

April 1, 2025 9:00 a.m.

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

During the public comment period, Sharon Katuin commented on the current nuisance located at Monti-View trailer court.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Hall to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2025 meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Swisher to approve payroll for the period ending March 9, 2025, as certified by the department heads. All aye. Motion carried.

The Riverview Center met with the Board for recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Supervisor Swisher introduced the following proclamation, seconded by Supervisor Hall. On roll call vote: Zirkelbach aye, Hall aye, Swisher aye, Schlarmann aye, whereupon the Chairman declared the proclamation passed and adopted.

#### PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, sexual assault affects women, children and men of all racial, cultural and economic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the immediate physical and emotional costs, sexual assault may also have associated consequences of post-traumatic stress disorder, substance abuse, depression, homelessness, eating disorders and suicide; and

WHEREAS, sexual assault can be devastating not only to the survivor, but also for the family, friends, and community of the survivor; and

WHEREAS, since no one person, organization, agency, or community can eliminate sexual assault on their own, we must work together to educate our entire population about what can be done to prevent sexual assault, support survivors and their significant others, and support those agencies providing services to survivors.

NOW, THEREFORE, we the Board of Supervisors in and for Jones County, on behalf of all staff and citizens of Jones County do hereby proclaim the month of April 2025 as “sexual assault awareness month” in Jones County, Iowa and encourage all citizens to learn more about preventing sexual violence. [2025-040]

The Land Use Administrator met with the Board to set a public hearing for a construction permit application and for the public hearing relating to a nuisance at the Montiview Trailer Court.

Moved by Hall seconded by Swisher to set a public hearing at 9:15 a.m. on April 15 to receive public comment on a Construction Permit Application for a confinement feeding operation submitted by Manternach Land & Cattle, LLC for property located in Section 35 of Richland Township, with written comments due by 9:15 a.m. on April 15, 2025. All aye. Motion carried.

The Auditor met with the Board as noted in the various motions below and to give an update on the bathroom remodel project.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Hall to acknowledge receipt of a manure management plan from Two B’s Pork LLC, facility #67755, for a facility located in Section 31 of Wyoming Township, with the County Auditor to retain the document in a temporary file for public access for one year. All aye. Motion carried.

The Land Use Administrator continued meeting with the Board.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Zirkelbach to open a public hearing at 9:16 a.m. for a violation of the Jones County nuisance ordinance located at 21664 Business Hwy 151, Monticello. All aye. Motion carried.

The Land Use Administrator gave an update on the property including abandoned trailers, junk, trash, squatters, septic system failure and provided pictures. The deed holder, Kevin Miller, gave an update to the Board including that the contract holder is supposed to be taking care of these problems. All parties involved have stated that the contract holder is very absent from being involved with the property. The DNR is involved with the septic system violations and the contract holder has been given a \$10,000 fine so far.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Hall to close the public hearing at 9:38 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

The Auditor continued to meet with the Board.

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

Resolution for Retention Pay for Jones County Employees

Doing Work on Behalf of the East Central Region for Mental Health

**WHEREAS**, the East Central Region (ECR) is a partnership between Benton, Bremer, Buchanan, Delaware, Dubuque, Iowa, Johnson and Linn Counties in Iowa; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Iowa will be transitioning to its new Behavioral Health System, and the aforementioned counties will now be part of the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services District 7; and

**WHEREAS**, the Iowa Primary Care Association was named as the State of Iowa's Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization (ASO); and

**WHEREAS**, behavioral health services in the nine (9) ECR counties will be administered by a different entity effective July 1, 2025, ECR is committed to continuing to administer brain health (mental health) and disability services through June 30, 2025 to ensure access to services is not compromised in the transition to the new behavioral health system; and

**WHEREAS**, county employees in the nine counties, who are performing duties on behalf of ECR, are imperative to continuing to provide these services through June 30, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, it is believed that Jones County's employees, who are performing services on behalf of the region, will see an increase in their workload through June 30, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the region has recommended that the counties within the East Central Region give retention pay to those county employees doing work on behalf of the region who are willing to stay on and provide said services to the region. The recommended retention pay is as follows for fulltime employees, and the retention pay will be pro-rated based on the number hours per week employees are working for the region:

