

February 24, 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 February 17, 2026 meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Schlarman to approve claims #2602-0163 through #2602-0344. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Schlarman seconded by Hall to open the public hearing to amend the FY2026 County Budget at 9:01 a.m. On roll call vote: Schlarman aye, Hall aye, Swisher aye, Zirkelbach aye, Oswald aye. Motion carried.

There were no objections to, nor comments in favor of, the proposed budget from the public. The Auditor provided comments on the budget amendment.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Schlarman to close the public hearing at 9:03 a.m. On roll call vote: Schlarman aye, Hall aye, Swisher aye, Zirkelbach aye, Oswald aye. Motion carried.

The Board provided brief comments on past and future committee meetings.

Moved by Hall seconded by Zirkelbach to open the public hearing at 9:05 a.m., as required by Iowa Code section 331.434(6), on the matter of proposed reductions to fiscal year 2026 departmental appropriations which are in excess of 10% or \$5,000 (whichever is greater) of the original appropriations 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)

On roll call vote: Schlarman aye, Hall aye, Swisher aye, Zirkelbach aye, Oswald aye. Motion carried.

No objections to, nor comments in favor of, the proposed departmental adjustments were received.

The Auditor provided an overview of the reductions.

Moved by Schlarman seconded by Hall to close the public hearing at 9:08 a.m. On roll call vote: Schlarman aye, Hall aye, Swisher aye, Zirkelbach aye, Oswald aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Schlarman introduced the following 2025/2026 JONES COUNTY BUDGET AMENDMENT RESOLUTION #2 and moved its adoption, seconded by Supervisor Swisher. On roll call vote: Zirkelbach aye, Hall aye, Swisher aye, Oswald aye. Motion carried. whereupon the Chairman declared the resolution passed and adopted.

2025/2026 JONES COUNTY BUDGET AMENDMENT RESOLUTION #2

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Jones County Board of Supervisors that the 2025/2026 Jones County budget be amended as published February 11 and 12, 2026, in the official County newspapers. Said budget after amendment shows \$24,910,110 of total revenues and other sources (which includes \$20,704,546 revenues and \$4,190,564 of interfund operating transfers in), and

\$29,067,970 of total expenditures and other uses (which includes \$24,877,406 expenditures and \$4,190,564 of interfund operating transfers out).

Supervisor Hall introduced the following APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION 2024/2025-05 and moved its adoption, seconded by Supervisor Schlarmann. On roll call vote: Schlarmann aye, Hall aye, Swisher aye, Zirkelbach aye, Oswald aye, whereupon the Chairman declared the resolution passed and adopted.

APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION 2025/2026 -05

BE IT RESOLVED by the Jones County Board of Supervisors that the following changes in departmental spending appropriations for fiscal year 2025/2026 be adopted:

Department	Current FY26 Budget	change	Amended FY26 Budget
01-Supervisors	359,175	13,621	372,796
02-Auditor	663,231	205,916	869,147
03-Treasurer	740,775	1,158	741,933
04-Attorney	553,817	(29,067)	524,750
05-Sheriff	3,486,868	(36,174)	3,450,694
06-Court Activities	6,000	-	6,000
07-Recorder	240,175	(54)	240,121
08-Juvenile Services	62,500	-	62,500
15-JETS	701,424	322	701,746
17-Env Health	216,546	(716)	215,830
20-Sec Road	9,100,000	780,000	9,880,000
21-Veterans	82,722	29,810	112,532
22-Conservation	874,350	1,125	875,475
23-Public Health	168,701	(4,326)	164,375
24-Land Use	54,209	(9,889)	44,320
25-Gen Asst	52,897	(9,652)	43,245
28-Med Examiner	50,000	-	50,000
29-Townships	9,600	-	9,600
30-Cons Capital Proj	269,472	(122,516)	146,956
32-Ec. Dev.	50,000	-	50,000
33-Libraries	128,967	-	128,967
34-Tourism, Hist Pres, Cem	40,000	-	40,000
35-Cons Insurance Proceeds	5,000	(5,000)	-
38-DHS	100	-	100
39-Fairs	23,461	200	23,661
40-Memorial Hall	8,800	3,806	12,606
51-Gen Services	421,265	97,013	518,278
52-Info Tech	390,506	311	390,817
53-GIS	145,667	311	145,978
54-Landfill-Co Share	45,500	-	45,500
57- Opioid Remediation	50,000	-	50,000
58-Substance Abuse	20,100	(14,100)	6,000
62-MH Admin	57,440	-	57,440
65-DECAT,CPPC,ECI	30,000	-	30,000
67-Senior Dining	335,836	(828)	335,008
71-Emg Mgmt Co Share	835,527	-	835,527

