

October 13, 2026 9:00 a.m.

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

During the public comment period, Mary Melchert gave an update about the Jones County Migrant Inclusion Group.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Schlarmann to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2026 meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Hall seconded by Swisher to approve payroll for the period ending October 6, 2026, as certified by the department heads. All aye. Motion carried.

The Auditor met with the Board for various items as noted in the motions below.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Schlarmann to approve the Clerk's Report of Fees collected for the month ending September 30, 2026. All aye. Motion carried. [2026-117]

Moved by Swisher seconded by Schlarmann to approve the Recorder's Report of Fees, and Sheriff's Report of Fees collected for quarter ending September 30, 2026. All aye. Motion carried. [2026-118, 2026-119]

The Land Use Administrator met with the Board to discuss a violation of the Jones County Nuisance Ordinance.

Moved by Hall seconded by Schlarmann to set a public hearing at 9:15 a.m. on October 27, 2026, to review violations of the Jones County Nuisance Ordinance on property located at 10657 Main St., Center Junction. All aye. Motion carried.

The Engineer met with the Board for the approval of a detour agreement and to set a public hearing for a road paving project.

Moved by Hall seconded by Zirkelbach to approve an agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation for a detour route on County Road E29 due to the temporary closure of Highway 136 from the Maquoketa River bridge to County Road E29 from January 21, 2027 through December 31, 2027. All aye. Motion carried. [2026-120]

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

Resolution to Set a Public Hearing

Whereas, the Jones County Board of Supervisors (Board) will conduct a public hearing under the provisions of Sections 6B.2A and 6B.2B of the Iowa Code for a PCC paving project on Ridge Road E28; and

Whereas, the Board proposes to acquire part or all of the property or an interest in the property for the public improvement; and

Whereas, the Board intends to reconstruct Ridge Road E28 from County Road X28 to the Buffalo Creek bridge with a twenty-four feet wide concrete driving surface and include several alignment alteration segments; and

Whereas, funds for this project are available from the Jones County Farm-to-Market account; and

Whereas, before Jones County can proceed with said project, the Board must:

Hold a public hearing, providing the opportunity for public input on the question of proceeding with the public improvement and on the acquisition of property interests for the project; and Adopt a resolution declaring its intent to proceed with said project and authorizing the acquisition of property interests required for the project by negotiation or condemnation.

Now, therefore, be it Resolved the Board will conduct a public hearing on the intent to fund a site-specific project and to acquire property rights therefore is to be held on Tuesday, October 27, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. in the Boardroom of the Jones County Courthouse, Anamosa, Iowa.

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

During the elected official comment period, the Auditor gave an update on absentee voting, and the County Attorney reported on the misuse of the County's logo by a non-county entity.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Swisher to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Attest: Whitney Hein, Auditor

Joe Oswald, Chairman