

April 4, 2023 9:00 a.m.

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

Moved by Rohwedder seconded by Zirkelbach to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2023 meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Schlarmann to approve payroll for the period ending March 26, 2023. All aye. Motion carried.

The Auditor met with the Board for the approval of the various items as noted in the motions below.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Rohwedder to make of record Conservation's hire of Ethan Martensen effective March 27, 2023, as a seasonal employee at \$15.00 per hour. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Rohwedder seconded by Schlarmann to void check #186891 in the amount of \$64.45, dated January 3, 2023, made payable to Storey Kenworthy and corresponding claim #2301-0080, submitted by Environmental Health with reason being that the vendor signed an affidavit stating that the check was lost. All aye. Motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION CREATING AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TRUST FUND
WHEREAS, on November 8, 2022, the voters of Jones County passed Public Measure A which creates an ad valorem property tax for the purposes of creation and maintenance of a stable revenue stream for EMS services in Jones County at a rate of \$0.35000 per \$1000 of taxable valuation;
WHEREAS, Jones County, Iowa will be collecting the ad valorem property tax money for EMS services for the first time in FY2023/24;
WHEREAS, Jones County needs to create a secure manner in which to track all revenues and expenditures associated with the emergency medical services ad valorem property tax;
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Auditor shall create a special revenue fund to record the moneys received from the ad valorem property tax. Said fund shall be called the Emergency Medical Services Trust Fund 0026. All interest accrued by this fund shall be attributed back to the fund. 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.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Zirkelbach to open the public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Jones County Budget at 9:05 a.m. On roll call vote: Schlarmann aye, Zirkelbach aye, Rohwedder aye, Oswald aye, Swisher aye. Motion carried.

Three citizens were physically present for the hearing however an unknown number of persons were viewing the hearing remotely by internet or audio access. There were no objections to the budget, but one citizen did have a question on levy rate and levy dollar increases.

The County Auditor provided a summary of the proposed budget, including tax rates, the major sources of revenues and major expenditure functions, included in the proposed budget.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Schlarmann to close the public hearing at 9:18 a.m. On roll call vote: Schlarmann aye, Zirkelbach aye, Rohwedder aye, Oswald aye, Swisher aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Oswald introduced the following FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 ELECTED OFFICIALS' SALARY RESOLUTION, and moved its adoption, seconded by Supervisor Zirkelbach. On roll call vote: Schlarmann aye, Zirkelbach aye, Rohwedder aye, Oswald aye, Swisher aye, whereupon the Chairman declared the resolution duly passed and adopted.

FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024
ELECTED OFFICIALS' SALARY RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Jones County Compensation Board meets annually to recommend a compensation schedule for elected officials for the fiscal year immediately following, in accordance with Iowa Code Sections 331.905 and 331.907, and

WHEREAS, the Jones County Compensation Board met on December 21, 2022, and made the following salary recommendations for the following elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023:

COUNTY OFFICIAL	CURRENT SALARY	PROPOSED INCREASE		RECOMMENDED ANNUAL COMPENSATION
Attorney	\$118,343.06	8%	\$9,467.44	\$127,810.50
Sheriff	\$121,442.74	8%	\$9,715.42	\$131,158.16
Auditor	\$76,522.16	6%	\$4,591.33	\$81,113.49
Treasurer	\$75,095.54	6%	\$4,505.73	\$79,601.27
Recorder	\$72,436.41	6%	\$4,346.18	\$76,782.59
Supervisors	\$32,572.27	6%	\$1,954.34	\$34,526.61

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jones County Board of Supervisors hereby reduces by 0% the salary increases recommended by the Jones County Compensation Board for Attorney, Auditor, Recorder, Sheriff, and Treasurer and reduces by 33.33% the salary increase recommended by the Jones County Compensation Board for the Board of Supervisors to reflect the salary increases noted below for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023:

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Auditor	\$76,522.16	6%	\$4,591.33	\$81,113.49
Treasurer	\$75,095.54	6%	\$4,505.73	\$79,601.27
Recorder	\$72,436.41	6%	\$4,346.18	\$76,782.59
Supervisors	\$32,572.27	4%	\$1,302.89	\$33,875.16

Supervisor Rohwedder introduced the following FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 ADOPTION OF BUDGET and CERTIFICATION OF TAXES RESOLUTION, and moved its adoption, seconded by Supervisor Schlarmann. On roll call vote: Schlarmann aye, Zirkelbach aye, Rohwedder aye, Oswald aye, Swisher aye, whereupon the Chairman declared the resolution duly passed and adopted.

FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 ADOPTION OF BUDGET
& CERTIFICATION OF TAXES RESOLUTION

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Jones County Board of Supervisors that the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Jones County proposed budget and tax levies be adopted as published. Said budget will reflect:

- total expenditures of \$23,490,900 (net of interfund transfers)
- total revenues of \$19,430,186 (including taxes, but net of interfund transfers)
- a county-wide tax levy of \$8,024,104 (\$7,876,225 property tax plus \$147,879 utility replacement tax) against a \$1,233,528,071 valuation (including gas and electric utilities) which produces a rate per \$1,000 of \$6.50500; said county-wide tax levy does not include a debt service levy
- a rural tax levy of \$2,774,457 (\$2,729,945 property tax plus \$44,512 utility replacement tax) against a \$881,754,181 valuation (including gas and electric utilities) which produces a rate per \$1,000 of \$3.14652.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board has designated portions of the projected June 30, 2023 unreserved fund balance as follows:

- General Basic Fund – for the purposes of county facility improvements, replacements, additions, and capital repairs, major software upgrades, and equipment which cannot be absorbed in the general operating budget of any department, all subject to Board approval, \$41,000 will be added in fiscal 2023 to the previously designated balance for said purposes. Amounts so designated may be subsequently reduced by the amounts spent for those purposes, as authorized by the Board, during the fiscal year. The amount of unused funds accumulated for those purposes at June 30 shall be established by resolution as committed fund balance.
- General Supplemental Fund – \$20,000 will be added to a fund for future voting equipment replacement. The amount of unused funds accumulated for those purposes at June 30 shall be established by resolution as committed fund balance. [2023-028]

Moved by Rohwedder seconded by Oswald to open the public hearing at 9:19 a.m., as required by Iowa Code section 331.434(6), on the matter of proposed reductions to fiscal year 2023 departmental appropriations which are in excess of 10% or \$5,000 (whichever is greater) of the original appropriations for the following departments:

- Substance Abuse Services- the original fiscal year appropriation was \$22,100; the total proposed reduction is \$9,600 or 43.4% (to reflect a reduction in services)
- Conservation Derecho Fund-the original fiscal year appropriation was \$292,000, the total proposed reduction is \$287,000 or 98.3% (to reflect a delay in the project plans)

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

Three citizens were physically present for the hearing however an unknown number of persons were viewing the hearing remotely by internet or audio access. No objections to, nor comments in favor of, the proposed departmental adjustments were received.

The Auditor provided an overview of the reductions.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Schlarmann to close the public hearing at 9:22 a.m. On roll call vote: Schlarmann aye, Zirkelbach aye, Rohwedder aye, Oswald aye, Swisher aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Rohwedder to open the public hearing to amend the FY2023 County Budget at 9:23 a.m. On roll call vote: Schlarmann aye, Zirkelbach aye, Rohwedder aye, Oswald aye, Swisher aye. Motion carried.

Three citizens were physically present for the hearing however an unknown number of persons were viewing the hearing remotely by internet or audio access. No objections to, nor comments in favor of, the proposed budget amendment were received.

The Auditor provided an overview of the budget amendment.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Rohwedder to close the public hearing at 9:25 a.m. On roll call vote: Schlarmann aye, Zirkelbach aye, Rohwedder aye, Oswald aye, Swisher aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Schlarmann introduced the following 2022/2023 JONES COUNTY BUDGET AMENDMENT RESOLUTION #3 and moved its adoption, seconded by Supervisor Zirkelbach. On roll call vote: Schlarmann aye, Zirkelbach aye, Rohwedder aye, Oswald aye, Swisher aye, whereupon the Chairman declared the resolution passed and adopted.

2022/2023 JONES COUNTY BUDGET AMENDMENT RESOLUTION #3

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Jones County Board of Supervisors that the 2022/2023 Jones County budget be amended as published March 22, and 23, 2023 in the official County newspapers. Said budget after amendment shows \$22,162,086 of total revenues and other sources (which includes \$18,974,949 revenues and \$3,187,137 of interfund operating transfers in), and \$25,811,047 of total expenditures and other uses (which includes \$22,623,910 expenditures and \$3,187,137 of interfund operating transfers out).

