

January 2, 2026 9:00 a.m.

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

During the public comment period, Linda Stickle commented on the recently remodeled women's restroom on the first floor of the Courthouse and Sherri Thurston commented on the final plans for the Landis Road bridge.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Hall to approve the minutes of the December 23, 2025 meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Zirkelbach to approve claims #2601-0001 through #2601-0104. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Hall to appoint Supervisor Oswald as Chairman and Supervisor Zirkelbach as Vice-Chairman of the Jones County Board of Supervisors for calendar year 2026 and until their successors are appointed. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Hall to appoint the Jones County Supervisors to the following committees. All aye. Motion carried.

JEFF SWISHER

Jones County 911 Service Board  
Jones County Emergency Management Agency  
Jones County Integrated Roadside Vegetation  
Management Committee  
Jones County Resource Enhancement and Protection  
(R.E.A.P.)  
Jones County Solid Waste Commission  
Jones County Courthouse & Public Building  
Security Committee  
Jones County Decategorization/CPPC

DARRICK HALL

Jones County Emergency Medical Services Assn.  
Jones County Tourism Association  
Cedar/Jones Early Childhood Iowa Board  
Federal Emergency Management Association  
(F.E.M.A.)  
H.A.C.A.P. – District  
Area Substance Abuse Council  
Jones County Safe & Healthy Youth Coalition

JOE OSWALD-CHAIRMAN

Advancement Services of Jones County  
D.H.S. Service Area Advisory Board  
Maquoketa River Watershed Authority  
Sixth Judicial District Dept. of Corrections  
Workforce Development  
Eastern Iowa Regional Utility Service System  
(E.I.R.U.S.S.)  
Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Board  
Jones County Fairboard

JOHN SCHLARMANN

Jones County Board of Health  
Jones County Solid Waste Commission  
Jones County G.I.S. Committee  
Jones County Safety Committee

JON ZIRKELBACH – VICE-CHAIRMAN

Jones County Integrated Roadside Vegetation  
Management Committee  
Jones County Wapsipinicon Trail Committee  
East Central Iowa Council of Governments  
(E.C.I.C.O.G.)  
East Central Iowa Housing Fund  
Region 10 Transportation Policy Committee  
Jones County Economic Development  
Commission  
Heritage Agency on Aging Task Force  
Heritage Agency on Aging  
Jones County Conservation Board

**Further, each Jones County Supervisor is appointed as an alternate to the following boards and commissions if they are not designated above as a primary appointee:**

Jones County 911 Service Board  
Jones County Board of Health  
Jones County Economic Development Commission  
Jones County Emergency Management Agency  
Jones County Fair Board  
Jones County Integrated Roadside Management  
Committee  
Jones County Mental Health Advisory Board  
Jones County Safety Committee  
Jones County Solid Waste Commission  
Area Substance Abuse Council (A.S.A.C.)  
East Central Iowa Council of Governments  
(E.C.I.C.O.G.)  
Eastern Iowa Regional Utility Service System  
(E.I.R.U.S.S.)  
H.A.C.A.P. – District  
Region 10 Transportation Policy Committee  
Sixth Judicial District Dept. of Corrections

Moved by Hall seconded by Zirkelbach to appoint the Anamosa Journal-Eureka and Monticello Express as the official Jones County newspapers for county legal publications for the 2026 calendar year. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Hall to appoint Dr. Michael Weston, Anamosa, as Medical Examiner, Kevin Weber, Anamosa, as Medical Examiner Investigator, Brandon Kent, Anamosa, as Medical Examiner Investigator, Alesha Weber, Anamosa, as Medical Examiner Investigator, Nicholas Schultz, Cascade, as Medical Examiner Investigator In Training, and Coletta Matson, Cascade, as Medical Examiner Investigator In Training, for calendar year 2026. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Hall to approve the County covering the cost of one medical examiner investigator class through DMACC in the amount of \$500. All aye. Motion carried.

The Auditor reported that application form for Boards and Commissions is always on the county's website and there have been no new applications received for open positions.

Moved by Hall seconded by Swisher to appoint Jon Zirkelbach, Jones County Supervisor to the East Central Iowa Council of Governments (ECICOG) Board of Directors for a three year term expiring December 31, 2028, and to affirm Supervisors Joe Oswald, John Schlarmann, Darrick Hall and Jeff Swisher as alternates. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Hall to appoint Doug Wortman to the East Central Iowa Council of Governments Revolving Loan Fund Committee for a one-year term expiring December 31, 2026 and to appoint, and/or re-affirm the appointments of, the following persons to the Region 10 Transportation Committees. All aye. Motion carried.

