

June 17, 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

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Hall to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2025 meeting and the June 10, 2025 meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Hall to approve claims #2506-0098 through #2506-0329. All aye. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the memorandum of understanding agreement with MH/DS of the East Central Region Disability Access Point. Board members stated that they do not have any reason to go against the advice of their attorneys which is to not be part of the agreement. The Board does recognize that this might create hardship for the employees affected and would like to research the possibility of extending benefits until a new employer of record can be found. Julie Davison with the region did provide an update on what other counties are doing with the MOU.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Hall to not participate in the FY26 Memorandum of Understanding agreement with MH/DS of the East Central Region Disability Access Point and to recognize that the FY25 MOU agreement will expire on June 30, 2025, and will not be extended into FY26. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Hall seconded by Zirkelbach to issue layoff notices to the Children's Coordinator, and full time and part time social workers employed under the memorandum of understanding with the Mental/ Health/Disability Services of the East Central Region and to eliminate the Community Services Director position effective June 30, 2025. All aye. Motion carried.

The EMA Director met with the Board to present the 2025 multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The plan was prepared by a contractor, and it will be a very useful resource for grants and emergency activities.

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

A RESOLUTION OF JONES COUNTY ADOPTING THE 2025 HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS, Jones County recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within Jones County; and

WHEREAS, Jones County has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as the 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan in accordance with federal laws, including the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended; the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended; and the National Dam Safety Program Act, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in Jones County from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS, adoption by the Jones County Board of Supervisors demonstrates their commitment to hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE JONES COUNTY, IOWA, THAT:

Section 1. On June 17, 2025, the Jones County Board of Supervisors adopts the 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan. While content related to Jones County may require revisions to meet the plan approval requirements, changes occurring after adoption will not require Jones County Board of Supervisors to re-adopt any further iterations of the plan. Subsequent plan updates following the approval period for this plan will require separate adoption resolutions. [2025-104]

In the absence of the Land Use Administrator, the Auditor met with the Board for a public hearing on a nuisance ordinance violation located at 4086 Main St., Mills, Oxford Junction.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Swisher to open a public hearing at 9:15 a.m. for a violation of the Jones County nuisance ordinance located at 4086 Main St. Mills, Oxford Junction. All aye. Motion carried.

The Land Use Administrator took photos of the property last week and distributed them to the Board prior to the meeting. The property owner was not present for the hearing. Supervisor Hall has been in communication with the property owner. The property owner has made some improvements, but it is not done yet as there is still metal scrap lying around and weeds have not been controlled. The Board would like the Land Use Administrator to present a detailed checklist of the items that need to be completed by the property owner at the next Board meeting.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Zirkelbach to close the public hearing at 9:21 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

The Auditor met with the Board for the various items as noted in the motions below, to discuss updates to the Broadway Place Annex annual lease agreements and to discuss the 1st floor Courthouse Bathroom remodel project. The Board will consider the Broadway Place Annex lease agreements with the same terms as FY25 at the next Board meeting. The tile in the bathroom is not acceptable in its current state. The contractor did hire a new sub-contractor to correct the tile issues, but said sub-contractor has now declined the project due to scheduling conflicts. The contractor is talking with other tile contractors to get someone in place. The tile work is estimated to take one week to complete and then other finishing touches to the bathrooms can be performed.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Hall to approve a five-day Special Class C Retail Alcohol License with Outdoor Service privileges for St. Peter's Church – Temple Hill at 20189 Temple Hill Road, Cascade (Temple Hill Barbeque), to be effective June 26, 2025. All aye. Motion carried. [2025-105]

Moved by Swisher seconded by Zirkelbach to increase the regularly scheduled hours for Land Use Administrator, Whitney Amos, from 28 hours per week to 30 hours per week, effective June 15, 2025. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Hall seconded by Swisher to approve, and place on file, the Clerk's Report of Fees Collected for the month ending May 31, 2025. All aye. Motion carried. [2025-106]

The Engineer met with the Board for discussion of current and future road projects including the ditching project on County Road X64 near Oxford Junction, the upcoming Buffalo Road project, the contract for documents and future paving letting for County Road X31, the culvert slip lining project, a DOT project on Highway 38 north of Monticello and a potential safety project on Highway 38 in Monticello at the school intersection, and the drainage issue at Broadway Place Annex.

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

Moved by Swisher seconded by Hall to adjourn the meeting at 9:57 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Attest: Whitney Hein, Auditor

John Schlarmann, Chairman