

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 Sperflage, 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:

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