

August 12, 2025 9:00 a.m.

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

During the public comment period, Sherrie Thurston commented on the future Landis Road project.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Oswald to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2025 meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Oswald to approve claims #2508-0001 through #2508-0151 and to void claim #2508-0040 (check #198225) in the amount of \$4,548.47 made payable to American Floor Mats, submitted by the General Services department, with reason being that the vendor requested payment via credit card prior to shipment. All aye. Motion carried.

The Auditor met with the Board for the various items as noted in the motions below, to give an update on the Courthouse bathroom remodel project, to give an update on the pre-construction meeting for the Public Safety Facility, and to give an update on the Courthouse roof replacement project.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Swisher to approve a Special Class C Retail Native Wine License, with Living Quarters, and Outdoor Service privileges, for Lubben Vineyards & Wines, LLC, doing business as Lubben Vineyards & Wines, 13504 US 151, Anamosa, to be effective August 15, 2025. All aye. Motion carried. [2025-141]

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Oswald to acknowledge receipt of an updated manure management plan from Lone Tree Farms, LLC for a facility located in Section 25 of Wayne Township. All aye. Motion carried. (Auditor Note: This replaces the MMP previously approved on July 22, 2025)

Moved by Swisher seconded by Oswald to approve, and place on file, the Clerk's Report of Fees Collected for the month ending July 2025. All aye. Motion carried. [2025-142]

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Swisher to approve a gathering permit and waive the \$5.00 permit fee, for the Jones County Historical Society for the Edinburgh Folk Festival on August 24, 2025 at 13838 Edinburgh Rd., Scotch Grove. All aye. Motion carried. [2025-143]

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

Resolution to Designate Voting Representatives for the Iowa State Association of  
Counties

WHEREAS, Jones County ("County") is a member of the Iowa State Association of Counties; and

WHEREAS, the ISAC Articles of Incorporation were updated in November 2024 to require the County to designate, through resolution by its Board of Supervisors, its County Voting Representatives; and

WHEREAS, only the designated County Voting Representatives have the power to vote on behalf of the County at ISAC; and

WHEREAS, the County Voting Representatives must be either elected county officials or the principal officer for each county department represented by an Affiliated Association of ISAC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jones County Board of Supervisors, effective immediately, hereby designates the following persons as County Voting Representatives for ISAC:

Iowa State Association of County Supervisors: Darrick Hall, Jeff Swisher, Joe Oswald, John Schlarmann, Jon Zirkelbach

Iowa State Sheriffs' and Deputies' Association: Greg Graver

Iowa County Attorneys Association, Inc.: Kristofer Lyons

Iowa State Association of County Auditors: Whitney Hein

Iowa State County Treasurers Association: Amy Picray

Iowa County Records Association, Inc.: Sheri Jones

Iowa County Engineers Association: Derek Snead

Iowa State Association of Assessors: Sarah Benter

Iowa Community Services Association: Whitney Amos

Iowa Emergency Management Association: Brenda Leonard

County Conservation Directors Association of Iowa: Brad Mormann

Iowa Environmental Health Association, Inc.: Lisa Bogran

Iowa Counties Public Health Association: Brad Knudson

County Zoning Officials of Iowa: Whitney Amos

Iowa Counties Information Technology Organization: Lisa Mootz

Iowa Association of County Commissioners and Veterans Service Officers, Inc.: Susan Yario

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Swisher to place on file the Treasurer's Semi- Annual Report for the period of January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025 and to approve the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ending June 30, 2025. All aye. Motion carried. [2025-144, 2025-145]

The Land Use Administrator met with the Board for a public hearing regarding a nuisance ordinance violation.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Oswald to open a public hearing at 9:21 a.m. for a violation of the Jones County nuisance ordinance located at 2696 County Road X64, Oxford Junction. All aye. Motion carried.

The Land Use Administrator gave an update on the property including and stated that a few items in the front and side yard had been cleaned, but there are still junk items remaining including vehicles and appliances. The Land Use Administrator advised that the property owners have had no contact with the County regarding the nuisance.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Zirkelbach to close the public hearing at 9:25 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

The Engineer met with the Board to set two public hearings on unrelated matters and to give an update on current road projects including pavement marking, a box culvert and pavement project, and the interview process for open positions.

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

**Resolution to Set a Hearing on a Proposal to Vacate and Close a Road Segment**

Whereas a request has been filed with the Jones County Engineer to vacate and close a section of Jones County Secondary Road, described as follows:

A road beginning approximately 875 feet south of the Maquoketa River in the center of the public highway in the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of Section Thirty-four (34), Township Eighty-six North (T86N), Range Two West (R2W), of the 5th Principal Meridian, Jones County, Iowa, thence northerly to the end of Dales Ford Road at the southerly bank of the Maquoketa River and its point of termination.

Whereas the agency which has control and jurisdiction over such a roadway, has the power to vacate and close any such roadway thereon in accordance with Code of Iowa, Chapter 306; and

Whereas proceeding to the vacation and closing of the road, the agency in control of the road shall set a date for a hearing on the vacation and closing in the county where the road is located; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that a hearing on the proposed vacation and closure will be held in the Supervisors' Boardroom at the Jones County Courthouse, Anamosa, Iowa, at 9:30 a.m., Central Standard Time, on Tuesday, August 26, 2025. [2025-146]

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

**Resolution to Set a Public Hearing**

Whereas, the Jones County Board of Supervisors (Board) will conduct a public hearing under the provisions of Sections 6B.2A and 6B.2B of the Iowa Code for a new Landis Road bridge over the Wapsipinicon River; and

Whereas, the Board proposes to acquire part or all of the property or an interest in the property by condemnation for the public improvement; and

Whereas, the Board intends to construct a new bridge over the Wapsipinicon River that will be approximately 900 feet downstream on an alternate roadway alignment that will connect with 95th Street; and

Whereas, funds for this project are available from a Federal Bridge Investment Program (BIP) Grant and the Jones County Farm-to-Market account; and

Whereas, before Jones County can proceed with said project, the Board must:

1. Hold a public hearing, providing the opportunity for public input on the question of proceeding with the public improvement and on the acquisition or condemnation of property interests for the project; and

2. Adopt a resolution declaring its intent to proceed with said project and authorizing the acquisition of property interests required for the project by negotiation or condemnation.

Now, therefore, be it Resolved the Board will conduct a public hearing on the intent to fund a site-specific project and to acquire property rights therefore is to be held on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. in the Boardroom of the Jones County Courthouse, Anamosa, Iowa. [2025-147]

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

Moved by Oswald seconded by Swisher to go into closed session at 9:48 a.m. per Iowa Code Section 21.5 (1)c to discuss pending litigation. On roll call vote: Zirkelbach aye, Swisher aye, Oswald aye, Schlarmann aye. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Oswald seconded by Zirkelbach to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Attest: Whitney Hein, Auditor

John Schlarmann, Chairman