

January 2, 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.

During the public comment period, Linda Stickle commented on the recently remodeled women's restroom on the first floor of the Courthouse and Sherri Thurston commented on the final plans for the Landis Road bridge.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Hall to approve the minutes of the December 23, 2025 meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Zirkelbach to approve claims #2601-0001 through #2601-0104. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Hall to appoint Supervisor Oswald as Chairman and Supervisor Zirkelbach as Vice-Chairman of the Jones County Board of Supervisors for calendar year 2026 and until their successors are appointed. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Hall to appoint the Jones County Supervisors to the following committees. All aye. Motion carried.

JEFF SWISHER

Jones County 911 Service Board  
Jones County Emergency Management Agency  
Jones County Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management Committee  
Jones County Resource Enhancement and Protection (R.E.A.P.)  
Jones County Solid Waste Commission  
Jones County Courthouse & Public Building Security Committee  
Jones County Decategorization/CPPC

DARRICK HALL

Jones County Emergency Medical Services Assn.  
Jones County Tourism Association  
Cedar/Jones Early Childhood Iowa Board  
Federal Emergency Management Association (F.E.M.A.)  
H.A.C.A.P. – District  
Area Substance Abuse Council  
Jones County Safe & Healthy Youth Coalition

JOE OSWALD-CHAIRMAN

Advancement Services of Jones County  
D.H.S. Service Area Advisory Board  
Maquoketa River Watershed Authority  
Sixth Judicial District Dept. of Corrections Workforce Development  
Eastern Iowa Regional Utility Service System (E.I.R.U.S.S.)  
Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Board  
Jones County Fairboard

JOHN SCHLARMANN

Jones County Board of Health  
Jones County Solid Waste Commission  
Jones County G.I.S. Committee  
Jones County Safety Committee

JON ZIRKELBACH – VICE-CHAIRMAN

Jones County Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management Committee  
Jones County Wapsipinicon Trail Committee  
East Central Iowa Council of Governments (E.C.I.C.O.G.)  
East Central Iowa Housing Fund  
Region 10 Transportation Policy Committee  
Jones County Economic Development Commission  
Heritage Agency on Aging Task Force  
Heritage Agency on Aging  
Jones County Conservation Board

**Further, each Jones County Supervisor is appointed as an alternate to the following boards and commissions if they are not designated above as a primary appointee:**

Jones County 911 Service Board  
Jones County Board of Health  
Jones County Economic Development Commission  
Jones County Emergency Management Agency  
Jones County Fair Board  
Jones County Integrated Roadside Management Committee  
Jones County Mental Health Advisory Board  
Jones County Safety Committee  
Jones County Solid Waste Commission  
Area Substance Abuse Council (A.S.A.C.)  
East Central Iowa Council of Governments (E.C.I.C.O.G.)  
Eastern Iowa Regional Utility Service System (E.I.R.U.S.S.)  
H.A.C.A.P. – District  
Region 10 Transportation Policy Committee  
Sixth Judicial District Dept. of Corrections

Moved by Hall seconded by Zirkelbach to appoint the Anamosa Journal-Eureka and Monticello Express as the official Jones County newspapers for county legal publications for the 2026 calendar year. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Hall to appoint Dr. Michael Weston, Anamosa, as Medical Examiner, Kevin Weber, Anamosa, as Medical Examiner Investigator, Brandon Kent, Anamosa, as Medical Examiner Investigator, Alesha Weber, Anamosa, as Medical Examiner Investigator, Nicholas Schultz, Cascade, as Medical Examiner Investigator In Training, and Coletta Matson, Cascade, as Medical Examiner Investigator In Training, for calendar year 2026. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Hall to approve the County covering the cost of one medical examiner investigator class through DMACC in the amount of \$500. All aye. Motion carried.

The Auditor reported that application form for Boards and Commissions is always on the county's website and there have been no new applications received for open positions.

Moved by Hall seconded by Swisher to appoint Jon Zirkelbach, Jones County Supervisor to the East Central Iowa Council of Governments (ECICOG) Board of Directors for a three year term expiring December 31, 2028, and to affirm Supervisors Joe Oswald, John Schlarmann, Darrick Hall and Jeff Swisher as alternates. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Hall to appoint Doug Wortman to the East Central Iowa Council of Governments Revolving Loan Fund Committee for a one-year term expiring December 31, 2026 and to appoint, and/or re-affirm the appointments of, the following persons to the Region 10 Transportation Committees. All aye. Motion carried.

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expiring</u>
Policy	Regular Member	Jake Ellwood, Mayor of Monticello	12/31/27
Policy	Regular Member	Jon Zirkelbach, Jones County Supervisor	12/31/26
Policy	Alternate Member	John Schlarmann, Jones County Supervisor	12/31/26
Policy	Alternate Member	Joe Oswald, Jones County Supervisor	12/31/26
Policy	Alternate Member	Jeff Swisher, Jones County Supervisor	12/31/26
Policy	Alternate Member	Darrick Hall, Jones County Supervisor	12/31/26
Technical Advisory	Regular Member	Todd Postel, Jones County Asst. to the Engineer	12/31/27
Technical Advisory	Regular Member	Brenda Leonard, Jones County Emergency Mgmt.	12/31/26
Technical Advisory	Regular Member	Derek Snead, Jones County Engineer	12/31/26
Technical Advisory	Alternate Member	Bill Feldman, Anamosa	12/31/26
Trails Advisory	Regular Member	Lisa McQuillen, Anamosa	12/31/27
Trails Advisory	Regular Member	Brad Mormann, Jones County Conservation	12/31/26
Trails Advisory	Alternate Member	Brad Hatcher, Anamosa	12/31/27
Trails Advisory	Alternate Member	Jacob Oswald, Monticello	12/31/27
Passenger Transp. Advisory	Regular Member	Jamie Ginter, Jones County JETS	12/31/26
Passenger Transp. Advisory	Regular Member	Whitney Amos, Jones County Community Serv	12/31/27

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Hall to table the appointment of two members to the Eastern Iowa Regional Housing Authority Board. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Zirkelbach to appoint Wes Gibbs as Weed Commissioner for calendar year 2026. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Swisher to appoint Cole Fishwild, Byron Freese, and Wendy Dunn to the Pioneer Cemetery Commission for three-year terms expiring December 31, 2028. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Hall to appoint David Balster, Tim Fay, and Norman Zimmerman to the Historic Preservation Commission for three-year terms expiring December 31, 2028. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Hall seconded by Zirkelbach to appoint John Schlarmann and Kirk Kilburg, MD to the Jones County Board of Health for three-year terms expiring December 31, 2028. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Hall to appoint Mark Denniston as the Supervisor representative to the Jones County Civil Service Commission for a six-year term expiring December 31, 2031. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Hall seconded by Swisher to appoint, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 6B.4, Code of Iowa, the following persons to the Compensation Commission for Eminent Domain Proceedings. All aye. Motion carried.

