

April 29, 2025 9:00 a.m.

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

During the public comment period, Paula Hart, Environmental Services Coordinator, introduced her replacement, Lisa Bogran. Paula's last day before retirement is May 2, 2025.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Hall to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2025 meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Oswald to approve payroll for the period ending April 20, 2025, as certified by the department heads. All aye. Motion carried.

The Auditor met with the Board for the various items as noted in the motions below and to give an update on the Courthouse bathroom remodel project, to discuss re-directing funds for Every Child Reads in the FY26 from a tutoring program to purchasing books, to discuss the ISAC 99 county tour that will happen over the next couple of years, and to remind of the roof replacement pre-bid meeting. Completion of the project has been extended due to some touch-ups needed by various sub-contractors.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Swisher to approve, and place on file, the Sheriff's Report of Fees collected for the quarter ending March 31, 2025. All aye. Motion carried. [2025-069]

Moved by Swisher seconded by Hall to approve a cigarette permit for Casey's Marketing, doing business as Casey's General Store #3898, 23485 County Rd. E34, Anamosa, to be effective July 1, 2025. All aye. Motion carried. [2025-070]

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Hall to approve a Class C Retail Alcohol License with Outdoor Service privileges for Little Bear Recreation Club, 9036 Hwy 136, Wyoming, to be effective May 24, 2025. All aye. Motion carried. [2025-071]

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Swisher to authorize the Auditor to sign the restatement agreement with Nationwide Financial Services, Inc. to continue the deferred compensation plan known as the 475(b) for employees. All aye. Motion carried. [2025-072]

The Land Use Administrator met with the Board to hold a public hearing on the proposed Data Center and Cryptocurrency Ordinance and to give an update on a nuisance ordinance violation that had been received.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Swisher to open a public hearing on the proposed Data Center and Cryptocurrency Ordinance at 9:15 a.m. On roll call vote: Zirkelbach aye, Hall aye, Swisher aye, Oswald aye, Schlarmann aye. Motion carried.

The Land Use Administrator gave comments on the ordinance. Supervisor Oswald asked about the distance at which the decibel reading should be taken. Citizen, Linda Stickle, inquired about the need (and possible lack of need) for these types of facilities and mental health issues caused by the humming noise.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Swisher to close the public hearing at 9:23 a.m. On roll call vote: Zirkelbach aye, Hall aye, Swisher aye, Oswald aye, Schlarmann aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Hall to approve the first consideration of Jones County, Iowa Ordinance 2025-02, an ordinance amending CHAPTER 3, JONES COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE of TITLE VI – PROPERTY & LAND USE. On roll call vote: Zirkelbach aye, Hall aye, Swisher aye, Oswald aye, Schlarmann aye, whereupon the Chairman declared the first consideration approved.

The Engineer met with the Board for approval of a contract rock contract and to discuss the Jury and Witness Duty policy in the employee handbook.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Hall to approve rock contract for Bard Materials, Inc in the amount of \$86,932.10 and a rock sub-contract for Bard Materials, Inc in the amount of \$22,440.00 for approximately 4.42 miles of rock placement that was not on the original contract rock bid. All aye. Motion carried. [2025-073, 2025-074]

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

During the elected official comment period, the Recorder briefed the Board on potential legislation that would increase recording fees and change the structure of Iowa Land Records.

Moved by Hall seconded by Swisher to adjourn the meeting at 9:56 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Attest: Whitney Hein, Auditor

John Schlarmann, Chairman