

April 21, 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.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Swisher to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2026 meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Hall seconded by Swisher to approve claims #2604-0151 through #2604-0350. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Hall to open the public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Jones County Budget at 9:01 a.m. On roll call vote: Schlarmann absent, Hall aye, Swisher aye, Zirkelbach aye, Oswald aye. Motion carried.

Two citizens were physically present for the hearing however an unknown number of people were viewing the hearing remotely by internet or audio access. One citizen provided comments during the public hearing.

The County Auditor provided a summary of the proposed budget, including tax rates, the major sources of revenues and major expenditure functions, included in the proposed budget.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Hall to close the public hearing at 9:18 a.m. On roll call vote: Schlarmann absent, Hall aye, Swisher aye, Zirkelbach aye, Oswald aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Zirkelbach introduced the following FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027 ELECTED OFFICIALS' SALARY RESOLUTION, and moved its adoption, seconded by Supervisor Swisher. On roll call vote: Schlarmann absent, Hall aye, Swisher aye, Zirkelbach aye, Oswald aye, whereupon the Chairman declared the resolution duly passed and adopted.

FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027

ELECTED OFFICIALS' SALARY RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Jones County Board of Supervisors met and discussed elected official wages during their meeting on February 10, 2026, and used an elected official comparable method using comparables from the Iowa State Association of Counties,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors made the following salary recommendations for budgetary purposes at their February 10, 2026 meeting for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026:

COUNTY OFFICIAL	CURRENT SALARY	PROPOSED INCREASE		RECOMMENDED ANNUAL COMPENSATION
Attorney	\$142,583.80	3.5%	\$4,990.43	\$147,574.23
Sheriff	\$142,883.70	3.5%	\$5,000.93	\$147,884.63
Auditor	\$89,214.71	\$2,609 + 3.5%	\$5,822.83	\$95,037.54
Treasurer	\$86,717.62	\$899 + 3.5%	\$3,965.58	\$90,683.20
Recorder	\$84,451.25	\$2,253 + 3.5%	\$5,286.61	\$89,737.86
Supervisors	\$35,589.24	\$1,000 + 3.5%	\$2,280.62	\$37,869.86

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jones County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts the above salary increases noted for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026.

Supervisor Hall introduced the following FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027 ADOPTION OF BUDGET and CERTIFICATION OF TAXES RESOLUTION, and moved its adoption, seconded by Supervisor Swisher. On roll call vote: Schlarmann absent, Hall aye, Swisher aye, Zirkelbach aye, Oswald aye, whereupon the Chairman declared the resolution duly passed and adopted.

FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027 ADOPTION OF BUDGET
& CERTIFICATION OF TAXES RESOLUTION

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Jones County Board of Supervisors that the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Jones County proposed budget and tax levies be adopted as published. Said budget will reflect:

- total expenditures of \$22,930,847 (net of interfund transfers)
- total revenues of \$21,938,777 (including taxes, but net of interfund transfers)
- a county-wide tax levy of \$8,546,548 (\$8,409,489 property tax plus \$137,059 utility replacement tax) against a \$1,375,980,929 valuation (including gas and electric utilities) which produces a rate per \$1,000 of \$6.21124; said county-wide tax levy does not include a debt service levy.
- a rural tax levy of \$3,609,297 (\$3,558,171 property tax plus \$51,126 utility replacement tax) against a \$975,485,781 valuation (including gas and electric utilities) which produces a rate per \$1,000 of \$3.70000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board has designated portions of the projected June 30, 2026 unreserved fund balance as follows:

- General Basic Fund – for the purposes of county facility improvements, replacements, additions, and capital repairs, major software upgrades, and equipment which cannot be absorbed in the general operating budget of any department, all subject to Board approval, \$93,257 will be added in fiscal 2026 to the previously designated balance for said purposes. Amounts so designated may be subsequently reduced by the amounts spent for those purposes, as authorized by the Board, during the fiscal year. The amount of unused funds accumulated for those purposes at June 30 shall be established by resolution as committed fund balance.
- General Supplemental Fund – \$20,000 will be added to a fund for future voting equipment replacement. The amount of unused funds accumulated for those purposes at June 30 shall be established by resolution as committed fund balance.
- Secondary Road Fund – unused local option sales tax designated per ballot measure for roads and bridges. The amount of unused funds accumulated for those purposes at June 30 shall be established by resolution as committed funds within the restricted Secondary Road Fund.
- These designations of committed and restricted fund balances indicate that Jones County prefers to use available financial resources for the specific purposes set forth above, and

although committed, the funds are to remain an integral part of the spendable or appropriable resources of Jones County for cash flow purposes.