#### COMPENSATION COMMISSION FOR EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEEDINGS

##### OWNER - OPERATORS OF AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY

Steve Barber, Oxford Junction	Steve Brainard, Anamosa
Joe Cruise, Monticello	Myron Ehresman, Anamosa
David Lubben, Monticello	Ryan Sperfslage, Monticello
H. Richard Zimmerman, Anamosa	

##### OWNERS – CITY & TOWN

David Haag, Monticello	Phil Andrews, Anamosa
Mike Holmes, Monticello	Nathan Lehrman, Wyoming
Joe Paulsen, Onslow	Becky Westphal, Olin
Tom Zaruba, Oxford Junction	

##### REAL ESTATE - SALESPERSONS OR BROKERS

Cheryl Dirks, Monticello	Sue Fogarty, Anamosa
Ivan Kurt, Cascade	Marv Marek, Anamosa
Christine McNamara, Olin	Thomas Orr, Monmouth
Crystal Wherry, Anamosa	

##### KNOWLEDGE OF PROPERTY VALUE – BANKERS, AUCTIONEERS, APPRAISERS

Arnie Andreesen, ret. County Assessor, Anamosa	Kurt Andreesen, Farmer, Center Junction
Jack Dietiker, Carpenter, Anamosa	Phil Gent, Appraiser, Monmouth
Rochelle Dietiker, Anamosa	Ed Shover, Auctioneer, Anamosa
Jerry Volk, R.E. Salesman, Cascade	

The Auditor met with the Board to void a check and give an update on the construction of the Public Safety Facility.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Hall to void check #196653 in the amount of \$651.60, dated March 25, 2025, made payable to Jones Regional Pharmacy; and corresponding claim #2503-0257, submitted by the Sheriff Department, with reason being vendor signed an affidavit stating check was lost or never received. All aye. Motion carried.

The Engineer met with the Board to update the Title VI agreement and assurances, for approval of revised plans for the Landis bridge project, for approval of an acquisition contract, and to give an update on the County Road X31 project as it nears completion.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Hall to approve a Partial Acquisition Contract with Terry and Wanda Tuetken for right-of-way for Project No. FM-CO53(95)—5E-53, a grading and paving project along Ridge Road Co Rd E28. All aye. Motion carried. [2026-001]

Moved by Swisher seconded by Hall to approve an update to the County's Title VI Non-Discrimination Agreement and Title VI Non-Discrimination Assurances with the Iowa Department of Transportation reflecting an update to the named Board Chairman. All aye. Motion carried. [2026-002, 2026-003]

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Swisher to approve a revision to Final Plans for Project No. HDP-CO53(92)—6B-53, Landis Road Bridge project over the Wapsipinicon River, which amends the letting date. All aye. Motion carried.

During the elected official comment period, Oswald stated that the nuisance clean-up at Monti View Trailer Court was completed.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Hall to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Attest: Whitney Hein, Auditor

Joe Oswald, Chairman

January 6, 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 January 2, 2026 meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Schlarmann to approve payroll for the period ending December 28, 2025, as certified by the department heads. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Hall to open bids at 9:01 a.m. for the county farm lease. All aye. Motion carried.

Bids were received from the following:

- Justin Buck, \$36,224.50/year for 3 years
- Raymond R. Kurt, \$31,001.25/year for 3 years
- Cody Hanson, \$41,811.00/year for 2 years
- Zachary J. Timm, \$41,011.00/year for 3 years
- Riley Bossard, Gold Standard Ag LLC, \$30,000/year for 3 years

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Hall to award the county farm lease to Cody Hanson for two years, in the amount of \$41,811.00 per year. All aye. Motion carried.

Alicia Preston and Meagan Prestegard, ECICOG Environmental Department, met with the Board to discuss the EPA Brownfield Grant Program. The Board agreed to be a coalition member last year for ECICOG to apply for the grant. Unfortunately, the grant was not awarded to ECICOG. Another round of grant applications has opened up and Alicia and Meagan asked the Board to participate in the grant process by being a coalition member.

Supervisor Swisher introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Supervisor Zirkelbach. All aye, whereupon the Chairman declared the resolution passed and adopted.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE JONES COUNTY, IOWA  
ELIGIBILITY AND COALITION MEMBER COMMITMENT TO THE  
EAST CENTRAL IOWA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
FY26 EPA BROWNFIELDS ASSESSMENT COALITION GRANT  
APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, the East Central Iowa Council of Governments (ECICOG) desires to submit an application to the FY26 US EPA Brownfields Assessment Coalition Grant Program for the region including Benton, Iowa, Johnson, Jones, Linn, and Washington counties; and

WHEREAS, ECICOG desires to establish a brownfield assessment coalition including Jones County, Iowa as a non-lead coalition member; and

WHEREAS, US EPA requires coalition members to affirm program eligibility; and

WHEREAS, US EPA requires coalition members to affirm commitment to becoming a coalition member; and

WHEREAS, US EPA requires coalition members to affirm ECICOG has the legal authority to expend grant funds on its behalf to conduct the proposed grant activities; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Jones County, Iowa, Board of Supervisors that the Chairperson is authorized to sign the Eligibility Affirmation and Non-lead Coalition Member Commitment letter in support of the proposed ECICOG FY26 US EPA Brownfields Assessment Coalition Grant application. [2026-004]

The Land Use Administrator met with the Board for public hearings on proposed changes to the Non-Conforming use section of the Zoning Ordinance.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Swisher to open the public hearing on the proposed Ordinance 2026-01, an ordinance amending Chapter 3 Jones County Zoning Ordinance Title VI Property & Land Use, Article VI Non-Conforming Uses at 9:16 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

The Land Use Administrator explained the changes that this ordinance would make which includes review of parcels split prior to December 1, 2005 and determine the buildable status of the parcel. Sherrie Thurston asked a question about the December 1, 2005 date.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Hall to close the public hearing at 9:20 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Zirkelbach to approve the first consideration of Jones County, Iowa Ordinance 2026-01, an ordinance amending Chapter 3, Jones County Zoning Ordinance, of Title VI Property & Land Use, ARTICLE VI NON-CONFORMING USES. All aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Zirkelbach introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, 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.

**CONSTRUCTION EVALUATION RESOLUTION  
2026**

**WHEREAS**, Iowa Code section 459.304(3) sets out the procedure if a board of supervisors wishes to adopt a “construction evaluation resolution” relating to the construction of a confinement feeding operation structure; and

**WHEREAS**, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution can submit to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) an adopted recommendation to approve or disapprove a construction permit application regarding a proposed confinement feeding operation structure; and

**WHEREAS**, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution and submitted an adopted recommendation may contest the DNR’s decision regarding a specific application; and

**WHEREAS**, by adopting a construction evaluation resolution the board of supervisors agrees to evaluate every construction permit application for a proposed confinement feeding operation structure received by the board of supervisors between February 1, 2026 and January 31, 2027 and submit an adopted recommendation regarding that application to the DNR; and

**WHEREAS**, the board of supervisors must conduct an evaluation of every construction permit application using the master matrix created in Iowa Code section 459.305, but the board’s recommendation to the DNR may be based on the final score on the master matrix or may be based on reasons other than the final score on the master matrix;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF JONES COUNTY** that the Board of Supervisors hereby adopts this construction evaluation resolution pursuant to Iowa Code section 459.304(3). [2026-005]

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Swisher to approve a Class C Retail Alcohol License, with Living Quarters privileges, for Schramerica LLC, doing business as The Grove Bar & Grill, 11668 County Rd. E-17, Scotch Grove, to be effective February 1, 2026. All aye. Motion carried. [2026-006]

The Board met with the following individuals and entities to discuss FY27 budget requests and receive updates on programs.

Sherry Hunt met with the Board on behalf of Cedar/Jones Early Childhood Iowa and Jones County Family Council. Each entity is requesting \$2,250 for FY27.

Lucas Gobeli met with the Board on behalf of the Great Jones County Fair and the request amount for FY27 is \$25,000.

