

February 10, 2026 9:00 a.m.

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

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Hall to approve the minutes of the February 3 and 5, 2026 meetings. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Hall to approve claims #2602-0001 through #2602-00162. All aye. Motion carried.

The JETS Director and ECICOG representative, Brock Grenis, met with the Board to discuss the process of applying for a grant to build an addition on to the current JETS building and to remodel a bay into a meeting room.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Hall to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with East Central Iowa Council of Governments to collaborate in the expansion of the Jones County JETS building. All aye. Motion carried. [2026-017]

The Treasurer met with the Board to present the Semi-Annual and Quarterly Investment Reports for the County and for Solid Waste.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Schlarmann to place on file the Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report for the period of July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 and to approve the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ending December 31, 2025. All aye. Motion carried. [2026-018, 2026-019]

The Auditor met with the Board for the approval of the Clerk's Report of Fees for month ending January 31, 2026.

Moved by Hall seconded by Schlarmann to approve, and place on file, the Clerk's Report of Fees Collected for the month ending January 31, 2026. All aye. Motion carried. [2026-020]

The Engineer met with the Board to set a bid letting for pavement markings, and to give an update on receiving an award for the County Road X31 project.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Schlarmann to accept bids until 9:30 a.m. on March 3, 2026, for project no. M-0127, a pavement marking project. All aye. Motion carried. [2026-021]

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

The Board discussed various options for the FY27 budget including review a proposal to move five Sheriff Deputies wages to the Rural Basic fund, to review the impact of funding the Emergency Management Agency budget from the General Basic fund, to review the projected fund balance of the Rural Basic fund using a 3.7000 levy amount, and to approve FY27 salary increases for budgetary purposes only. The Board would like to see the following budget estimates at the next meeting:

- Review the FY27 budget with updated salary amount.
- Projection of the General Supplemental levy at \$0.10 step increases.
- Review a draft of the official proposed property tax levy publication.
- Review an Alliant Energy Audit report to see if there are ways to implement cost savings measures.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Zirkelbach to approve a \$1,000 base wage increase plus a 3.5% increase for the Board of Supervisors, a \$2,609 base wage increase plus 3.5% increase for the Auditor, a \$899 base wage increase plus a 3.5% increase for the Treasurer, a \$2,253 base wage increase plus 3.5% increase for the Recorder, and a 3.5% wage increase for the Attorney and Sheriff, subject to formal action the FY27 budget hearing. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Schlarmann to approve a 3.5% wage increase for all non-elected and non-union staff except for Board of Health Administrator of which will receive an increase equal to \$2/hour (as recommended by the Board of Health), the Conservation Office Manager of which will receive an 8% increase (as recommended by the Conservation Board), the Land Use Administrator/Community Services Director, Civil Office Manager, Secondary Roads Office Manager, Facilities Maintenance Director, of which all receive a \$1,000 base wage increase plus a 3.5% increase, and the IT Coordinator of which will receive a \$2,600 base wage increase plus a 3.5% increase for FY27 budgetary purposes only. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Swisher to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Attest: Whitney Hein, Auditor

Joe Oswald, Chairman