

February 11, 2025 9:00 a.m.

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

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Oswald to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2025 meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Oswald to approve claims #2502-0001 through #2502-0154. All aye. Motion carried.

The Community Services Director met with the Board to discuss adding funds to the FY25 General Assistance budget for rent, utility, and funeral assistance as the funds appropriated to those items have been exhausted.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Swisher to add \$3,500 to the FY25 General Assistance budget for the purpose of rent, utility, and funeral assistance. All nay. Motion failed.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Hall to add \$7,000 to the FY25 General Assistance budget for the purpose of rent, utility, and funeral assistance. All aye. Motion carried.

The Auditor met with the Board for the items noted in the motions below, to discuss possible changes to the current Board membership of various committees, to discuss on electric line easement with Interstate Power and Light Company, and to give an update on the Courthouse bathroom remodel project.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Hall to re-appoint Ryan Wiedenhoff to the Olin Benefited Fire District Board for a three-year term. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Zirkelbach to approve, and place on file, the Clerk's Report of Fees Collected for the month ending January 2025. All aye. Motion carried. [2025-016]

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Oswald to table the approval of the electric line easement with Interstate Power and Light Company. All aye. Motion carried.

The Assistant to the Engineer met with the Board to open bids for a new tandem cab and chassis and to give an update on current road projects.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Oswald to open bids at 9:31 a.m. for a tandem cab and chassis. All aye. Motion carried.

Bids were received from the following:

- Truck Country, in the amount of \$167,952.00
- GATR Truck Center, in the amount of \$152,328.00

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

During the elected official comment period, the Treasurer presented information on the number of deputies in other counties of similar size.

The Board members continued the meeting with a budget workshop and discussed the budget calendar, non-county entity funding, wages and salaries of county employees, 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. There will be no budget workshop on February 25<sup>th</sup>, but there will be a special budget workshop session on February 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Hall to adjourn the meeting at 11:26 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Attest: Whitney Hein, Auditor

John Schlarmann, Chairman