Derek Lumsden met with the Board on behalf of Jones County Economic Development and the request amount for FY27 is \$50,000.

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

During the Elected Official comment period, Chairman Oswald bought up elected official salaries and when the appropriate time would be to have elected officials meet with the Board.

Other elected officials provided comment and it was determined that the elected officials will discuss salaries with the Board during their normal departmental budget times.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Schlarmann to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Attest: Whitney Hein, Auditor

Joe Oswald, Chairman

January 13, 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 January 6, 2026 meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Schlarmann to approve claims #2601-0105 through #2601-0268. All aye. Motion carried.

The Auditor met with the Board to approve Report of Fees collected from various departments, approve a farm lease, to discuss an Alcohol license, and to give an update on the budget process and the Public Safety Facility.

Moved by Hall seconded by Schlarmann to approve the Recorder's, Sheriff's, and Auditor's Report of Fees collected for quarter ending December 31, 2025. All aye. Motion carried. [2026-007, 2026-008, 2026-009]

Moved by Swisher seconded by Zirkelbach to approve the Clerk's Report of Fees collected for the month ending December 31, 2025. All aye. Motion carried. [2026-010]

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Hall to approve a farm lease agreement with Cody Hanson for two years, in the amount of \$41,811.00 per year. All aye. Motion carried. [2026-011]

Moved by Swisher seconded by Hall to table the annual option to unenroll the Class E Retail Alcohol License for Casey's general Store #3898 from the Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division Automatic Renewal Program until the Board can consult with the Sheriff and County Attorney. All aye. Motion carried.

The Land Use Administrator met with the Board for the second consideration for proposed changes to the Non-Conforming use section of the Zoning Ordinance.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Schlarmann to approve the second consideration of Jones County, Iowa Ordinance 2026-01, an ordinance amending Chapter 3, Jones County Zoning Ordinance, of Title VI Property & Land Use, ARTICLE VI NON-CONFORMING USES. All aye. Motion carried.

The Engineer met with the Board to give an update on the X31 project, a box culvert project on Stone City Road, and to discuss a possible grading project along Dales Ford Road in Sections 4&9 of Scotch Grove township.

The Board met with the following individuals and entities to discuss FY27 budget requests and receive updates on programs.

Jennifer Husmann met with the Board on behalf of the Jones County Safe and Healthy Youth Coalition and the request amount for FY27 is \$5,000.

Kaileen Weaver met with the Board on behalf of Jones County Tourism and the request amount for FY27 is \$16,000.

Leanna Husmann met with the Board on behalf of United Way Volunteer Services and the request amount for FY27 is \$4,000.

Erin Erickson met with the Board on behalf of Maquoketa River Watershed Management and the request amount for FY27 is \$7,663.

Heidi Zull met with the Board on behalf of the Riverview Center and the request amount for FY27 is \$1,000.

Kristine Bullock met with the Board on behalf of the Kirkwood Workplace Learning and the request amount for FY27 is \$2,064.60.

Andy Petersen met with the Board on behalf of the Wyoming Fair and the request amount for FY27 is \$4,211.

Karen Kurt and Deanna Robinson met with the Board on behalf of the East Central Iowa Council of Governments and the request amount for FY27 is \$4,832.

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

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Swisher to adjourn the meeting at 11:18 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Attest: Whitney Hein, Auditor

Joe Oswald, Chairman

January 20, 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 January 13, 2026 meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Schlarmann to approve payroll for the period ending January 11, 2026, as certified by the department heads. All aye. Motion carried.

The Board met with the following individuals and entities to discuss FY27 budget requests and receive updates on programs. Matt Majeski met with the Board on behalf of HACAP to update the Board on current programs and to request \$32,357 for FY27.

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 project.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Hall to void check #200021 in the amount of \$2,471.80, dated January 13, 2026, made payable to Mi-T-M Equipment; and corresponding claim #2601-0257, submitted by the Landfill and the check needs to be re-issued in the amount of \$2,471.78. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Zirkelbach to note a correction to the motion previously passed on December 9, 2025 for the starting wage rate for full-time jail officers, Morgan Strait and Kimberly Ricke, citing that the starting wage rate is \$21.85 per hour, not \$21.58 per hour. All aye. Motion carried.

The Land Use Administrator met with the Board for the final reading of ordinance 2026-01.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Zirkelbach to approve the third and final consideration of Jones County, Iowa Ordinance 2026-01, an ordinance amending CHAPTER 3, JONES COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE of TITLE VI – PROPERTY & LAND USE, ARTICLE VI NON-CONFORMING USES. On roll call vote: Schlarman aye, Hall aye, Swisher aye, Zirkelbach aye, Oswald aye, where upon the Chairman declared the final consideration approved, and the ordinance adopted.

JONES COUNTY IOWA ORDINANCE 2026-01

An ordinance amending the code of ordinances of the County of Jones, State of Iowa.

Be it enacted by the Board of Supervisors of Jones County; Iowa as follows:

Section 1: The purpose of this ordinance is to amend CHAPTER 3, JONES COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE OF VI- PROPERTY & LAND USE by amending Chapter 3, Article VI, Non-Conforming Uses by adding Section 3. Non- Conforming Parcel eligibility review Non-conforming parcels located within the Agricultural Zoning District containing two (2) acres or more may be reviewed by the Land Use Administrator to determine whether said parcels meet the criteria to be designated as buildable parcels.

Section 2: The Chapter will be amended as follows:

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**ARTICLE VI            NON-CONFORMING USES**

SECTION 1. NON-CONFORMING USE PROVISIONS

This Ordinance recognizes non-conforming uses of the land which were established and lawful prior to the adoption of this Ordinance. Said non-conforming uses are permitted to continue until their removal or abandonment. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be deemed to require a change in the plans, construction, or designated use of any building, which was lawfully under construction at the effective date of adoption of this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. CHANGES IN NON-CONFORMING USE

The following instances shall constitute a change in a non-conforming use that will require consideration by the Board of Adjustment and the issuance of a variance permit under [Article XXV](#) of this Ordinance:

- A. The enlargement or extension of a non-conforming use of land to occupy additional lots or parcels beyond the lot

or parcel occupied by the use at the time of adoption of this Ordinance.

- B. A re-establishment of a use after more than one year has passed from the date the non-conforming use of the land has ceased or been discontinued, or the establishment of any new use.
- C. A non-conforming use with any loss due to an act of God may be re-established within one year of the loss without a variance. The re-established use shall not be enlarged or extended beyond the original scope before the loss.

These changes in land use must be approved by the Board of Adjustment under [Article XXIV](#) of this Ordinance, unless such use is a principal permitted use of the applicable District.

### Section 3. Non- Conforming Parcel eligibility review

Non-conforming parcels located within the Agricultural Zoning District containing two (2) acres or more may be reviewed by the Land Use Administrator to determine whether said parcels meet the criteria to be designated as buildable parcels. Such determination shall be made in accordance with applicable provisions of this Ordinance and any other relevant regulations governing nonconforming lots and development standards.

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

During the Elected Official comment period, Hein talked about the afternoon budget session.

The Board recessed from 9:24 a.m. to 9:35 a.m.

The Board met with the following departments to discuss FY27 budget requests.

The Auditor met with the Board to present budgets for the Board of Supervisors, Court Activities, Juvenile Court Services, Medical Examiner, Townships, Economic Development Commission, Libraries, Historic Preservation/Tourism, Human Services, and Fairs.