Supervisor Oswald introduced the following APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION 2022/2023-05 and moved its adoption, seconded by Supervisor Zirkelbach. On roll call vote: Schlarmann aye, Zirkelbach aye, Rohwedder aye, Oswald aye, Swisher aye, whereupon the Chairman declared the resolution passed and adopted.

APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION 2022/2023-05

BE IT RESOLVED by the Jones County Board of Supervisors that the following changes in departmental spending appropriations for fiscal year 2022/2023 be adopted:

	Department		current	change		amended
01	Board Of Supervisors	from	333,554	7,446	to	341,000
02	Auditor	from	604,898	41,308	to	646,206
03	Treasurer	from	664,398	17,500	to	681,898
04	County Attorney	from	397,549	11,026	to	408,575
05	Sheriff	from	3,656,033	43,056	to	3,699,089
06	Court Activities	from	6,000	-	to	6,000
07	Recorder	from	218,691	7,938	to	226,629
08	Juvenile Court	from	35,000	241	to	35,241
15	JETS	from	524,659	150	to	524,809
17	Environmental Health	from	203,265	(5)	to	203,260
20	Secondary Road	from	9,000,000	-	to	9,000,000
21	Veterans Affairs	from	73,406	(398)	to	73,008
22	Conservation	from	766,357	86,538	to	852,895
23	Public Health	from	400,679	4,950	to	405,629
24	Land Use	from	52,442	351	to	52,793
25	General Assistance	from	51,371	(1,021)	to	50,350
28	Medical Examiner	from	77,000	-	to	77,000
29	Township	from	9,320	-	to	9,320
30	Conservation Capital Improvement	from	968,390	(108,545)	to	859,845
31	Central Park Lake Project	from	-	-	to	-
32	Economic Development Commission	from	50,000	-	to	50,000
33	Libraries	from	121,235	-	to	121,235
34	Historic Preservation/Tourism	from	34,000	4,000	to	38,000

35	Co Conservation Special Purpose	from	292,000	(287,000)	to	5,000
38	Human Services	from	1,150	(1,100)	to	50
39	Fairs	from	23,661	-	to	23,661
40	Memorial Hall	from	9,050	-	to	9,050
51	General Services	from	385,371	88,008	to	473,379
52	Data Processing	from	349,462	3,236	to	352,698
53	G.I.S. Services	from	138,200	2,900	to	141,100
54	Solid Waste Disposal Co. Share	from	45,500	-	to	45,500
58	Substance Abuse Services	from	22,100	(9,600)	to	12,500
60	Mental Health Services	from	20,000	4,087	to	24,087
62	Mental Health Administration	from	268,632	(6,593)	to	262,039
65	DCAT/CPPC/ECI	from	36,763	3,032	to	39,795
67	Senior Dining	from	324,250	(7,036)	to	317,214
71	Emergency Mgmt County Share	from	128,000	-	to	128,000
81	Employee Wellness	from	4,500	500	to	5,000
82	Employee Safety Committee	from	10,000	-	to	10,000
91	COAP Grant	from	180,000	-	to	180,000
93	Wapsipinicon Trail	from	500,000	4,162	to	504,162
94	Environmental Restoration	from	10,000	-	to	10,000
95	Capital Projects	from	50,000	-	to	50,000
96	Budget Reduction Holding	from	-	-	to	-
99	Nondepartmental	from	1,136,388	531,505	to	1,667,893
	Total		\$22,183,274	\$440,636		\$22,623,910

and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor post all 2022/2023 re-estimated revenues into budgeted revenue amounts, and that the Auditor post all 2022/2023 re-estimated expenditures into budgeted expenditure amounts, even if there is no change in net departmental budgeted amounts.

William Durchenwald met with the Board to give an update regarding the nuisance property at 16259 County Rd X-31, Anamosa. William stated he will be doing more work on the property over the next few weeks.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Zirkelbach to have William Durchenwald meet with the Board on May 2, 2023 to provide another progress update. Ayes: Schlarmann, Zirkelbach, Oswald, Swisher. Nay: Rohwedder. Motion carried.

