.

The County Attorney met with the Board to discuss the repeal and replacement of the EMS levy resolution passed on June 21, 2022. The updated resolution includes changes in the ballot language to be compliance with Iowa law.

Supervisor Swisher introduced the repeal of the previous version of the resolution passed on June 21, 2022 and the replacement resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Supervisor Rohwedder. On roll call vote: Schlarmann aye, Swisher aye, Rohwedder aye, Oswald aye, Zirkelbach aye, whereupon the Chairman declared the resolution passed and adopted.

RESOLUTION ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION ON AN AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Jones County Board of Supervisors has declared emergency medical services an essential services, and did so in compliance with Iowa Code Section 422D.1(2)(a).

WHEREAS, the Jones County Board of Supervisors coordinated efforts with local emergency medical services agencies to establish a county emergency medical services system advisory council to assist in research and assessing the service needs of the county and guiding implementation of services in the county within a council structure.

WHEREAS, the Jones County Board of Supervisors is in receipt of a recommendation from the county emergency medical services system advisory council, which recommends funding at a level of .35 (35 cent) per \$1,000.00 (One Thousand Dollars), of assessed value on all taxable property within the county and said recommendation is on file with the Jones County Board of Supervisors, and has been examined by the Jones County Board of Supervisors, who have determined that it otherwise complies with Iowa Code Section 422D.1(2)(c).

WHEREAS, the question for the imposition of the ad valorem property tax or any other proposal incorporating any portion of it has not or will not be submitted to the qualified electors of Jones County, Iowa, for a period of at least sixty days subsequent to the publication of the notice of the question, so as to comply with Iowa Code Section 422D.1(3)(a).

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Jones County Board of Supervisors to issue raise the ad valorem property tax raise funds for emergency medical services.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED BY THE JONES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, STATE OF IOWA:

Section I. That an election is called of the qualified electors of Jones County, Iowa on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. The following Proposition is approved, and the Auditor is authorized

and directed to submit and file the Proposition for the Ballot with the Jones County Commissioner of Elections at least 60 days prior to the election.

PROPOSITION

Shall the Jones County Board of Supervisors be authorized to impose an ad valorem property tax for the purposes of creation and maintenance of a stable revenue stream for its essential community EMS services, in the amount of .35 (35 cents) per \$1,000.00 (One Thousand Dollars) of assessed value on all taxable property within the county to be used for funding of emergency medical services for a maximum period of 15 years?

[END OF BALLOT LANGUAGE]

Section 2. That the notice of the election and ballot form used at the election shall be prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Iowa Code and Iowa Administrative Rules.

Section 3. That the Election Board for the Voting Precinct or precincts be appointed by the County Commissioner of Elections for each County conducting an election, not less than 15 days before the election.

Section 4. The Commissioner of Elections for each County conducting an election is requested and directed to make publication of the Notice of Election at least once, not less than four days nor more than twenty days prior to the election, in a newspaper that meets the requirements of Section 49 .53(2), Code of Iowa.

Section 5. Jones County, Iowa is the Controlling County for this election

Section 6. That the County Commissioner of Elections for the County conducting an election shall prepare all ballots and election registers and other supplies necessary for the proper and legal conduct of this election.

Section 7. That the Auditor is directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution in the Office of the County Commissioner of Elections of the Controlling County to constitute the "written notice" to the County Commissioner of Elections of the election date, required to be given by the governing body under the provisions of Chapter 422D, Code of Iowa. [2022-124]

Michael Lewis and Steve Davis, Shive-Hattery Architecture and Engineering, met with the Board to provide an update on the law enforcement and courthouse needs study. The preliminary information shows that a new structure will be needed for a law enforcement center and will need to be at least 28,500 square feet in size. The estimated lot size for the building would be 3.5 to 5 acres. A final report will be completed and presented at a later date.