The Recorder met with the Board to present the Recorder departmental budget.

The Conservation Director met with the Board to present budgets for the Conservation Department including conservation capital projects and projects funded by derecho funds.

The County Attorney met with the Board to present the Attorney departmental budget.

The GIS Coordinator met with the Board to present the GIS departmental budget.

The Auditor and Land Use Administrator/Community Services Coordinator met with the Board to present budgets for the Land Use departmental budget and the General Services departmental budget.

The Senior Dining Director met with the Board to present the Senior Dining departmental budget.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Swisher to adjourn the meeting at 2:11 p.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Attest: Whitney Hein, Auditor

Joe Oswald, Chairman

January 21, 2026 10:30 a.m.

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

The Board met with the following departments to discuss FY27 budget requests.

The Engineer met with the Board to present the budget for the Secondary Road department.

The IT Director met with the Board to present the IT departmental budget.

The Facilities Maintenance Director met with the Board to present the General Services departmental budget.

The Auditor met with the Board to present departmental budgets for the Auditor, Environmental Restoration, Capital Projects, Emergency Medical Services, and the Non-Departmental budget.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Hall to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 p.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Attest: Whitney Hein, Auditor

Joe Oswald, Chairman

January 23, 2026 10:30 a.m.

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

The Board met with the following departments to discuss FY27 budget requests.

The JETS Director met with the Board to present the budget for the JETS department.

The Veteran Affairs Administrator met with the Board to present the VA departmental budget.

The Auditor met with the Board to present departmental budgets for Memorial Hall, County Share of Solid Waste, Opioid Remediation, DCAT/CPPC, County Share of Emergency Management, Employee Wellness, and Employee Safety Committee.

The Sheriff met with the Board to present the Sheriff departmental budget which includes the jail.

The Environmental Health Coordinator met with the Board to present the budget for the Environmental Health department.

The Public Health Director met with the Board to present the budget for the Public Health department.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Hall to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 p.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Attest: Whitney Hein, Auditor

Joe Oswald, Chairman

January 27, 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 January 20, 21, and 23, 2026 meetings. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Swisher to approve claims #2601-0269 through #2601-0446. All aye. Motion carried.

The Treasurer met with the Board to present the FY27 Treasurer departmental budget.

The Auditor met with the Board for the various items as noted in the motions below and to give an update on the Courthouse and Broadway Place Annex Energy Audit.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Oswald to approve a five-day Class C Retail Alcohol License for Scotch Grove Coon Hunters Club to be effective February 5, 2026. All aye. Motion carried. [2026-012]

Supervisor Schlarmann introduced the following APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION 2025/2026-04 and moved its adoption, 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.

APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION 2025/2026-04

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:

3	Fairs	decrease	\$200	fro	\$23,661	to	\$23,461
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4	Memorial Hall	increase	\$200	fro	\$8,600	to	\$8,800
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The Engineer met with the Board to give an update on the safety committee that took place last week and to set a public hearing for a grading project on Dales Ford Road.

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 grading project on Dales Ford Road; and

Whereas, the Board shall discuss whether to fund a site-specific design for the public improvement on a portion of Dales Ford Road in Section nine (9) and Four (4) of Scotch Grove Township; and

Whereas, the public hearing shall be an opportunity for the public to provide input into the decision to fund the site-specific design for the public improvement; and

Whereas, funds for this project are available in the Secondary Road Option Tax Fund; and

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

1. Hold a public hearing, providing the opportunity for public input on the question of proceeding with the public improvement and on the acquisition or condemnation of property interests for the project; and
2. 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, February 17, 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.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Swisher to adjourn the meeting at 9:43 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Attest: Whitney Hein, Auditor

Joe Oswald, Chairman

February 3, 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 January 27, 2026 meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Schlarmann to approve payroll for the period ending January 25, 2026, as certified by the department heads. All aye. Motion carried.

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 project and the replacement of film on the women's restroom door on first floor of the Courthouse.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Schlarmann to suspend the property taxes, per Iowa Code Section 427.9, for Loras Simon, effective immediately, for real estate parcels 0411200010, 0412100005, and 0411200011 for a property located in Washington Township, subject to his continued ownership of said property, and annual certification of eligibility by the Iowa Department of Human Services. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Schlarmann to appoint Derek Lumsden, a citizen representative, to fill a vacancy on the East Central Iowa Council of Governments (ECICOG) Board of Directors for the remainder of a three year term expiring December 31, 2027. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Hall to direct the Auditor to publish notice of a Board of Health vacancy on the county website and to accept applications until February 17, 2026. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Hall to authorize the chairman to sign the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 2025 Report. All aye. Motion carried. [2026-013]

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

The IT Coordinator met with the Board to review an updated Jones County Electronic Media and Technology Policy that replaces outdated language and addresses technology uses that were not in existence at the time of the last update.

Moved by Hall seconded by Swisher to approve the updated Jones County Electronic Media and Technology Policy and noting that all employees shall sign the new policy even if they signed the previous version upon hire, and to direct employees using remote access to fill out the remote access form. All aye. Motion carried. [2026-014]

The Engineer met with the Board to set a bid letting for contract rock for calendar year 2026, and to discuss right of way needed from the State of Iowa for a future project on Ridge Road E28.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Schlarmann to accept bids until 9:30 a.m. on February 17, 2026, for project no. M-1326, a contract road rock and placement project. All aye. Motion carried. [2026-015]

Moved by Hall seconded by Schlarmann to approve a Partial Acquisition Contract with the State of Iowa for right-of-way along Ridge Road E28 for Project No. FM-CO53(95)—55-53 in Fairview Township. All aye. Motion carried. [2026-016]

The Board continued updates on previous and future committee meetings.

The Board discussed various options for the re-estimated FY26 budget, to discuss various options for moving Sheriff Deputy pay from the General Basic Fund to the Rural Basic Fund. The Board would like to see the following budget estimates at the next meeting:

- Add 2 Sheriff Deputies to the Rural Basic Fund for a total of 4.
- Add \$1,000/funeral for 4 funerals to the General Assistance budget. This allows for a total of 8 funeral assistance claims per fiscal year.
- A list of General Supplemental uses
- Projection of the Rural Basic levy at \$0.10 step increases.
- To set health insurance rates at the maximum increase since renewal rates are not finalized.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Hall to adjourn the meeting at 10:54 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Attest: Whitney Hein, Auditor

Joe Oswald, Chairman

February 5, 2026 10:30 a.m.

