

November 7, 2023 9:00 a.m.

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

Moved by Rohwedder seconded by Oswald to approve the minutes of the October 31, 2023 meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Zirkelbach to approve claims #2311-0001 through #2311-0112. All aye. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the progress on nuisance ordinance violations at 17769 180th St., Langworthy; 17683 E Main St., Langworthy; 17678 180th St., Langworthy; and 15173 County Road E23, Anamosa.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Rohwedder to set a public hearing at 9:10 a.m. on November 28, 2023, to review a violation of the Jones County Nuisance Ordinance on property located at 17769 180th St., Langworthy. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Zirkelbach to set a public hearing at 9:10 a.m. on November 21, 2023, to review a violation of the Jones County Nuisance Ordinance on property located at 17683 E Main St., Langworthy. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Oswald to grant an extension until November 19, 2023 to provide proof of satisfactory abatement of a nuisance to Norm and Donna Zimmerman for a property located at 17678 180th St., Langworthy. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Rohwedder to abate the nuisance at 15173 County Road E23, Anamosa, citing that improvements have been made and that the property owner is encouraged to keep making improvements. All aye. Motion carried.

The Land Use Administrator met with the Board to review the final costs for abating the nuisance at 23325 Washington St., Anamosa in Section 20 of Fairview Township.

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 ASSESSING COSTS OF NUISANCE ABATEMENT

Whereas, on June 16, 2021 the Jones County Land Use Administrator notified the executor of the Patrick S. McDowell estate, Heather McDowell, of a violation of Chapter 7, Nuisance Ordinance, of Title V - Public Order, Safety & Health, of the Jones County Code of Ordinances, at property owned by him and described as North ½ Lots 2 & 5, Lots 3 and 4 and vacated alley all in Block 20 of Section 20 of Fairview Township, said notice sent by certified mail and a diligent search was completed to Heather McDowell. Said notice requested the owner's voluntary abatement of said nuisance within sixty days, and

Whereas, said property owner failed to abate said nuisance within sixty days, and

Whereas, the Jones County Board of Supervisors conducted a public hearing on September 14, 2021 to review violations of Chapter 7, Nuisance Ordinance, of Title V - Public Order, Safety & Health, of the Jones County Code of Ordinances, at said property, and whereas, said ordinance provides authority for the County to perform the required actions to abate the nuisance and the costs incurred shall be assessed to the property for collection in the same manner as a property tax, and

Whereas, pursuant to Section 7, Abatement by County, of Article II Procedure, of Chapter 7, Nuisance Ordinance, of Title V – Public Order, Safety & Health, of the Jones County Code of Ordinance, provides authority for the County to perform the required actions to abate the nuisance

and the costs incurred shall be assessed to the property for collection in the same manner as a property tax, and

Whereas, on January 18, 2023 the Jones County Board of Supervisors agreed to a mutual release and settlement agreement with Heath McDowell to allow her to have until August 15, 2023 to abate the nuisance at which time if not successfully abated then the Board of Supervisors could proceed with completing the abatement;

Whereas, on August 15, 2023 the abatement of the nuisance had not been attempted by Heather McDowell;

Whereas, the Jones County Board of Supervisors has completed the abatement of said nuisance by accepting bids for demolition and removal of the structure on the property, removal of a junk vehicle, backfill of all excavations or other depressions, grading and re-seeding;

Now, therefore, be it resolved pursuant to Section 7, Abatement by County, of Article II Procedure, of Chapter 7, Nuisance Ordinance, of Title V – Public Order, Safety & Health, of the Jones County Code of Ordinance, the Jones County Board of Supervisors hereby order the Jones County Treasurer to assess said costs of abatement in the amount of \$11,847.00 against the property described North ½ Lots 2 & 5, Lots 3 and 4 and vacated alley all in Block 20 of Section 20 of Township 84, Range 4 West of the 5th P.M. (tax parcel FAVAN 0920202001).

Moved by Rohwedder seconded by Zirkelbach to suspend the property taxes, per Iowa Code Section 427.9, for Rose Farnum, effective immediately, for real estate parcel 1622101004 for a property located in the City of Oxford Junction, subject to her continued ownership of said property, and annual certification of eligibility by the Iowa Department of Human Services. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Zirkelbach to approve the Clerk's Report of Fees Collected for the month ending October 31, 2023. All aye. Motion carried. [2023-157]

Moved by Schlarman seconded by Oswald to approve, and authorize the Chairman to sign, the Applications for Family Farm Credit for persons actively engaged in farming from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, with ownership as of June 30, 2023, as presented by the Assessor, with the exception of the following application to be denied as the parcels are operated by a non-eligible party:

- Hansen Family Rev Tr for parcels MADMD 1102300002, 1102300003, 1102300006, 1102300007, 1102400002, 1102400008, 1102400009, 1102400010, 1103400002, 1103400003, and 1103400004

All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Schlarman seconded by Rohwedder to approve Partial Acquisition Contracts with Ronald Dean Wood and George W. Clark & Linda M. Clark for right-of-way along 215th Ave. for Grading Project No. LFM-C-932--7X-53 in Fairview Township. All aye. Motion carried. [2023-158, 2023-159]

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

The Board members discussed items to be placed on future agendas.

Moved by Schlarman seconded by Zirkelbach to adjourn the meeting at 10:33 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Attest: Whitney Hein, Auditor

Jeff Swisher, Chairman