

January 6, 2026 9:00 a.m.

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

Moved by Hall seconded by Zirkelbach to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2026 meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Schlarman to approve payroll for the period ending December 28, 2025, as certified by the department heads. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Hall to open bids at 9:01 a.m. for the county farm lease. All aye. Motion carried.

Bids were received from the following:

- Justin Buck, \$36,224.50/year for 3 years
- Raymond R. Kurt, \$31,001.25/year for 3 years
- Cody Hanson, \$41,811.00/year for 2 years
- Zachary J. Timm, \$41,011.00/year for 3 years
- Riley Bossard, Gold Standard Ag LLC, \$30,000/year for 3 years

Moved by Schlarman seconded by Hall to award the county farm lease to Cody Hanson for two years, in the amount of \$41,811.00 per year. All aye. Motion carried.

Alicia Preston and Meagan Prestegard, ECICOG Environmental Department, met with the Board to discuss the EPA Brownfield Grant Program. The Board agreed to be a coalition member last year for ECICOG to apply for the grant. Unfortunately, the grant was not awarded to ECICOG. Another round of grant applications has opened up and Alicia and Meagan asked the Board to participate in the grant process by being a coalition member.

Supervisor Swisher introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Supervisor Zirkelbach. All aye, whereupon the Chairman declared the resolution passed and adopted.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE JONES COUNTY, IOWA  
ELIGIBILITY AND COALITION MEMBER COMMITMENT TO THE  
EAST CENTRAL IOWA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
FY26 EPA BROWNFIELDS ASSESSMENT COALITION GRANT  
APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, the East Central Iowa Council of Governments (ECICOG) desires to submit an application to the FY26 US EPA Brownfields Assessment Coalition Grant Program for the region including Benton, Iowa, Johnson, Jones, Linn, and Washington counties; and

WHEREAS, ECICOG desires to establish a brownfield assessment coalition including Jones County, Iowa as a non-lead coalition member; and

WHEREAS, US EPA requires coalition members to affirm program eligibility; and

WHEREAS, US EPA requires coalition members to affirm commitment to becoming a coalition member; and

WHEREAS, US EPA requires coalition members to affirm ECICOG has the legal authority to expend grant funds on its behalf to conduct the proposed grant activities; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Jones County, Iowa, Board of Supervisors that the Chairperson is authorized to sign the Eligibility Affirmation and Non-lead Coalition Member Commitment letter in support of the proposed ECICOG FY26 US EPA Brownfields Assessment Coalition Grant application. [2026-004]

The Land Use Administrator met with the Board for public hearings on proposed changes to the Non-Conforming use section of the Zoning Ordinance.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Swisher to open the public hearing on the proposed Ordinance 2026-01, an ordinance amending Chapter 3 Jones County Zoning Ordinance Title VI Property & Land Use, Article VI Non-Conforming Uses at 9:16 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

The Land Use Administrator explained the changes that this ordinance would make which includes review of parcels split prior to December 1, 2005 and determine the buildable status of the parcel. Sherrie Thurston asked a question about the December 1, 2005 date.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Hall to close the public hearing at 9:20 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Zirkelbach to approve the first consideration of Jones County, Iowa Ordinance 2026-01, an ordinance amending Chapter 3, Jones County Zoning Ordinance, of Title VI Property & Land Use, ARTICLE VI NON-CONFORMING USES. All aye. Motion carried.

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

## **CONSTRUCTION EVALUATION RESOLUTION 2026**

**WHEREAS**, Iowa Code section 459.304(3) sets out the procedure if a board of supervisors wishes to adopt a “construction evaluation resolution” relating to the construction of a confinement feeding operation structure; and

**WHEREAS**, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution can submit to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) an adopted recommendation to approve or disapprove a construction permit application regarding a proposed confinement feeding operation structure; and

**WHEREAS**, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution and submitted an adopted recommendation may contest the DNR’s decision regarding a specific application; and

**WHEREAS**, by adopting a construction evaluation resolution the board of supervisors agrees to evaluate every construction permit application for a proposed confinement feeding operation structure received by the board of supervisors between February 1, 2026 and January 31, 2027 and submit an adopted recommendation regarding that application to the DNR; and

**WHEREAS**, the board of supervisors must conduct an evaluation of every construction permit application using the master matrix created in Iowa Code section 459.305, but the board’s

recommendation to the DNR may be based on the final score on the master matrix or may be based on reasons other than the final score on the master matrix;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF JONES COUNTY** that the Board of Supervisors hereby adopts this construction evaluation resolution pursuant to Iowa Code section 459.304(3). [2026-005]

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Swisher to approve a Class C Retail Alcohol License, with Living Quarters privileges, for Schramerica LLC, doing business as The Grove Bar & Grill, 11668 County Rd. E-17, Scotch Grove, to be effective February 1, 2026. All aye. Motion carried. [2026-006]

The Board met with the following individuals and entities to discuss FY27 budget requests and receive updates on programs.

Sherri Hunt met with the Board on behalf of Cedar/Jones Early Childhood Iowa and Jones County Family Council. Each entity is requesting \$2,250 for FY27.

Lucas Gobeli met with the Board on behalf of the Great Jones County Fair and the request amount for FY27 is \$25,000.

Derek Lumsden met with the Board on behalf of Jones County Economic Development and the request amount for FY27 is \$50,000.

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

During the Elected Official comment period, Chairman Oswald bought up elected official salaries and when the appropriate time would be to have elected officials meet with the Board. Other elected officials provided comment and it was determined that the elected officials will discuss salaries with the Board during their normal departmental budget times.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Schlarman to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Attest: Whitney Hein, Auditor

Joe Oswald, Chairman