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

The Board met to discuss various options for the FY26 budget amendment and to set a budget amendment hearing, to discuss funding amounts for non-county entities, and to discuss further options for the FY27 budget including health insurance maximum rates, rural basic fund

and number of deputies to fund from rural services, transfer from the general basic fund to the general supplemental fund to support general supplemental expenses with potentially not having to increasing the levy.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Hall to set a public hearing to amend the current county budget at 9:00 a.m. on February 24, 2026; with the Auditor directed to publish the amendment notice in the two official county newspapers. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Swisher to set a public hearing, as required by Iowa Code Section 331.434(6), at 9:05 a.m. on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, to receive public comment on proposed reductions to fiscal year 2026 departmental appropriations which are in excess of 10% or \$5,000 (whichever is greater), of the current appropriation 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)

All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Zirkelbach to approve funding requests for budgetary purposes only as follows for non-county entities:

- Jones Co Economic Development = \$50,000
- Libraries = 2% increase over FY26
- Jones Co Tourism = \$16,000 plus hotel/motel taxes collected
- Jones Co Historic Preservation Commission = \$8,000
- Jones Co Historical Society = \$10,000
- Jones Co Cemetery Association = \$7,000
- Jones Co Fair = \$20,000
- Wyoming Fair = \$5,000
- Solid Waste Commission = \$45,500
- Jones Co Emergency Management = \$877,438
- Cedar/Jones Early Childhood Iowa = \$2,250
- Jones Co Safe and Healthy Youth = \$5,000
- Riverview Center = \$1,000
- HACAP = \$32,357
- Jones Co Family Council = \$2,250
- Volunteer Services = \$2,100
- Eastern Iowa Housing Trust Fund = \$4,832
- Workplace Learning Connection = \$1,033

- Natural Resource Conservation Service = \$1,250

All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Hall to adjourn the meeting at 12:11 p.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Attest: Whitney Hein, Auditor

Joe Oswald, Chairman

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

February 12, 2026 12:00 p.m.

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

The Board met to further discuss options for the FY27 budget including increasing the General Supplemental Levy rate, and to review the proposed budget with all FY27 salary increases included. The Board also reviewed an energy audit drafted by Alliant Energy. There are recommendations to improve electricity usage. This needs further research before any budget changes are made to accommodate energy efficiency.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Hall to adjourn the meeting at 12:51 p.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Attest: Whitney Hein, Auditor

Joe Oswald, Chairman

February 17, 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 Schlarmann seconded by Zirkelbach to approve the minutes of the February 10 and 12, 2026 meetings. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Hall to approve payroll for the period ending February 8, 2026, as certified by the department heads. All aye. Motion carried.

The Treasurer met with the Board to abate the taxes on three mobile homes owned by the county that were dismantled at Monti View Trailer Court and to give an update on proposed tax sale legislation.

Supervisor Schlarmann introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, 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.

**TAX ABATEMENT RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that the Jones County Treasurer shall, pursuant to Iowa Code Section 435.25, abate all taxes, interest, and cost and strike from the tax books reference to the following homes:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Parcel</u>	<u>Assessment Years</u>	<u>Total Tax</u>
Jones County	LOVMO 0130498R	2024, 2025 & 2026	\$408.00
Jones County	LOVMO BT20301	2024, 2025 & 2026	\$378.00
Jones County	LOVMO 29843	2022, 2023, 2024 & 2025	\$592.00

The mobile/manufactured homes have been dismantled, the titles surrendered, and junking certificates issued.

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

Supervisor Swisher introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, 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 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 January 15, 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 January 15, 2026 notifying them of the delinquent accounts and that if the accounts remained

delinquent on February 17, 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
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 September 15, 2025 through November 30, 2025.
Rubner, Daron 100 ½ 1 <sup>st</sup> 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 September 15, 2025 through November 30, 2025.

Supervisor Zirkelbach introduced the following resolution 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.

**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 January 15, 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 January 15, 2026 notifying them of the delinquent accounts and that if the accounts remained delinquent on February 17, 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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Cuesta, Kaitlyn 12643 Holmes St. Center Junction, IA 52212	Cuesta, Kaitlyn 12643 Holmes St. Center Junction, IA 52212	11 04 180 004 O.T. LOTS 9-10, BLK 14 CENTER JUNCTION	\$394.78 Services billed September 15, 2025 through November 30, 2025.
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 September 15, 2025 through November 30, 2025.
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 September 15, 2025 through November 30, 2025.
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	\$469.32 Services billed September 15, 2025 through November 30, 2025.
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 September 15, 2025 through November 30, 2025.
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	\$497.22 Services billed September 15, 2025 through November 30, 2025.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Hall to approve a Quit Claim Deed to transfer adjacent vacated York Street within the Baker & Sandusky addition in Fairview to Theodore J. Weber. Supervisor Schlarmann later withdrew his motion.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Zirkelbach to table the approval of a Quit Claim Deed to transfer adjacent vacated York Street within the Baker & Sandusky addition in Fairview to Theodore J. Weber until the Board can consult with the County Attorney. All aye. Motion carried.

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

The Engineer and Assistant Engineer met with the Board for a bid opening, a public hearing and to provide updates on the Stone City box culvert letting.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Hall to open a public hearing on the public improvement on a portion of Dales Ford Rd. at 9:31 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

There were 13 public citizens present for the public hearing and numerous public citizens on ZOOM.

The Engineer and Assistant Engineer gave comments on the current condition of the road. Multiple citizens physically present gave comments on the project and asked questions. There were no comments via remote connection.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Zirkelbach to close the public hearing at 10:11 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Hall seconded by Swisher to open bids at 10:12 a.m. for contract rock to be placed on county roadways. All aye. Motion carried.

Bids were received from the following:

- Wendling Quarries
- Bard Materials
- River City Stone
- Weber Stone

During the Elected Official comment period the County Attorney updated the Board on proposed legislation.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Swisher to adjourn the meeting at 10:28 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Attest: Ashley Kurt, Deputy Auditor

Joe Oswald, Chairman

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

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

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Hall to open the public hearing to amend the FY2026 County Budget at 9:01 a.m. On roll call vote: Schlarmann 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 Schlarmann to close the public hearing at 9:03 a.m. On roll call vote: Schlarmann 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: Schlarmann 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 Schlarmann seconded by Hall to close the public hearing at 9:08 a.m. On roll call vote: Schlarmann aye, Hall aye, Swisher aye, Zirkelbach aye, Oswald aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Schlarmann 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 Schlarmann 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 Schlarmann 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 Schlarmann 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

March 3, 2026 9:00 a.m.

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

During the public comment period, Mary Melchert gave information about a recent presentation that she attended on walking with immigrants.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Hall to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2026 meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Schlarmann to approve payroll for the period ending February 22, 2026, as certified by the department heads. All aye. Motion carried.

The Sheriff and Public Health Director met with the Board regarding the purchase on an outdoor vending machine for Narcan distribution using the opioid settlement funding.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Zirkelbach to purchase a vending machine from A&M Equipment sales in the amount of \$8,125 using opioid settlement funds for the purchase. All aye. Motion carried. (*Auditor's Note: There was a clerical error and the approved amount was \$8,215 per the quote.*)

The Land Use Administrator met with the Board to discuss nuisance ordinance violations and next steps for those violations.

Moved by Hall seconded by Schlarmann to issue a formal notice of violation of the Jones County Nuisance Ordinance to Lots 12 and 15 within Montiview Trailer Court, located at 21664 Business Hwy 151, Monticello, and providing thirty days to abate the nuisance or to request a hearing before the Board of Supervisors. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Zirkelbach to authorize the Land Use Administrator to issue a thirty-day extension for a nuisance abatement to property owners, Anna and Ethan Oneal for property located at 15913 Hwy 136, Onslow. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Hall to authorize the Land Use Administrator to issue a civil citation to property owner, Rebecca Hollandsworth., for property located at 20057 72<sup>nd</sup> St., Anamosa. All aye. Motion carried.

The Engineer and Assistant Engineer met with the Board for a bid opening, to amend the DOT Secondary Roads budget, to approve contract rock agreements, to award a contract for the Stone City bridge project, and to discuss updates to the Five Year Road Construction program.

Moved by Hall seconded by Zirkelbach to open bids at 9:31 a.m. for project M-0127, a county wide pavement marking project. All aye. Motion carried.

