

August 18, 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 Hall seconded by Zirkelbach to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2026 meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Schlarmann to approve payroll for the period ending August 9, 2026, as certified by the department heads. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Hall seconded by Schlarmann to open proposals at 9:01 a.m. for annual audit services for FY27-FY29. All aye. Motion carried.

Proposals were received from the following:

- Forvis Mazars – FY27 not to exceed \$64,500
- Eide Bailey, LLP – FY27 not to exceed \$80,000
- Auditor of State – FY27 not to exceed \$64,880
- BerganKDV – FY27 not to exceed \$50,475

The Veterans Affairs Director met with the Board to give an update on the upcoming Veterans Open House on September 1, 2026, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Wapsi-Ana Park.

The Auditor met with the Board for approval of the items as outlined below.

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

RESOLUTION ASSESSING COSTS OF DELINQUENT SEWER UTILITY FEES

Whereas, pursuant to the authority granted in Chapter 5, the Private and Public Sewage Disposal Systems Rules, of Title V – Public Order, Safety & Health, of the Jones County Code of Ordinances, and further granted in 28E and 28F of the Code of Iowa, and in accordance to the 28E agreement between Jones County, Iowa, and the Eastern Iowa Regional Utility Service System (EIRUSS), bearing the date of November 4, 2009, the EIRUSS has certified a notice to the Jones County Board of Supervisors, dated July 16, 2026, reflecting delinquent user fees for the Fairview sanitary sewer system; and

Whereas, said notice certifies the account holder(s) identified below as having failed to satisfy the account balance(s) shown below for sanitary sewer user fees after having been mailed monthly notices by the EIRUSS, and said accounts remain past due and unsatisfied; and

Whereas, the owners of said properties were mailed notices by the Jones County Auditor on July 16, 2026 notifying them of the delinquent accounts and that if the accounts remained delinquent on August 18, 2026 the Jones County Board of Supervisors would consider action to place a lien on the respective properties.

Now therefore, be it resolved that the Jones County Board of Supervisors do hereby certify the delinquent account holder(s) and premise(s) shown below to the County Treasurer for the imposition of a lien upon said real estate so that same may be collected in the same manner as property taxes.

Name & Mailing Address of Delinquent Utility Account	Owner Name and Address of Property with Delinquent Utility Account	Tax Parcel and brief legal description	Delinquent Amount due
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Bluff Ridge Contracting 23131 County Rd. E34 Anamosa IA 52205	Weber, Theodore J. 23131 County Rd. E34 Anamosa IA 52205	09 17 480 003 FAIRVIEW LOTS 1,2,7,8 BLK 16 & 1.5A SE COR SE SE	\$339.00 Services billed March 1, 2026 through May 31, 2026.
Rubner, Daron 100 ½ 1 st St. SE Mt. Vernon, IA 52314	Rubner, Daron 22962 Co. Rd. E34 Anamosa, IA 52205	09 16 301 007 PARCEL 2001-169 NW ¼ SW ¼ 16-84-04	\$1,014.54 Services billed March 1, 2026 through May 31, 2026.
Mercer, John 23061 Co Rd E34 Anamosa, IA 52205	Mercer, John 23061 Co Rd E34 Anamosa, IA 52205	09 17 477 004 SPEIRS ADD LOT 2 EXC N 224'	\$339.00 Services billed March 1, 2026 through May 31, 2026.

Supervisor Zirkelbach introduced the following resolution, 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.

RESOLUTION ASSESSING COSTS OF DELINQUENT WATER AND/OR SEWER UTILITY FEES

Whereas, in accordance with the 28E agreement between Jones County, Iowa, and the Eastern Iowa Regional Utility Service System (EIRUSS), bearing the date of June 2, 2015, the EIRUSS has certified a notice to the Jones County Board of Supervisors, dated July 16, 2026, reflecting delinquent user fees for the Center Junction water and sanitary sewer systems; and

Whereas, said notice certifies the account holder(s) identified below as having failed to satisfy the account balance(s) shown below for water and/or sanitary sewer user fees after having been mailed monthly notices by the EIRUSS, and said accounts remain past due and unsatisfied.

Whereas, the owners of said properties were mailed notices by the Jones County Auditor on July 16, 2026 notifying them of the delinquent accounts and that if the accounts remained delinquent on August 18, 2026 the Jones County Board of Supervisors would consider action to place a lien on the respective properties.

Now therefore, be it resolved that the Jones County Board of Supervisors do hereby certify the delinquent account holder(s) and premise(s) shown below to the County Treasurer for the imposition of a lien upon said real estate so that same may be collected in the same manner as property taxes.

Name & Mailing Address of Delinquent Utility Account	Owner Name and Address of Property with Delinquent Utility Account	Tax Parcel and brief legal description	Delinquent Amount due
Leytem, David PO Box 22 Center Junction IA 52212	Leytem, David & Pamela 12601 Prospect St. Center Junction IA 52212	11 04 178 010 O.T. S ½ LOTS 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, BLK 29 CENTER JUNCTION	\$394.98 Services billed March 1, 2026 through May 31, 2026.
Stingley, Tom PO Box 47 Center Junction IA 52212	Stingley, Tom 10702 S. Midland St Center Junction IA 52212	11 04 102 004 COM 35' E OF ST PUAL ST ON S LINE R.R. TH N 335' NWLY 154' S 304' W 112' S 55'E	\$394.98 Services billed March 1, 2026 through May 31, 2026.
Leytem, David PO Box 22 Center Junction IA 52212	Leytem, David & Pamela 10643 1st St. Center Junction IA 52212	11 04 179 001 O.T. LOTS 6-10, BLK 34 CENTER JUNCTION	\$435.42 Services billed March 1, 2026 through May 31, 2026.
Willcoxson, Jerry 10657 Main St. Center Junction IA 52212	Willcoxson, Jerry 10657 Main St. Center Junction IA 52212	11 04 161 003 O.T. LOT 4 & 5, BLK 28 CENTER JUNCTION	\$394.98 Services billed March 1, 2026 through May 31, 2026.