February	\$750
March	\$1,000
April	\$1,250
May	\$1,500
June	\$2,000

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Jones County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the payment of retention pay to the following Jones County employees who are providing service to the region based on the aforementioned schedule:

Cindy Behrends (9 hours/week)  
Nancy Fahey (40 hours/week)  
Lucia Herman (38 hours/week)  
Haley Pease (25 hours/week)  
Nielie Schaeffer (40 hours/week)

Said retention pay will be paid to each of these employees on the following schedule:

February will be paid the first payroll in April.  
March will be paid the second payroll in April.  
April will be paid the second payroll in May.  
May will be paid the second payroll in June.  
And June will be paid the first payroll in July.  
[2025-041]

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

#### FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 PROPOSED BUDGET RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE JONES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that the Jones County Auditor publish, once in each of the two official County newspapers, the week of April 7, 2025, the proposed Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Jones County Budget Summary showing:

- gross taxes levied to be \$11,536,712.
  - tax breakdown reflecting \$11,355,919 levied on property and \$180,793 as utility replacement taxes.
  - \$55,000 of said levy is specifically designated for county facility capital improvements, major software updates, election equipment replacement, aerial tax map update, and other one-time projects deemed by the Board to be of beneficial service to the public.
  - no debt service levy is included in the proposed budget.
- total revenues of \$20,731,347 (including taxes, but net of interfund transfers)
- total expenditures of \$23,540,567 (net of interfund transfers)

and setting the public hearing at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, in the Board Room of the Jones County Courthouse.

The Engineer and Assistant to the Engineer met with the Board for the approval of various items as noted in the motions below and to give an update on a request from a landowner to upgrade Bunker Hill Road to a Level A road from a Level B road.

Moved by Hall seconded by Swisher to approve the final plans for Project FM-C053(99)—55-53, a 5.2 mile PCC overlay on County Road X31 from Liberty Street to Old Cass Road. All aye. Motion carried. [2025-042]

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Hall to approve the project development certificate for Project FM-C053(99)—55-53, a 5.2 mile PCC overlay on County Road X31 from Liberty Street to Old Cass Road. All aye. Motion carried. [2025-043]

Moved by Swisher seconded by Zirkelbach to approve a contract with KAM Line Highway Markings for \$117,257.48 to furnish and place pavement marking on various secondary roads throughout Jones County. All aye. Motion carried. [2025-044]

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Hall to hire Lauren Bader, effective June 2, 2025, as a temporary engineering tech in the Secondary Road Department at \$17.50 per hour. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Hall seconded by Swisher to approve a federal aid agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation for project no. BROS-C053(101)—8J-53, a bridge project on 200<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Greenfield Township. All aye. Motion carried. [2025-045]

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Hall to adopt the Secondary Road Five Year Road Program as presented and to adopt the Secondary Road FY26 budget with both to be submitted to the Iowa Department of Transportation. All aye. Motion carried. [2025-046, 2025-047]

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Swisher to approve surface stabilization to be placed on 65<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Violet Road, and Forest Chapel Road for a combined total of approximately 7 miles. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Zirkelbach to approve rock contract for Weber Stone Co. in the amount of \$403,161.00. All aye. Motion carried. [2025-048]

Moved by Hall seconded by Zirkelbach to approve rock contract for River City Stone in the amount of \$190,792.80. All aye. Motion carried. [2025-049]

Moved by Hall seconded by Swisher to approve rock contract for Wendling Quarries in the amount of \$263,546.50. All aye. Motion carried. [2025-050]

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Hall to approve a rock sub-contract for Weber Stone Co. in the amount of \$33,120.00 for approximately 4.68 miles of rock placement that was not on the original contract rock bid. All aye. Motion carried. [2025-051]

Staci Griffin, IMWCA, met with the Board to give an update on current workers' compensation claims and how to control premium pricing. After the meeting, Staci and two board members did a walk-through of the Courthouse and Secondary Road buildings.

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

Moved by Swisher seconded by Hall to adjourn the meeting at 10:47 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Attest: Whitney Hein, Auditor

John Schlarmann, Chairman