81-Wellness Comm	5,000	-	5,000
82-Safety Comm	10,000	-	10,000
94- Environmental Restoration	10,000	-	10,000
95-Capital Projects	220,000	108,000	328,000
96-Budget Holding	3,638	(3,638)	-
99-Non-Departmental	3,041,298	301,206	3,342,504
Total	23,570,567	1,306,839	24,877,406

and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor post all 2025/2026 amended expenditures into budgeted expenditure amounts, even if there is no change in net departmental budgeted amounts.

The Senior Dining Director met with the Board for approval of the Heritage Area Agency on Aging FY27 funding request noting that the request is for \$5.28 per meal, but Heritage has been funding at \$3.91 per meal for the last few years.

Moved by Schlarman seconded by Hall to approve the Heritage Area Agency on Aging FY27 funding request. All aye. Motion carried. [2026-022]

Tim Fay, Jones County Historic Preservation Commission, met with the Board for the approval of their annual report to be filed with the state.

Moved by Schlarman seconded by Zirkelbach to approve the Certified Local Government 2025 Annual Report from the Jones County Historic Preservation Commission with the correction of updating the contact information on the first page to a current commission member. All aye. Motion carried. [2026-023]

The Auditor met with the Board for the various motions as noted below and to give an update on Board of Health applications and the Public Safety Facility construction.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Schlarman to commit \$12,039 within the general fund for special projects for the employee wellness committee and safety committee and to note that the funds derived from unclaimed flexible spending accounts. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Hall seconded by Swisher to set a public hearing on March 17, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. to receive public comment on the EMS Advisory Council Annual Report for FY25. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Zirkelbach to deny Casey's General Store #3898 request to migrate to automatic liquor license renewals. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Zirkelbach to approve a quit claim deed transferring a portion of York Street within the Baker & Sandusky Addition in Fairview that was vacated on December 3, 2024, to Theodore J. Weber. All aye. Motion carried. [2026-024]

Moved by Swisher seconded by Zirkelbach to set a bid opening on Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. for lawn mowing and trimming services at 841 John Drive, Monticello. All aye. Motion carried.

The Emergency Management Coordinator met with the Board to discuss grant applications for the purchase of Courthouse security cameras and panic system upgrades.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Zirkelbach to approve the applications for two HSGP grants for security system upgrades with the grant portion totaling \$60,800. All aye. Motion carried.

The Sheriff met with the Board to request the use of opioid funds to purchase liners for the prescription medication drop box located in the civil office.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Hall to approve the use of opioid funds in the amount of \$1,034 for four replacement liners for the prescription drop box. All aye. Motion carried.

The Engineer met with the Board for the approval of the contract rock bid tabulation, and to give an update on the bid letting for the twin box culvert replacement near Stone City, and to give an update on the safety funding for the County Road E28 project.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Schlarmann to approve the contract rock bid tabulation which awards the bid to each low bidder for the respective roadway with final total dollar and contract amounts to follow. All aye. Motion carried.

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

At a future Board meeting, the Board would like to discuss going out to bid for lawn fertilizer and weed control services and to discuss possible solutions for a wash out in the lower parking lot of Broadway Place Annex.

The Board continued and discussed various levy rate options for the Proposed Property Tax Levy publication. The Board would like to see the following budget examples at the next meeting:

- Use the proposed property tax levies to determine the tax dollar increase on an average property in the county.
- Project the tax property tax dollars on a low to high range of farm house values.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Zirkelbach to set the Proposed Property Tax public hearing on March 24, 2026 at 9:00 A.M. with the notice to include proposed combined levy rate of \$6.21124/\$1,000 of valuation for the General, General Supplemental, and EMS Trust Funds and proposed levy rate of \$3.70000/\$1,000 of valuation for the Rural Services fund. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Swisher to adjourn the meeting at 10:31 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Attest: Whitney Hein, Auditor

Joe Oswald, Chairman