Oberbreckling, Keaton PO Box 63 Center Junction, IA 52212	Oberbreckling, Keaton 12591 St. Paul St. Center Junction, IA 52212	11 04 158 005 O.T. LOTS 1-3 BLK 36 CENTER JUNCTION	\$404.52 Services billed March 1, 2026 through May 31, 2026.
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Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Schlarmann to approve a gathering permit and waive the \$5.00 permit fee, for the Jones County Historical Society for the Edinburgh Folk Festival on August 30, 2026, at 13838 Edinburgh Rd., Scotch Grove. All aye. Motion carried. [2026-101]

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Schlarmann to hire Susanne Pierce as the Senior Dining Director, starting at \$23.00 per hour, working 29 hours per week, effective August 10, 2026. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Scharmann seconded by Hall to hire John Sorter as a part-time Cook, starting at \$17.80 per hour, working 29 hours per week, effective August 13, 2026. All aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Swisher introduced the following resolution, 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.

TAX ABATEMENT RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Jones County Treasurer shall, pursuant to Section 445.63 of the Code of the Iowa, abate property taxes on property acquired by Anamosa Community School District the in the amount shown below, and any applicable interest and cost, and make appropriate notations on the tax list for the parcels listed below:

CASAN 0536100012	\$14.00 (2025 CT)	Briefly described as: 36 85 04 PARCEL 2026-14 IN SE NW
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Supervisor Schlarmann introduced the following resolution, 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.

TAX ABATEMENT RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Jones County Treasurer shall, pursuant to Section 445.63 of the Code of the Iowa, abate property taxes on property acquired by the City of Monticello in the amount shown below, and any applicable interest and cost, and make appropriate notations on the tax list for the parcels listed below:

MONCO 0228278013	\$4.00 (2025 CT)	Briefly described as: 28 86 03 LOT A IN ABAN. R.R. R.O.W. BTWN CNTRLN BUCKEYE ST. & HALLS ADD LOT 1 EXC PARCELS 2026-01 & 2026-02
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Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Schlarmann to appoint Carter Balentine to fill a vacancy on the Eminent Domain Commission as a real estate broker. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Swisher to table to easement agreement with Chris and Pat Kistler until the after the next Conservation Board meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

The Land Use Administrator met with the Board for approval of a preliminary plat and discussion on a moratorium for data centers and data mining facilities.

Supervisor Schlarmann introduced the following resolution, 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.

RESOLUTION APPROVING PRELIMINARY SUBDIVISION PLAT

WHEREAS, a preliminary plat of Edson Addition, a subdivision of one (1) lot, located in Lot 3 of Brown Addition of Section 34, Township 85 North, Range 4 West of the 5th P.M., has been approved by the Jones County Planning and Zoning Commission, and filed with the Jones County Board of Supervisors,

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF JONES COUNTY, IOWA that they concur with the recommendation from the Jones County Planning and Zoning Commission for approval of the preliminary plat, AND,

FURTHER, that the developer may proceed with preparation and submission of a final plat in accordance with the Jones County Subdivision Ordinance.

Supervisor Swisher introduced the following resolution, 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.

RESOLUTION APPROVING A MORATORIUM ON DATA CENTERS & DATA MINING FACILITIES

WHEREAS, Data Mining is the commercial process by which volumes of data are analyzed to find patterns, discover trends, and gain insight into how the data can be used will constitute a commercial data mining operation.

WHEREAS, concerns have been raised by public officials regarding the county's level of preparedness when it comes to the development of Data Mining Facilities within the county due to not having a current Data Mining Facility ordinance.

WHEREAS, the county has an interest in protecting the county's infrastructure, natural resources, and property rights through adequate setbacks provisions. The Planning and Zoning Commission will require time to gather information and coordinate with multiple agencies for the purpose of reviewing, updating, or creating ordinances, policies, and procedures relative to Data Mining Facilities development.

WHEREAS, the Jones County Board of Supervisors wishes to enact a moratorium on the development and construction of Data Centers and Data Mining Facilities and on issuing application for permits relating to such development and construction of Data Centers and Data Mining Facilities until February 18, 2027, which may be extended upon resolution of the Board of Supervisors, to allow the Board of Supervisors to adopt an ordinance that balances the rights of property owners seeking to have Data Centers and Data Mining Facilities on their property and to be mindful of the health and safety of others.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Jones County, Iowa, that a moratorium is approved through February 18, 2027 on the development and construction of Data Centers and Data Mining Facilities, and the application for permits relating to such development and construction of Data Centers & Data Mining Facilities at the end of which time the moratorium could be extended by resolution if deemed necessary by the Jones County Board of Supervisors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Jones County Board of Supervisors reserves the right to end the moratorium prior to the approved term of the moratorium upon completion of a satisfactorily developed Data Center & Data Mining Facilities Ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the moratorium approved by this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption of this Resolution. [2026-102]

The Engineer met with the Board to give an update on current road projects and for approval of an estimate for an asphalt overlay on River Road, east of Highway 38, north of Monticello.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Swisher to approve an estimate of \$37,148.00 for an asphalt overlay on River Road, east of Highway 38, north of Monticello. All aye. Motion carried.

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

During the Elected Official comment period, Oswald thanked Zirkelbach and Auditor Hein for all their work on efficiencies for Senior Dining.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Swisher to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Attest: Whitney Hein, Auditor

Joe Oswald, Chairman