Three bids were received as follows:

- KAM Line in the amount of \$121,672.87
- Advanced Traffic Control in the amount of \$148,215.00
- L&L Pelling Company in the amount of \$160,259.40

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Zirkelbach to accept a bid from KAM Line in the amount of \$121,672.87 to furnish and apply 5,000 gallons of pavement marking paint on various County roads. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Hall seconded by Schlarmann to approve three contract rock contracts for River City Stone in the amount of \$238,789.80, Weber Stone in the amount of \$482,710.00, and Wendling Quarries in the amount of \$321,579.00. All aye. Motion carried. [2026-025, 2026-026, 2026-027]

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

**RESOLUTION TO AWARD CONTRACT ID 53-CO53-102 &  
TO DESIGNATE COUNTY ENGINEER TO EXECUTE CONTRACT**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors, hereafter referred to as “the Board”, believes the Stone City Road project, hereafter referred to as “the project” is in the best interest of Jones County, Iowa, and the residents thereof. The project is defined as a RCB Culvert Replacement – Twin Box on Stone City Road over Crows Creek; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has sought appropriate professional guidance for the concept and planning for the project and followed the steps as required by the Code of Iowa for notifications, hearings, and bidding/letting; and

**WHEREAS**, The Board finds this resolution appropriate and necessary to protect, preserve, and improve the rights, privileges, property, peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of Jones County and its citizens, all as provided for in and permitted by section 331.301 of the Code of Iowa; and

**IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED** by the Board to accept the bid from Iowa Bridge & Culvert, L.C. in the amount of \$611,283.93 and awards the associated contract(s) to the same;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all other resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed. If any part of this resolution is adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the resolution or action of The Board as a whole or any part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its approval as provided by law; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Board of Jones County, Iowa, that after receiving the necessary contract documents, including but not limited to, the contractor’s bond and certificate of insurance, Derek Snead, P.E., the County Engineer for Jones County, Iowa, be and is hereby designated, authorized, and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of said County to execute the contracts in connection with the afore awarded construction project let through the DOT for this county. [2026-028]

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Hall to approve the amend DOT Secondary Road budget to reflect the county budget amendment that was approved on February 24, 2026. All aye. Motion carried. [2026-029]

The Auditor met with the Board for approval of the various items as noted in the motions below and to discuss signage for the public safety facility building, discuss renting out the empty offices at Broadway Place Annex, and to review examples of how the county's proposed levy rates would affect rural properties.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Hall to approve the certification of completion and the roof maintenance warranty agreement for the Courthouse Roof Replacement project. All aye. Motion carried. [2026-030]

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Hall to approve a five-day Class C Retail Alcohol License for Scotch Grove Coon Hunters Club to be effective March 10, 2026. All aye. Motion carried. [2026-031]

Moved by Swisher seconded by Zirkelbach to approve a Class C Retail Alcohol License for Wapsipinicon Country Club with outdoor service privileges effective April 1, 2026. All aye. Motion carried. [2026-032]

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Swisher to make of record the Conservation Board's appointment of the following seasonal employees Troy Olson at \$21.39 per hour, effective March 9, 2026 and Josie Beitz at \$17.11 per hour, effective March 9, 2026. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Swisher to make of record the Conservation Board's wage increase for Ian Taylor, increasing the wage from \$15.84 per hour to \$16.32 per hour. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Hall to set a bid opening of March 24, 2026 at 9:30a.m. for weed control and lawn fertilizer services at 500 W Main St., Anamosa and 105 Broadway Place, Anamosa. All aye. Motion carried.

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

During the elected official comment period, the County Attorney commended the Assessor's office on settling a recent appeal.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Swisher to adjourn at 11:06 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Attest: Whitney Hein, Auditor

Joe Oswald, Chairman

March 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 Schlarmann to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2026 meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Hall to approve claims #2603-0001 through #2603-0139. All aye. Motion carried.

The Auditor met with the Board for approval of the various items as noted in the motions below and to give an update on the public safety facility construction.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Schlarmann to approve the purchase of Narcan and prescription locking vials using opioid funds not to exceed \$3,923.00. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Hall seconded by Zirkelbach to approve the Clerk's Report of Fees collected for the month ending February 28, 2026. All aye. Motion carried. [2026-033]

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Zirkelbach to approve a bid publication for lamp post fixtures, old plat maps, floor buffer, and a wooden shelf with the bids being due by 10:00 a.m. on March 24, 2026. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Hall seconded by Swisher to change the bid deadline for weed control and fertilizer services at 500 W. Main St. and 105 Broadway Place, Anamosa to 10:00 a.m. on March 24, 2026. All aye. Motion carried.

The Engineer and Assistant to Engineer met with the Board to approve a pavement marking contract, discuss surface stabilization, and to approve the purchase of a debris blower attachment for a skid loader.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Hall to approve a Pavement Markings Contract M-0127 with Kam Line Highway Markings in the amount of \$121,672.87. All aye. Motion carried. [2026-034]

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Hall to approve a surface stabilization program on 215<sup>th</sup> Ave., 150<sup>th</sup> Ave., and Lead Mine Rd. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Swisher to approve the purchase of a debris blower attachment for skid loader not to exceed \$7,690.00. All aye. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Swisher to adjourn at 9:49 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Attest: Whitney Hein, Auditor

Joe Oswald, Chairman

March 17, 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 Schlarmann seconded by Zirkelbach to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2026 meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Hall to approve payroll for the period ending March 8, 2026, as certified by the department heads. All aye. Motion carried.

The Auditor met with the Board for approval of the various items as noted in the motions below, a public hearing, and to discuss signage for the public safety facility building.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Hall to open the public hearing at 9:01 a.m. for the EMS Advisory Council Annual Report FY25. All aye. Motion carried.

The Auditor gave a brief overview of the report.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Zirkelbach to close the public hearing at 9:09 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Hall to approve the EMS Advisory Council Annual Report FY25 and place it on file. All aye. Motion carried. [2026-035]

Moved by Swisher seconded by Hall to void check #200597 in the amount of \$568.00, dated March 10, 2026, made payable to Community Wholesale Tires; and corresponding claim #2603-0060, submitted by the Sheriff Department, with reason being that the vendor ordered the wrong tire size. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Hall to make of record the Conservation Board's appointment of seasonal employee Shelby Wegener at \$16.32 per hour, effective April 6, 2026. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Zirkelbach to participate in an opioid settlement agreement named the Six Remnant Defendants Settlement. All aye. Motion carried. [2026-036]

The Veterans Affairs Administrator met with the Board to discuss the hiring process and job posting for a new Veterans Affairs Administrator due to the current administrator's upcoming retirement.

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

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Hall to open lawn care bids at 9:31 a.m. for mowing and trimming services at the JETS Building, 841 John Drive, Monticello. All aye. Motion carried. Mowing bids were received from the following:

- Oswald Mowing - \$30/mowing and \$6/trimming
- Steve Monk Construction - \$30/mowing and \$8/trimming
- Simple Land Solutions - \$60/mowing and \$25/trimming
- Little Bear Lawn Care - \$55/mowing and \$10/trimming
- Level Up Landscape - \$45/mowing and \$15/trimming
- Brett Bortscheller - \$80/mowing and \$40/trimming

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Zirkelbach to award the lawn mowing and trimming bid to Oswald Mowing for the 2026 calendar year. Schlarmann aye, Hall aye, Swisher aye, Zirkelbach aye, Oswald abstain. Motion carried. [2026-037]

The Assistant to the Engineer met with the Board to approve contract rock agreement, and to give an update on the preconstruction meeting for the Stone City bridge project.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Hall to approve a contract rock contract with Bard Materials, Inc. in the amount of \$117,321.50. All aye. Motion carried. [2026-038]

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

During the elected official comment period, Oswald commented on the recent announcement that JETS has been allocated five new buses to be delivered over the next couple of fiscal years.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Swisher to adjourn at 9:59 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Attest: Whitney Hein, Auditor

Joe Oswald, Chairman

March 24, 2026 9:00 a.m.

