

January 28, 2025 9:00 a.m.

The Jones County Board of Supervisors met in regular session. Present Chairman Schlarmann, Supervisors Oswald, Swisher and Zirkelbach. District Four Supervisor seat is currently vacant.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Oswald to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2025 meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Oswald to approve claims #2501-0280 through #2501-0430. All aye. Motion carried.

Chris Nelson and Mike Mollenhauer, Shive-Hattery, met with the Board to discuss a proposal for engineering services for the Courthouse roof replacement. Shive Hattery showed photos of the roof this winter and from summer 2018 to show differences in roof appearance between the seasons. Iowa Code 26.3 does require a licensed engineer for projects that are expected to exceed \$100,000 threshold.

The Senior Dining Director met with the Board for approval of the Heritage Area Agency on Aging FY26 funding request noting that she is asking for \$0.25 more per meal over FY25.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Swisher to approve the Heritage Area Agency on Aging FY26 funding request. All aye. Motion carried. [2025-011]

The Community Services Director met with the Board to discuss the limited funds left in the General Assistance budget for rent, utility, and funeral assistance.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Zirkelbach to approve the use of other unused line items with the General Assistance budget for the rent, utility, and funeral assistance applications and to let the Board know when those other unused budget lines are exhausted. All aye. Motion carried.

The Auditor met with the Board for the items noted in the motions below and to discuss potential new members to the Compensation Commission for Eminent Domain.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Oswald to approve a Class C Retail Alcohol License, with Living Quarters, and Outdoor Service privileges, for Schrammeria LLC, doing business as The Grove Bar & Grill, 11668 County Rd. E-17, Scotch Grove, to be effective February 1, 2025. All aye. Motion carried. [2025-012]

Moved by Swisher seconded by Oswald to void check #195812 in the amount of \$30,608.31, dated January 14, 2025, made payable to Accent Construction; and corresponding claim #2501-0257, submitted by Solid Waste, with reason being that the check needs to be issued in the name of Accent Concrete, LLC. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Oswald to hire Drew Read as a full-time jail officer starting at \$21.01 per hour effective January 28, 2025. All aye. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Oswald seconded by Zirkelbach to issue a formal notice of violation of the Jones County Nuisance Ordinance to Paul and Roxanne Rundle for a property located at 8346 Slide Rock Road, Anamosa, and providing sixty days to abate the nuisance or to request a hearing before the Board of Supervisors. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Oswald to authorize the Land Use Administrator to proceed with the filing of a civil citation against David and Pamela Leytem, for a violation of the Jones County Nuisance Ordinance for property located at 10636 and 10644 Main St., Center Junction, (tax parcels 1104177008 and 1104177006 , briefly described as O.T. Blk Lots 1-8; W 17'

& E 13' lot 9; 10; 15-17; & All Vac Alley, Blk 15 Exc. Parcel 2006-188 and O.T. Lots 11-14, Blk 15). All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Swisher to issue a formal notice of violation of the Jones County Nuisance Ordinance to Michael Lux for a property located at 10669 Main St., Center Junction, and providing sixty days to abate the nuisance or to request a hearing before the Board of Supervisors. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Zirkelbach to authorize the Land Use Administrator to proceed with the filing of a civil citation against Jerry Willcoxson, for a violation of the Jones County Nuisance Ordinance for property located at 10657 Main St., Center Junction, (tax parcel 1104161003, briefly described as O.T. Lots 4 & 5 Blk 28). All aye. Motion carried.

Charles Durgin, resident of Fish House Road, met with the Board to discuss a shared driveway/gate and fencing dispute. The County Attorney advised that the Board can declare gates a violation of the nuisance ordinance, but cautioned the Board on only hearing one side of the story and advised that the property owners should settle this in District Court as it has been a long standing dispute and only the District Court can rule on where the exact location of an easement is.

The Engineer met with the Board to discuss the purchase of a new tandem cab & chassis.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Oswald to accept bids until February 11, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. for a tandem cab and chassis. All aye. Motion carried.

Lori Schulte with Every Child Reads met with the Board to give a program update and present a FY26 budget request.

Leanna Husmann, Volunteer Center/United Way of East Central Iowa, met with the Board to give a program update and present a FY26 budget request.

Kristine Bullock, Kirkwood Workplace Learning Center, met with the Board to give a program update and present a FY26 budget request.

Melody, Riverview Center, met with the Board to give a program update and present a FY26 budget request.

Lucas Gobeli, Great Jones County Fair, met with the Board to give a program update and present a FY26 budget request.

Members of the Wyoming Fair Association met with the Board to give a program update and present a FY26 budget request.

Jamie Ginter, JETS Director, met with the Board to discuss the re-estimated FY25 budget and FY26 budget request for the JETS department.

Angela Villhauer, Mercer, met with the Board to present the health insurance plan renewal and how to strategize and explore different plan options and to create a multi-year plan.

Supervisor Zirkelbach left the meeting at 11:37 a.m. for an Economic Development meeting.

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

During the elected official comment period, the County Attorney continued discussion of the nuisance brought forward by Charles Durgin.

The Board members continued the meeting with a budget workshop and discussed levy rates needed to support budget proposals, fund balances, and alternative budget options including increasing the levy rate of rural services to accommodate a portion of the Sheriff Department budget.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Swisher to adjourn the meeting at 12:34 p.m. All aye.
Motion carried.

Attest: Whitney Hein, Auditor

John Schlarmann, Chairman