

November 19, 2024 9:00 a.m.

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

Moved by Oswald seconded by Swisher to convene as a Board of Canvassers at 9:00 a.m. to canvass the results of the November 5, 2024 General Election for the Monticello Community School District after receiving election results from adjacent counties. All aye. Motion carried.

We, the Members of the Board of Supervisors and ex-officio Board of County Canvassers, for Jones County, hereby certify the following to be a true and correct abstract of the votes cast in the various counties for the Monticello Community School District at the General Election held on the fifth day of November, 2024, for Public Measure MD, as shown by abstracts received from adjacent counties.

Monticello School - Public Measure MD

Yes Received Two Thousand One Hundred and Sixteen (2,116) votes

No Received One Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy (1,370) votes

Total Three Thousand Four Hundred and Eighty-Six (3,486) votes

We therefore declare:

Monticello School-Public Measure MD to be passed.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Schlarmann to approve the final canvass of the November 5, 2024 General Election as stated above. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Swisher to adjourn as the Board of Canvassers and to convene as the Board of Supervisors at 9:03 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Oswald to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2024 meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Schlarmann to approve claims #2411-0105 through #2411-0373. All aye. Motion carried.

The Auditor met with the Board for the various items as noted in the motions listed below to discuss the FY26 budget calendar, the bathroom remodel project, and a potential roof replacement project.

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

RESOLUTION ORDERING A RECOUNT OF VOTES IN THE PRECINCTS IN JONES COUNTY WHICH ARE IN THE UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 1

WHEREAS, the Jones County Auditor's office administered the General Election of November 5, 2024, which included precincts in the United States Representative District 1; and

WHEREAS, the Jones County Board of Supervisors on November 13, 2024, canvassed and certified the results of said election per the Code of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, Christina Bohannon, candidate for United States Representative District 1, properly filed a request for a recount of votes in United States Representative District 1 precincts in Jones County as prescribed by Code of Iowa §50.48;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Jones County Board of Supervisors that a recount of said precincts be ordered and that the County Auditor and Commissioner of Elections be authorized to conduct said recount as prescribed by the Code of Iowa.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Schlarmann to approve a memo to county employees encouraging the use of winter weather footwear and ice cleats during inclement winter weather. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Swisher to void check #194892 in the amount of \$415.00, dated October 22, 2024, made payable to Iowa Law Enforcement Academy; and corresponding claim #2410-0269, submitted by Sheriff, with reason being payee indicates the invoice amount was not correct, returned check and invoice for corrected amount. All aye Motion carried.

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

TAX ABATEMENT RESOLUTION

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

ANACO 0902452007	\$209.00 (2023 CT)	Briefly described as: 02 84 04 HILL BLK 15 PARCEL N
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Supervisor Zirkelbach introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Supervisor Swisher. On roll call vote: Schlarmann aye, Zirkelbach aye, Swisher aye, Oswald aye, Rohwedder aye, whereupon the Chairman declared the resolution passed and adopted.

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

HALMD 1502200008	\$91.00 (2023 CT)	Briefly described as: 02 83 02 PT OF S ½ SE NE
HALMD 1502400005	\$256.00 (2023 CT)	02 83 02 PT OF NE SE
FAVAN 0911276005	\$16.00 (2023 CT)	11 84 04 PARCEL 2023-110 IN S ½ NE

The Land Use Administrator met with the Board to set a public hearing and to pass a resolution to assess costs related to the abatement of a nuisance ordinance violation.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Oswald to set a public hearing at 9:15 a.m. on December 3, 2024, to rezone 2.01 acres located in the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 7 and the SE ¼ of the SE ¼ of section 6 in Fairview Township all from A-Agricultural Zoning District to the C1-Commercial Zoning District. All aye. Motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION ASSESSING COSTS OF NUISANCE ABATEMENT

Whereas, on March 4, 2022 the Jones County Land Use Administrator notified the property owner, Janet Lemmer, of a violation of Chapter 7, Nuisance Ordinance, of Title V - Public Order, Safety & Health, of the Jones County Code of Ordinances, at property owned by her and described as O.T. Lot 8 & W 34' Lot 9, Block 13, of Section 4 of Madison Township, said notice sent by regular mail and a diligent search was completed to Janet Lemmer. Said notice requested the owner's voluntary abatement of said nuisance within sixty days, and

Whereas, said property owner failed to abate said nuisance within sixty days, and

Whereas, the Jones County Board of Supervisors sent an official notice to abate by certified mail, giving the property owner, Janet Lemmer, sixty days to abate the nuisance, and Whereas, the Jones County Board of Supervisors conducted a public hearing on June 27, 2023 to review violations of Chapter 7, Nuisance Ordinance, of Title V - Public Order, Safety & Health, of the Jones County Code of Ordinances, at said property, and whereas, said ordinance provides authority for the County to perform the required actions to abate the nuisance and the costs incurred shall be assessed to the property for collection in the same manner as a property tax, and

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

Whereas, on July 18, 2023 the abatement of the nuisance had not been attempted by Janet Lemmer;

Whereas, the Jones County Board of Supervisors has completed the abatement of said nuisance by accepting bids for demolition and removal of the structure on the property, removal of two structures, backfill of all excavations or other depressions, grading and re-seeding;

Now, therefore, be it resolved pursuant to Section 7, Abatement by County, of Article II Procedure, of Chapter 7, Nuisance Ordinance, of Title V – Public Order, Safety & Health, of the Jones County Code of Ordinance, the Jones County Board of Supervisors hereby order the Jones County Treasurer to assess said costs of abatement in the amount of \$10,963.25 against the property described O.T. Lot 8 and W 34' Lot 9, block 13 of Section 4 of Township 84, Range 2 West of the 5th P.M. (tax parcel 1104181006).

The Sheriff and Jail Administrator met with the Board to discuss the most recent jail inspection that led to three jail cells being shut down until repairs are completed. The jail inspection letter stated that the current jail facility does not meet the needs and safety requirements of the jail staff and inmates. The Jones County Jail is the last old jail facility in the area. The Jail Administrator showed pictures of the jail and detailed repairs that need to be made.

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

The Engineer met with the Board to give an update on current road projects including spot rocking, crack sealing, and County Road X64.

The Board discussed future agenda items.

During the public comment period, Representative Steve Bradley spoke about the condition of the jail and stated that a new jail is needed. Sherrie Thurston gave comments on the remaining ARPA funds and would like to see it go towards something that needs to be fixed not new items.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Zirkelbach to enter closed session at 10:29 a.m. per Iowa Code section 21.5 (1) j. (To discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property.). On roll call vote: Schlarmann aye, Zirkelbach aye, Swisher aye, Oswald aye, Rohwedder aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Swisher to exit closed session at 11:49 a.m. On roll call vote: Schlarmann aye, Zirkelbach aye, Swisher aye, Oswald aye, Rohwedder aye. Motion carried.

Supervisors Schlarmann and Zirkelbach left the meeting.

Supervisors Swisher, Oswald, and Rohwedder toured the jail.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Oswald to adjourn the meeting at 12:55 p.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Attest: Whitney Hein, Auditor

Ned Rohwedder, Chairman