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

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Swisher to open the public hearing on the FY27 Proposed Property Tax Levy per Iowa Code Section 24.2A at 9:00 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

There were 11 public citizens present for the public hearing and numerous public citizens on ZOOM. The Auditor did provide a Proposed Property Tax Levy summary. Numerous citizens provided comments and had questions on assessed values, and levy rates among many jurisdictions.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Hall to close the public hearing at 10:00 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Oswald adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Attest: Whitney Hein, Auditor

Joe Oswald, Chairman

March 24, 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 Schlarmann seconded by Hall to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2026 meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Hall seconded by Swisher to approve claims #2603-0140 through #2603-0308. All aye. Motion carried.

The Auditor met with the Board for approval of the various items as noted in the motions below and to give an update on the public safety facility construction and signage for the building.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Schlarmann to open bids at 10:02 a.m. for lawn weed control and fertilizer services at the Courthouse and Broadway Place Annex. All aye. Motion carried.

Only one bid was received:

- Minger Mowing and Landscape Inc.
  - o Courthouse
    - Spring Crab Grass/Water Grass Preventative, and Fertilizer - \$564.00
    - Fall Weed Control - \$564.00
    - Summer Weed Control - \$464.00
    - Grub Control - \$464.00
    - Fall Fertilizer - \$464.00
  - o Broadway Place
    - Summer Weed Control - \$464.00

Moved by Hall seconded by Schlarmann to open bids at 10:05 a.m. for bids for old plat maps, floor buffer, lamp post fixtures, and a wooden shelf. All aye. Motion carried.

Bids were received from the following:

- Rachel Ahrendsen – 1 Plat Map \$253.00
- John Schlarmann – 1 Plat Map \$47.00 and Wooden Shelf \$77.00

- Joe Oswald – Floor Buffer \$102.00
- Ned Rohwedder – 2 Lamp Post Fixtures at \$55.00 per fixture and 1 Plat Map \$256.00

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Hall to award the bid to Minger Mowing and Landscape, Inc. for Spring Crab Grass/Water Grass Preventative and Fertilizer and Fall Weed Control in the amount of \$564.00 per application at the Courthouse for the 2026 calendar year. All aye. Motion carried. [2026-039]

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Hall to award the plat map bids to Ned Rohwedder in the amount of \$256.00 and Rachel Ahrendsen in the amount of \$253.00. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Swisher to award the lamp post fixtures bid to Ned Rohwedder for two lamp post fixtures in the amount of \$55.00 each. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Schlarmann to award the floor buffer bid to Joe Oswald in the amount of \$102.00. Schlarmann, Hall, Zirkelbach, Swisher ayes. Oswald abstain. Motion carried.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Hall to award the wooden bookshelf bid to John Schlarmann in the amount of \$77.00. Hall, Zirkelbach, Swisher, Oswald ayes. Schlarmann abstain. Motion carried.

Moved by Hall seconded by Schlarmann to approve a Class E Retail Alcohol License for Caseys Marketing Company, d.b.a. Casey's #3898, 23485 Co. Rd. E34, Anamosa effective April 22, 2026. All aye. Motion carried. [2026-040]

The Engineer met with the Board for the approval of the various items as noted in the motions below.

Moved by Hall seconded by Schlarmann to approve the final voucher for project number FM-CO53(99) – 55-53, a 5.2 mile PCC overlay on Co. Rd. X31 from E. Liberty Street to Old Cass Road. All aye. Motion carried. [2026-041]

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Schlarmann to adopt the FY27 Secondary Road budget as presented and to submit to the Iowa Department of Transportation. All aye. Motion carried. [2026-042]

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Hall to adopt the FY27 Secondary Road Five Year Road Program as presented and to submit to the Iowa Department of Transportation. All aye. Motion carried. [2026-043]

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

#### WEIGHT EMBARGO RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors is empowered under authority of Sections 321.236 Sub. (8), 321.255 and 321.471 to 321.473 to prohibit the operation of vehicles or impose limitations as to the weight thereof on designated highways or highway structures under their jurisdiction, and

WHEREAS, the Jones County Engineer has caused to be completed the Structure Inventory and Appraisal of a certain Jones County bridge in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards and has determined the following:

Advanced decay of abutment piles causing reduction in bearing capacity.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Jones County Board of Supervisors that the 120<sup>th</sup> Street bridge, over a branch of Big Bear Creek, be posted for a 10 Ton weight limit to all vehicles. [2026-044]

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

The Auditor discussed potential items to include or exclude from the FY27 before the final budget documents are presented to the Board next meeting.

Moved by Hall seconded by Schlarmann to approve a three-tier health insurance plan offering to be effective July 1, 2026, noting that the current plan coverage and networks will stay the same, but that employees will have multiple deductible options to choose from. All aye. Motion carried.

Due to not knowing which plan employees will select during the open enrollment process in May 2026, there will not be any reductions to the FY27 budget at this time, but could be reductions at a future budget amendment.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Swisher to adjourn at 11:23 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Attest: Whitney Hein, Auditor

Joe Oswald, Chairman

March 31, 2026 9:00 a.m.

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

During the public comment period Sherri Thurston gave comments on the Jones County EMS report.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Zirkelbach to approve the minutes of the two meetings held on March 24, 2026. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Zirkelbach to approve payroll for the period ending March 22, 2026, as certified by the department heads. All aye. Motion carried.

The Treasurer met with the Board to make of record the appointment of a Deputy Treasurer.

Moved by Schlarmann second by Hall to make of record the Treasurer's appointment of Josaline Snyder as a Deputy Treasurer starting at \$49,429.04, effective April 6, 2026. All aye. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Hall seconded by Zirkelbach to void check # 200807 in the amount of \$1,010.00, dated March 24, 2026, made payable to Postmaster; and corresponding claim #2603-0305, submitted by the Assessor's office, with reason being vendor supplied an incorrect amount. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Zirkelbach to approve an application for a fireworks display permit for Dale King for an event to be held on June 6, 2026. All aye. Motion carried. [2026-045]

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Schlarmann to approve a memorandum of understanding with PPME union to modify the work hours for jail officers with the approval of the union. All aye. Motion carried. [2026-046]

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Swisher to approve a change order for the Public Safety Facility in the amount of \$14,512.36 which includes changes to the hook-up for the power washer, conduit painting, firestopping, carpet, and security cameras. All aye. Motion carried. [2026-047]

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Zirkelbach to reschedule the Board of Supervisors meeting on June 23, 2026 to start at 8:00 a.m. instead of 9:00 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Swisher introduced the following Proposed Budget Resolution and moved its adoption, 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.

#### FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027 PROPOSED BUDGET RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE JONES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that the Jones County Auditor publish, once in each of the two official County newspapers, the week of April 6, 2026, the proposed Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Jones County Budget Summary showing:

- gross taxes levied to be \$12,155,845
  - tax breakdown reflecting \$11,967,660 levied on property and \$188,185 as utility replacement taxes.
  - \$113,257 of said levy is specifically designated for county facility capital improvements, major software updates, election equipment replacement, aerial tax map update, and other one-time projects deemed by the Board to be of beneficial service to the public.
  - no debt service levy is included in the proposed budget.
- total revenues of \$21,398,777 (including taxes, but net of interfund transfers)
- total expenditures of \$22,930,847 (net of interfund transfers)

and setting the public hearing at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, in the Board Room of the Jones County Courthouse.

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

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Swisher to go into closed session at 9:47 a.m. per Iowa Code Section 21.5 (1)c to discuss pending litigation. On roll call vote: Schlarmann aye, Hall aye, Swisher aye, Zirkelbach aye, Oswald aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Hall to exit closed session at 9:58 a.m. On roll call vote: Schlarmann aye, Hall aye, Swisher aye, Zirkelbach aye, Oswald aye. Motion carried.

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

April 7, 2026 9:00 a.m.

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

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Schlarmann to approve the minutes of the March 31, 2026 meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Hall seconded by Swisher to approve claims #2604-0001 through #2604-0150. All aye. Motion carried.

Sterika and Kelly with the Riverview Center met with the Board to give an update and proclaim the month of April as Sexual Assault Awareness month.

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

*PROCLAMATION*

WHEREAS, sexual assault affects women, children and men of all racial, cultural and economic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the immediate physical and emotional costs, sexual assault may also have associated consequences of post-traumatic stress disorder, substance abuse, depression, homelessness, eating disorders and suicide; and

WHEREAS, sexual assault can be devastating not only to the survivor, but also for the family, friends, and community of the survivor; and

WHEREAS, since no one person, organization, agency, or community can eliminate sexual assault on their own, we must work together to educate our entire population about what can be done to prevent sexual assault, support survivors and their significant others, and support those agencies providing services to survivors.

NOW THEREFORE, WE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN AND FOR JONES COUNTY, ON BEHALF OF ALL STAFF AND CITIZENS OF JONES COUNTY DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF APRIL 2026 AS

*“SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH”*

IN ANAMOSA, IOWA AND ENCOURAGE ALL CITIZENS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT PREVENTING SEXUAL VIOLENCE. [2026-048]

The Auditor met with the Board to approve an employee Remote Access Authorization request, discuss Public Safety Facility signage, and to give an update on the Public Safety Facility.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Schlarmann to table a Remote Access Authorization request until next week. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Swisher to approve acrylic signage for the Public Safety Facility in the amount of \$4,930.00. All aye. Motion carried.

The Engineer met with the Board to approve a Safe Streets 4 All (SS4A) grant application and to give an update on placement of contract rock and the Stone City bridge project.

Supervisor Swisher introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption 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 FOR A SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL (SS4A)**

Implementation Grant Application for Safety Improvements along County Road X40

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors, hereafter referred to as “the Board”, believes the County Road X40 project, hereafter referred to as “the project” is in the best interest of Jones County, Iowa, and the residents thereof; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 24112(a)(2) of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act provides statutory eligibility criteria for the SS4A grants; and

**WHEREAS**, the Office of the Secretary of Transportation has made available a Notice of Funding Opportunity to the application process for SS4A grants; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Engineer recommends application for funding of a project that includes safety improvements on County Road X40 from County Road E45 to US Highway 151.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Jones County, Iowa, that we declare support for and endorsement of the Grant Application for said project. The board further endorses the submittal of such application for grant funding and assures that the County will adequately maintain such improvements within the Jones County Secondary Roads system; and directs the County Engineer to pursue available funding for said project. [2026-049]

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

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Swisher to adjourn the meeting at 9:59 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Attest: Whitney Hein

Joe Oswald, Chairman

April 14, 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 Swisher to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2026. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Zirkelbach to approve payroll for the period ending April 5, 2026, as certified by the department heads. All aye. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Swisher seconded by Zirkelbach to approve the Clerk's Report of Fees collected for the month ending March 31, 2026. All aye. Motion carried. [2026-050]

Moved by Hall seconded by Schlarmann to approve the Recorder's, Sheriff's, and Auditor's Report of Fees collected for quarter ending March 31, 2026. All aye. Motion carried. [2026-051, 2026-052, 2026-053]

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Hall to acknowledge a receipt of a manure management plan from Matt Hosch for a facility located in Section 2 of Richland township. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Zirkelbach to authorize the Chairman to sign a letter to the Iowa Department of Human Services requesting confirmation of the eligibility for suspension of property taxes, per Iowa Code Section 427.9, for Rose Farnum, for property located in Oxford Junction, Jones County, Iowa (OXJCO 1622101004) and for Loras J. Simon, for property located in Section 11 of Washington Township (WASDB 0411200010, 0411200011, 0412100005). All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Hall to appoint Tara Brighton, Monticello, to fill a vacancy on the Board of Health for a term expiring December 31, 2027.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Zirkelbach to establish the premium rates for the employee health insurance program for coverage effective July 1, 2026, as recommended by Wellmark Blue Cross & BlueShield, a \$750 deductible option at \$1008.37 for a single plan and \$2,475.93 for a family plan, a \$1,500 deductible option at \$949.76 for a single plan and \$2,329.39 for a family plan, and a \$3,000 deductible option at \$850.37 for a single plan and \$2,080.93 for a family plan, with employee and employer cost sharing ratios as follows: The County will pay \$923.37 of the monthly single employee premium and \$2,150.93 of the monthly family employee premium for each permanent full-time employee eligible for the County provided group medical health insurance and taking the \$750 deductible coverage. The County will pay \$899.76 of the monthly single employee premium and \$2,079.39 of the monthly family employee premium for each permanent full-time employee eligible for the County provided group medical health insurance and taking the \$1,500 deductible coverage. The County will pay \$825.37 of the monthly single employee premium and \$1,880.93 of the monthly family employee premium for each permanent full-time employee eligible for the County provided group medical health insurance and taking the \$3,000 deductible coverage. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Zirkelbach to deny the remote authorization request from the GIS Coordinator and cited that if emergency access is needed, the Chair or Vice-Chair of the Board needs to be contacted prior to authorization being granted. All aye. Motion carried.

The Land Use Administrator met with the Board to discuss the following nuisance ordinance violations.

Moved by Hall seconded by Schlarmann to set a public hearing at 9:15 a.m. on April 28, 2026, to review violations of the Jones County Nuisance Ordinance on property located within Montiview Trailer Court, 21664 Bus. Hwy 151, Monticello, Lots 12 and 15. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Swisher to issue a 60-day extension to a formal notice of violation of the Jones County Nuisance Ordinance to Anna and Ethan Oneal for a property located at 15913 Hwy 136, Onslow, citing that progress is being made and cleanup needs to continue before being considered abated. All aye. Motion carried.

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

During the elected official comment period, the Treasurer introduced new Deputy Treasurer, Josaline Snyder, to the Board.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Zirkelbach to go into closed session at 9:38 a.m. per Iowa Code Section 21.5 (1)c to discuss pending litigation. On roll call vote: Schlarmann aye, Hall aye, Swisher aye, Zirkelbach aye, Oswald aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Hall to exit closed session at 9:57 a.m. On roll call vote: Schlarmann aye, Hall aye, Swisher aye, Zirkelbach aye, Oswald aye. Motion carried.

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

Attest: Whitney Hein, Auditor

Joe Oswald, Chairman