

December 16, 2025 9:00 a.m.

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

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Oswald to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2025 meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Hall to approve claims #2512-0137 through #2512-0380 and to void claim #2512-0188, corresponding check #199604, in the amount of \$1,132.61, made payable to Alliant Energy, submitted by Conservation with reason being the wrong amount was submitted. All aye. Motion carried.

The Auditor met with the Board for various items and noted in the motion below.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Hall to accept a quote from Midwest Alarm Services for the replacement of the smoke detector heads, heat heads, and fire panel module for the Courthouse in the amount of \$16,166.65 noting that there will be a color difference between the new smoke detector heads and the existing bases. All aye. Motion carried. [2025-198]

Staci Griffin and Dean Schade with IMWCA met with the Board to provide details on the County's worker's compensation insurance. The County has been trending in the wrong direction with premium and IMWCA would like to see the County focus on three areas to help minimize claims: utilize light and modified duty return to work programs, incident analysis reviews, and timely reporting of incidents.

The Auditor continued to meet with the Board for approval of voided check and to give an update on the Public Safety Facility construction.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Hall to void check #198567 in the amount of \$73.89, dated September 9, 2025, made payable to the Jones County Engineer; and corresponding claim #2509-0112, submitted by JCERT, with reason being the vendor signed an affidavit stating check was lost or never received. All aye. Motion carried.

The Land Use Administrator met with the Board for approval of the second considerations of Jones County Iowa Ordinances 2025-03 and 2025-04 and to set a public hearing for the proposal of a change to the zoning ordinance for non-conforming uses.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Swisher to approve the second consideration of Jones County, Iowa Ordinance 2025-03, an ordinance amending CHAPTER 4, JONES COUNTY SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Hall to approve the second consideration of Jones County, Iowa Ordinance 2025-04, an ordinance amending CHAPTER 3, JONES COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE, of TITLE VI PROPERTY & LAND USE, ARTICLE XI AUXILIARY & SEASONAL DWELLING UNITS. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Oswald to set a public hearing on January 6, 2026 at 9:15 a.m. to amend the Jones County Zoning Ordinance Chapter 3 Article VI Non-Conforming Uses to allow parcels split prior to December 2005 and under ten acres to be considered buildable. All aye. Motion carried.

The Engineer met with the Board for approval of a preconstruction agreement, for approval of a revised PPE policy and to get input on the purchase of Bluetooth headsets for Secondary Road employees, and to discuss the differences between union and non-union holidays.

Moved by Hall seconded by Zirkelbach to approve a preconstruction agreement with the Iowa DOT for paved side road fillets along State Highway 38, north of the City of Monticello. All aye. Motion carried. [2025-199]

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Swisher to approve an updated Secondary Road Department Personal Protective Equipment Policy to include the purchase of Secondary Road insignia clothing. All aye. Motion carried. [2025-200]

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

During the elected official comment period, the Auditor presented 2025 Tax Year valuation information to the Board, the County Attorney commented on providing a more robust holiday schedule for calendar year 2026, and the Treasurer commented on county department clothing purchases and policies.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Oswald to adjourn the meeting at 10:28 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Attest: Whitney Hein, Auditor

John Schlarmann, Chairman