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

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

Moved by Oswald seconded by Schlarmann to approve claims #2312-0001 through #2312-0106. All aye. Motion carried.

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

Mae Hingtgen, East Central MHDS Region CEO, and Lucia Herman, Community Services Director met with the Board to give a region update and discuss FY24 priority initiatives.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Schlarmann to go into closed session at 9:31 a.m. per Iowa Code Section 21.5 (1) (j.) to discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property. On roll call vote: Schlarmann aye, Zirkelbach aye, Rohwedder aye, Oswald aye, Swisher aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Rohwedder seconded by Oswald to exit closed session at 10:07 a.m. On roll call vote: Schlarmann aye, Zirkelbach aye, Rohwedder aye, Oswald aye, Swisher aye. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Oswald seconded by Rohwedder to set a 0% department budget increase and a 5% wage increase expectation for the FY25 budget season. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Oswald to abate the nuisance at 17769 180th St, Langworthy. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Rohwedder to approve a letter of support for the Aureon Grant for the Wyoming Fire Department. All aye. Motion carried. [2023-167]

The Board hosted a legislative forum and legislators in attendance included State Representative Steve Bradley and State Senator Carrie Koelker.

Supervisor Schlarmann left the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

The Engineer and Assistant to the Engineer met with the Board to give an update on the partial acquisition contracts for the 215th Ave. grading project and for the approval of multiple contracts.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Rohwedder to approve Partial Acquisition Contracts with Stone City Estates LTD, Doug Ricklefs & Nancy Ricklefs; Joan Hinrichsen & Randy Hinrichsen, Trustees of Joan M. Hinrichsen Trust; Lori Wittenburg & Larry Wittenburg; Janet Holcomb & Greg Holcomb; Gunderson Joint Tenancy Trust & Douglas & Diana Larson Revtr., for right-of-way along 215th Ave. for Grading Project No. LFM-C-932--7X-53 in Fairview Township. All aye. Motion carried. [2023-168, 2023-169, 2023-170, 2023-171, 2023-172]

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Oswald to go into closed session at 11:11 a.m. per Iowa Code Section 21.5 (1) (j.) to discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property. On roll call vote: Zirkelbach aye, Rohwedder aye, Swisher aye, Oswald aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Zirkelbach to exit closed session at 11:42 a.m. On roll call vote: Zirkelbach aye, Rohwedder aye, Swisher aye, Oswald aye. Motion carried.

The Board continued to give brief updates on past and future committee meetings.

During the public comment period, members of the public thanked the Board for hosting the legislative forum.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Zirkelbach to adjourn the meeting at 11:44 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Attest: Whitney Hein, Auditor Jeff Swisher, Chairman