The Land Use Administrator met with the Board to discuss the proposed Comprehensive Land Use Plan and to set a public hearing.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Schlarmann to set a public hearing at 9:00 a.m. on April 18, 2023 to allow public comment on the proposed Comprehensive Land Use Plan; said plan having been recommended by the Jones County Planning and Zoning Commission as decided at their March 28, 2023. All aye. Motion carried.

The Land Use Administrator and County Attorney met with the Board to discuss nuisance properties at 13461 Ramsey Road, Amber, 10657 Main Street, Center Junction, 108 W 11th Street, Monticello, 23325 Washington Street, Fairview, and 8356 Slide Rock Road, Anamosa.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Rohwedder to set a public hearing on April 25, 2023 at 9:15 a.m. to review violations of the Jones County Nuisance Ordinance on a property owned by Jerry Willcoxson located at 10657 Main Street, Center Junction. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Rohwedder to send an initial courtesy letter to property owner Jayne Intlekofer for property located at 108 W 11th St., Monticello stating that the property owner has thirty days to remedy the violation of the Jones County Zoning Ordinance by either placing the camper in an area zoned for recreational use or to license the camper and place it inside of a building for storage. All aye. Motion carried.

The Engineer met with the Board to introduce new mechanic Noah Lineburg, to discuss the Secondary Roads budget, to discuss an amendment to the FY24 Five Year Road Construction Program, to discuss SF550 regarding a state wide re-allocation of the local option sales tax, and to discuss contract rock for FY23.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Rohwedder to adopt the Secondary Road Budget as presented to be submitted to the Iowa Department of Transportation. All aye. Motion carried. [2023-029]

Moved by Oswald seconded by Schlarman to adopt the Secondary Road Five Year Road Program as presented to be submitted to the Iowa Department of Transportation. All aye. Motion carried. [2023-030]

Supervisor Zirkelbach introduced the following resolution in opposition to SF550 and moved its adoption, seconded by Supervisor Oswald. On roll call vote: Schlarman aye, Zirkelbach aye, Rohwedder aye, Oswald aye, Swisher aye, whereupon the Chairman declared the resolution passed and adopted.

Resolution in Opposition to SF550

WHEREAS, the voters of Jones County and cities within the county have voted to enact a 1 cent Local Option Sales Tax in accordance with Iowa Code 423B, and

WHEREAS, the revenue derived from the tax is used for road and bridge improvements and property tax relief, and

WHEREAS, the residents of Jones County have grown to rely on these revenues as a means to reduce property taxes, and

WHEREAS, the 2023 legislative session has seen the introduction of SF 550, which proposes to convert the Local Option Sales Tax efforts into a statewide sales tax and impose the local option sales tax in every jurisdiction, thereby triggering the constitutional amendment to require an allocation of 3/8th of a cent to the Iowa Water and Land Legacy (IWLL) trust fund, and

WHEREAS, SF 550 proposed to backfill revenues lost due to the proposal, there are concerns of the Legislature ability to continue backfilling revenues, and

WHEREAS, voters across Iowa who have voted to either implement a local option sales tax or not to do so, and

WHEREAS, voters across Iowa who have voted to utilize the local option sales tax have approved revenue purpose statements (RPS), and

WHEREAS, SF 550 also sunsets these provisions on January 1, 2025, after which no jurisdiction will have the authority to take either a LOST proposal or revenue purpose statement to a vote, essentially deleting the local government's ability to have local option sales taxes.

THEREFORE, the Jones County Board of Supervisors would like to express their support of the current Local Option Sales Tax. The current law best represents the interest of voters and furthers the reduction of property taxes, which is a common goal of the County and the Iowa Legislature. The Board of Supervisors unanimously supports the Iowa Water and Land Legacy

(IWLL) trust fund; however, SF 550 as currently written, would not only strip the County of control over Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) revenues, but would effectively disregard the will of the Voters. [2023-031]

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Rohwedder to accept bids until 9:30 a.m. on April 18, 2023 for contract road rock and placement. All aye. Motion carried. [2023-032]

During the public comment period, Ed Luedtke commented on the rock budget and contract rock.

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

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Oswald to adjourn the meeting at 11:19 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Attest: Whitney Hein, Auditor

Jeff Swisher, Chairman