

February 5, 2026 10:30 a.m.

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

The Board met to discuss various options for the FY26 budget amendment and to set a budget amendment hearing, to discuss funding amounts for non-county entities, and to discuss further options for the FY27 budget including health insurance maximum rates, rural basic fund and number of deputies to fund from rural services, transfer from the general basic fund to the general supplemental fund to support general supplemental expenses with potentially not having to increasing the levy.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Hall to set a public hearing to amend the current county budget at 9:00 a.m. on February 24, 2026; with the Auditor directed to publish the amendment notice in the two official county newspapers. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Swisher to set a public hearing, as required by Iowa Code Section 331.434(6), at 9:05 a.m. on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, to receive public comment on proposed reductions to fiscal year 2026 departmental appropriations which are in excess of 10% or \$5,000 (whichever is greater), of the current appropriation for the following departments:

- Land Use- the original fiscal year appropriation was \$54,209 the total proposed reduction is \$9,889 or 18.24% (to reflect a change in employee benefits)
- General Assistance- the original fiscal year appropriation was \$52,897 the total proposed reduction is \$9,652 or 18.25% (to reflect a change in employee benefits)
- Conservation Capital Projects- the original fiscal year appropriation was \$269,472 the total proposed reduction is \$122,516 or 45.47% (to reflect a change in project timelines)
- Conservation Derecho Fund- the original fiscal year appropriation was \$5,000 the total proposed reduction is \$5,000 or 100% (to reflect a change in reduced expenditures)
- Substance Abuse - the original fiscal year appropriation was \$21,100 the total proposed reduction is \$14,100 or 70.15% (to reflect a reduced need for services)

All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Zirkelbach to approve funding requests for budgetary purposes only as follows for non-county entities:

- Jones Co Economic Development = \$50,000
- Libraries = 2% increase over FY26
- Jones Co Tourism = \$16,000 plus hotel/motel taxes collected
- Jones Co Historic Preservation Commission = \$8,000
- Jones Co Historical Society = \$10,000
- Jones Co Cemetery Association = \$7,000
- Jones Co Fair = \$20,000
- Wyoming Fair = \$5,000
- Solid Waste Commission = \$45,500
- Jones Co Emergency Management = \$877,438
- Cedar/Jones Early Childhood Iowa = \$2,250

- Jones Co Safe and Healthy Youth = \$5,000
- Riverview Center = \$1,000
- HACAP = \$32,357
- Jones Co Family Council = \$2,250
- Volunteer Services = \$2,100
- Eastern Iowa Housing Trust Fund = \$4,832
- Workplace Learning Connection = \$1,033
- Natural Resource Conservation Service = \$1,250

All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Hall to adjourn the meeting at 12:11 p.m. All aye.
Motion carried.

Attest: Whitney Hein, Auditor

Joe Oswald, Chairman