

March 12, 2024 9:00 a.m.

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

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Oswald to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2024, meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Oswald to approve claims #2403-0001 through #2403-0169. All aye. Motion carried.

The Jones County Amateur Radio Club met with the Board to discuss a land lease agreement for a radio tower.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Zirkelbach to draw up a land lease agreement with Jones County Amateur Radio Club for a radio tower with the lease expiring when the radio club no longer needs the land. All aye. Motion carried.

The Land Use Administrator and County Attorney met with the Board to discuss a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission on a pipeline ordinance for Jones County.

The Assistant to the Engineer met with the Board for approval of a request for bids for 2024 Contract Rock and to give an update on the 5 year road plan and the X64 paving project.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Zirkelbach to accept bids until 9:30 a.m. on March 26, 2024 for contract road rock and placement. All aye. Motion carried. [2024-036]

The Auditor met with the Board for approval of the various items as listed below and to give an update on the courthouse bathroom remodel project.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Swisher to approve the Clerk's Report of Fees collected for the month ending February 2024. All aye. Motion carried. [2024-037]

Moved by Swisher seconded by Oswald to approve a letter of support for the Maquoketa Fire Department in pursuit of a community project funding endorsement. All aye. Motion carried. [2024-038]

Moved by Swisher seconded by Zirkelbach to re-hire Kevin Steele as an On-Call Deputy Sheriff effective March 5, 2024 at \$36.62 per hour. All aye. Motion carried.

During the budget review portion of the meeting, the Attorney met with the Board to discuss changes to the FY25 budget.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Oswald to approve the County Attorney's proposed budget changes for FY25 including a wage of \$64,370 per year for the County Attorney Secretary which is higher than the previously approved 4.75% increase. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Zirkelbach to set a public hearing, as required by Iowa Code Section 331.434(6), at 9:00 a.m. on April 2, 2024, to receive public comment on proposed reductions to fiscal year 2024 departmental appropriations which are in excess of 10%, or \$5,000 (whichever is greater), of the original appropriation for the following departments:

- Public Health- the original fiscal year appropriation was \$200,566, the total proposed reduction is \$26,823 or 13.37% (to reflect a reduction in staff)
- Land Use- the original fiscal year appropriation was \$47,769, the total proposed reduction is \$14,798 or 30.98% (to reflect a change in staffing from full time to part time)
- Conservation Derecho Fund- the original fiscal year appropriation was \$150,000, the total proposed reduction is \$59,842 or 39.89% (to reflect a change in project timelines)

- Substance Abuse - the original fiscal year appropriation was \$21,100, the total proposed reduction is \$9,500 or 45.02% (to reflect a reduced need for services)
- Mental Health Services - the original fiscal year appropriation was \$25,000 the total proposed reduction is \$8,938 or 35.75% (to reflect accurate expenditures for CASI payments)
- COAP Diversion Grant - the original fiscal year appropriation was \$100,000 the total proposed reduction is \$59,478 or 40.52% (to reflect a reduction in services)
- Budget Holding - the original fiscal year appropriation was \$5,615 the total proposed reduction is \$5,615 or 100%.

All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Swisher to set a public hearing to amend the current county budget at 9:05 a.m. on April 2, 2024; said amendment increases total revenues and other sources by \$501,456 (accounting for an increase of \$23,658 operating transfers in) and decreases total expenditures and other uses by \$741,356 (accounting for an increase of \$23,658 of operating transfers out) with the Auditor directed to publish the amendment notice in the two official county newspapers. All aye. Motion carried.

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

During the Elected Official comment period, the Recorder gave an update on the digitizing project.

During the Public Comment period, Mary Melchert thanked the Board for their work on the pipeline ordinance and Sherrie Thurston asked questions about the FY25 budget and wage increases.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Oswald to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Attest: Whitney Hein, Auditor

Ned Rohwedder, Chairman