The JETS Director met with the Board to discuss changing Misty Van Fossen's schedule back to a five day work week at eight hours per day due to scheduling conflicts. The Board had previously approve at 4 day work week at ten hours per day at their meeting on June 7, 2022.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Swisher to approve a five day work week at eight hours per day for Misty Van Fossen. All aye. Motion carried.

The Auditor met with the Board to discuss departmental updates and reviews. The Board would like to meet with department heads and elected officials each quarter of the year to keep up to date on current department activities and to for various administrative matters as outlined in the motions below.

Moved by Rohwedder seconded by Oswald to approve the hiring of Lavern "Nick" Martin as a part time senior dining transporter starting at \$15.00 per hour working 7.5 hours per week, effective July 18, 2022. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Schlarmann to authorize a clerical change to the FY2022/2023 Salary Resolution adopted on June 28, 2022 noting the following additions:

- Sarah Tate, Jail Administrator \$72,547.00
- Abby Rosencrans, Community Services Office Coordinator/MHDS Assistant, \$19.30 per hour

- Brad Roe, JETS Driver, \$15.00 per hour.
- All aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Rohwedder introduced the repeal of the previous version of the resolution passed on May 10, 2022 and the replacement resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Supervisor Oswald. On roll call vote: Schlarmann aye, Swisher aye, Rohwedder aye, Oswald aye, Zirkelbach aye, whereupon the Chairman declared the resolution passed and adopted.

RESOLUTION CREATING A OPIOID REMEDIATION FUND

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2020, the Jones County Board of Supervisors entered into an agreement with Simmons Hanly Conroy, LLC, Crueger Dickinson LLC, and von Briesen & Roper, s.c. law firms to represent Jones County in settlement negotiations with certain prescription opioid distributors and manufacturers regarding their alleged practices of misrepresenting the safety of using opioids;

WHEREAS, Jones County, Iowa will be receiving settlement money to assist in the remediation of the local opioid epidemic;

WHEREAS, Jones County needs to create a secure manner in which to track all revenues and expenditures associated with the opioid remediation settlement money;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Auditor shall create a special revenue fund to record the moneys received from the opioid settlement fund. Said fund shall be called the Opioid Remediation Fund 0030. Activities of said fund shall be included in all financial reports of Jones County as a special revenue fund. 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 restricted fund balance pursuant to the county's Fund Classification Policy.

The IT Director met with the Board to discuss new options for back up internet at the Courthouse.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Oswald to approve MV Link as a back-up internet provider at \$299.95 per month and to authorize the purchase of a new firewall at \$6,300.00 and a one year maintenance agreement at \$5,800.00. All aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Brian James met with the Board to discuss the condition of 90th Street and Forest Chapel Road in Anamosa. The road has not been in good condition, but the secondary road department did perform some repair work late last week.

Jean McPherson, Olin City Clerk, and Michael Greene, Olin Mayor, met with the Board to discuss the deteriorating road condition of County Road E45 on the west edge of Olin. The City was wondering why the secondary road department has helped other small towns out such as Martelle and Morley, but has not helped repair the road in Olin. The Engineer stated that farm to market roads in towns under 500 in population are the responsibility of the county, but the county would not be responsible for such roads in towns over 500 in population.

The Engineer met with the Board to give updates on current road projects including the patching project on Co. Rd. E17 and the Buffalo Ridge Road bridge replacement project.

The Board gave brief comments on past and future committee meetings.

The Auditor discussed a potential employer of record agreement as an item for next week's agenda.

During the public comment period, the County Attorney advised the Board of potential litigation with a Jones County citizen for sanitary sewer violations, the Emergency Management Coordinator advised the Board of a potential issue with a citizen wanting to build a house in a floodplain, and the Sheriff spoke to the Board about a discrepancy on vacation payout between the union contract and the employee handbook.

Moved by Schlarman seconded by Swisher to adjourn the meeting at 11:16 a.m. All aye.
Motion carried.

Attest: Whitney Hein, Auditor

Jon Zirkelbach, Chairman