

November 28, 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 November 21, 2023 meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Oswald to approve payroll for the period ending November 19, 2023. All aye. Motion carried.

The Conservation Director met with the Board to discuss an application for the Iowa Department of Natural Resources Trail Planning Assistance for the Jones County portion of the Wapsipinicon River.

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

#### RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A WATER TRAIL ON THE WAPSIPINICON RIVER

Whereas, Jones County maintains four of the seven public Wapsipinicon River Accesses in Jones County;

Whereas, Jones County Conservation seeks to acquire funding and assistance from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to develop a Water Trail Plan and work toward its implementation;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved by the Jones County Board of Supervisors that the Board intends to support the Wapsipinicon River Water Trail Project as follows:

1. Support applying for Iowa Department of Natural Resources water trail planning funding.
2. Work with other state and local river access managers to develop a water trail plan and potentially team up to acquire project funding.
3. Work with and support the Jones County Conservation Department in securing grants, endowments, and donations to construct the proposed water trail and maintain it in the future.
4. Consider financial assistance for the water trail project, as a portion of the local match required for the various associated grant programs, depending upon the amount of the funding required and the County's financial ability to provide such funding. [2023-165]

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

The Auditor met with the Board for various items as noted in the motions below and to discuss departmental budget expectations for FY25.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Rohwedder to open the public hearing at 9:10 a.m. to review violations of the Jones County Nuisance Ordinance on property located at 17769 180<sup>th</sup> St., Langworthy. All aye. Motion carried.

Property owner Jill Wernimont was present and offered comments regarding the clean-up.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Oswald to close the public hearing at 9:11 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Schlarmann to approve a Class B Retail Alcohol License, for Gerald Hunt, doing business as Savor the Barn, to be effective November 30, 2023. All aye. Motion carried. [2023-166]

Moved by Rohwedder seconded by Zirkelbach to appoint Roger Kistler to the Board of Adjustment for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 2024.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Rohwedder to approve the revisions to the Courthouse first floor restroom concept plan. All aye. Motion carried.

The Engineer met with the Board for approval of the various items noted below and to give an update on snow removal and 215<sup>th</sup> Ave right-of-way purchases.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Rohwedder to set the public hearing for the five-year road construction program on December 19, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the District Courtroom at the Jones County Courthouse. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Oswald to hire Lauren Bader, effective December 18, 2023, as a temporary engineering tech in the Secondary Road Department at \$16.50 per hour. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Rohwedder to go into closed session at 9:53 a.m. per Iowa Code Section 21.5 (1)c to discuss pending litigation. On roll call vote: Schlarmann aye, Swisher aye, Rohwedder aye, Zirkelbach aye, Oswald aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Schlarmann to exit closed session at 10:25 a.m. On roll call vote: Schlarmann aye, Swisher aye, Rohwedder aye, Zirkelbach aye, Oswald aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Oswald to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Attest: Whitney Hein, Auditor

Jeff Swisher, Chairman