The Auditor met with the Board for the various items as noted in the motions below and to give an update on the Public Safety Facility.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Hall to make of record the Conservation Board's appointment of the following seasonal employees Kyra Dobbins at \$16.32 per hour, effective May 26, 2026 and Rebecca Heinrich at \$17.11 per hour, effective June 1, 2026. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Zirkelbach to approve a Remote Access Authorization request from the IT Director. All aye. Motion carried.

The Land Use Administrator met with the Board to discuss assessing the costs of a nuisance ordinance violation against the property owner.

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

RESOLUTION ASSESSING COSTS OF NUISANCE ABATEMENT

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2024 the Jones County Land Use Administrator notified the property owner, Montipark LLC and William Shadbolt, of a violation of Chapter 7, Nuisance Ordinance, of Title V - Public Order, Safety & Health, of the Jones County Code of Ordinances, at property owned by Montipark LLC (William Shadbolt) and described as COM SW COR LOT 2 S.D.N. 1/2 SE & S ½ NE SAID PT BEING ON E LN HWY #151 E 460'S, of Section 22 of Lovell Township, said notice sent by regular mail and a diligent search was completed to Montipark LLC & William Shadbolt. Said notice requested the owner's voluntary abatement of said nuisance within thirty days; and

WHEREAS, said property owner failed to abate said nuisance within thirty days; and

WHEREAS, the Jones County Board of Supervisors sent an official notice to abate by certified mail, giving the property owner, Montipark LLC & William Shadbolt, sixty days to abate the nuisance; and

WHEREAS, the Jones County Board of Supervisors conducted a public hearing on April 1, 2025 to review violations of Chapter 7, Nuisance Ordinance, of Title V - Public Order, Safety & Health, of the Jones County Code of Ordinances, at said property, and whereas, said ordinance provides authority for the County to perform the required actions to abate the nuisance and the costs incurred shall be assessed to the property for collection in the same manner as a property tax; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 7, Abatement by County, of Article II Procedure, of Chapter 7, Nuisance Ordinance, of Title V – Public Order, Safety & Health, of the Jones County Code of Ordinance, provides authority for the County to perform the required actions to abate the nuisance and the costs incurred shall be assessed to the property for collection in the same manner as a property tax; and

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2025 the abatement of the nuisance had not been attempted by Montipark LLC & William Shadbolt;

WHEREAS, the Jones County Board of Supervisors has completed the abatement of said nuisance by accepting bids for demolition and removal of the structure on the property, removal of three structures, removal of all junk and garbage in Lots #1, #3, and #4, grading and gravel;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to Section 7, Abatement by County, of Article II Procedure, of Chapter 7, Nuisance Ordinance, of Title V – Public Order, Safety & Health, of the Jones County Code of Ordinance, the Jones County Board of Supervisors hereby order the Jones County Treasurer to assess said costs of abatement in the amount of \$12,155.13 against the property described as COM SW COR LOT 2 S.D.N.1/2 SE & S ½ NE SAID PT BEING ON E LN HWY #151 E 460°S.

The Engineer met with the Board for approval of a letter of support for the SS4A Implementation Grant and to give an update on contract rock placement and an upcoming retirement.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Zirkelbach to sign a letter of support for the SS4A Implementation Grant that the Engineer is applying for. All aye. Motion carried. [2026-053]

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

During the Elected Official Comment period, the Sheriff discussed a law enforcement liaison position that could potentially be funded by Foundation. Supervisor Swisher discussed an upcoming meeting in Dubuque that all Supervisors have been invited to attend to discuss services that can be shared between counties.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Hall to adjourn the meeting at 10:09 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Attest: Whitney Hein, Auditor

Joe Oswald, Chairman