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expiring</u>
Policy	Regular Member	Jake Ellwood, Mayor of Monticello	12/31/27
Policy	Regular Member	Jon Zirkelbach, Jones County Supervisor	12/31/26
Policy	Alternate Member	John Schlarmann, Jones County Supervisor	12/31/26
Policy	Alternate Member	Joe Oswald, Jones County Supervisor	12/31/26
Policy	Alternate Member	Jeff Swisher, Jones County Supervisor	12/31/26
Policy	Alternate Member	Darrick Hall, Jones County Supervisor	12/31/26
Technical Advisory	Regular Member	Todd Postel, Jones County Asst. to the Engineer	12/31/27
Technical Advisory	Regular Member	Brenda Leonard, Jones County Emergency Mgmt.	12/31/26
Technical Advisory	Regular Member	Derek Snead, Jones County Engineer	12/31/26
Technical Advisory	Alternate Member	Bill Feldman, Anamosa	12/31/26
Trails Advisory	Regular Member	Lisa McQuillen, Anamosa	12/31/27
Trails Advisory	Regular Member	Brad Mormann, Jones County Conservation	12/31/26
Trails Advisory	Alternate Member	Brad Hatcher, Anamosa	12/31/27
Trails Advisory	Alternate Member	Jacob Oswald, Monticello	12/31/27
Passenger Transp. Advisory	Regular Member	Jamie Ginter, Jones County JETS	12/31/26
Passenger Transp. Advisory	Regular Member	Whitney Amos, Jones County Community Serv	12/31/27

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Hall to table the appointment of two members to the Eastern Iowa Regional Housing Authority Board. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Zirkelbach to appoint Wes Gibbs as Weed Commissioner for calendar year 2026. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Swisher to appoint Cole Fishwild, Byron Freese, and Wendy Dunn to the Pioneer Cemetery Commission for three-year terms expiring December 31, 2028. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Hall to appoint David Balster, Tim Fay, and Norman Zimmerman to the Historic Preservation Commission for three-year terms expiring December 31, 2028. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Hall seconded by Zirkelbach to appoint John Schlarmann and Kirk Kilburg, MD to the Jones County Board of Health for three-year terms expiring December 31, 2028. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Hall to appoint Mark Denniston as the Supervisor representative to the Jones County Civil Service Commission for a six-year term expiring December 31, 2031. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Hall seconded by Swisher to appoint, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 6B.4, Code of Iowa, the following persons to the Compensation Commission for Eminent Domain Proceedings. All aye. Motion carried.

#### COMPENSATION COMMISSION FOR EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEEDINGS

##### OWNER - OPERATORS OF AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY

Steve Barber, Oxford Junction	Steve Brainard, Anamosa
Joe Cruise, Monticello	Myron Ehresman, Anamosa
David Lubben, Monticello	Ryan Sperfslage, Monticello
H. Richard Zimmerman, Anamosa	

##### OWNERS – CITY & TOWN

David Haag, Monticello	Phil Andrews, Anamosa
Mike Holmes, Monticello	Nathan Lehrman, Wyoming
Joe Paulsen, Onslow	Becky Westphal, Olin
Tom Zaruba, Oxford Junction	

##### REAL ESTATE - SALESPERSONS OR BROKERS

Cheryl Dirks, Monticello	Sue Fogarty, Anamosa
Ivan Kurt, Cascade	Marv Marek, Anamosa
Christine McNamara, Olin	Thomas Orr, Monmouth
Crystal Wherry, Anamosa	

##### KNOWLEDGE OF PROPERTY VALUE – BANKERS, AUCTIONEERS, APPRAISERS

Arnie Andreesen, ret. County Assessor, Anamosa	Kurt Andreesen, Farmer, Center Junction
Jack Dietiker, Carpenter, Anamosa	Phil Gent, Appraiser, Monmouth
Rochelle Dietiker, Anamosa	Ed Shover, Auctioneer, Anamosa
Jerry Volk, R.E. Salesman, Cascade	

The Auditor met with the Board to void a check and give an update on the construction of the Public Safety Facility.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Hall to void check #196653 in the amount of \$651.60, dated March 25, 2025, made payable to Jones Regional Pharmacy; and corresponding claim #2503-0257, submitted by the Sheriff Department, with reason being vendor signed an affidavit stating check was lost or never received. All aye. Motion carried.

The Engineer met with the Board to update the Title VI agreement and assurances, for approval of revised plans for the Landis bridge project, for approval of an acquisition contract, and to give an update on the County Road X31 project as it nears completion.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Hall to approve a Partial Acquisition Contract with Terry and Wanda Tuetken for right-of-way for Project No. FM-CO53(95)—5E-53, a grading and paving project along Ridge Road Co Rd E28. All aye. Motion carried. [2026-001]

Moved by Swisher seconded by Hall to approve an update to the County's Title VI Non-Discrimination Agreement and Title VI Non-Discrimination Assurances with the Iowa Department of Transportation reflecting an update to the named Board Chairman. All aye. Motion carried. [2026-002, 2026-003]

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Swisher to approve a revision to Final Plans for Project No. HDP-CO53(92)—6B-53, Landis Road Bridge project over the Wapsipinicon River, which amends the letting date. All aye. Motion carried.

During the elected official comment period, Oswald stated that the nuisance clean-up at Monti View Trailer Court was completed.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Hall to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Attest: Whitney Hein, Auditor

Joe Oswald, Chairman