

September 22, 2020 9:00 a.m.

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

*Meeting access is available via in-person presence, electronic video and audio streaming via remote meeting software, and audio only access available by telephone.*

Moved by Rohwedder seconded by Eaken to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2020 meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Zirkelbach to approve the payroll for the period ending September 13, 2020, as certified by the department heads. All aye. Motion carried.

The Auditor provided a summary of various grants she and her staff are providing the financial administration services for on behalf of the County and reported that the various grants are expected to generate over \$700,000 in potential revenues for various projects, including offsetting the County's expenses incurred responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency. She also provided information on her filing of the annual REAP report and provided a summary of the amounts of state funding received by the Conservation Department as a result of the filing of that report for the past several years, not including numerous associated REAP grants awarded to the County and the City of Anamosa for various projects.

The Auditor provided an update on various facility projects, including extra plaster and painting work in various offices. The Board and Auditor toured the court offices on the second floor, and the jail kitchen and laundry room, prior to the meeting to observe the condition of the walls in those areas.

The Conservation Resource Manager/Park Ranger met with the Board to provide an update on activities of the County Employee Safety Committee that he chairs, and to present bids for removal of tree debris at Grant Wood Memorial Park.

Bids received for tree debris removal were as follows:

Weber Construction, Cascade \$2,500

Minger Mowing & Landscaping, Anamosa \$3,500

Moved by Eaken seconded by Oswald to accept a bid from Weber Construction in the amount of \$2,500 to remove tree debris at Grant Wood Memorial Park. All aye. Motion carried.

The Engineer and Assistant to the Engineer met with the Board to present a grant application for approval.

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

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING A BUILD GRANT TO BE SUBMITTED TO F.H.W.A.  
FOR A BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT ON LANDIS ROAD**

Whereas, the Iowa County Engineers Association (ICEA) has been searching for ways to assist counties in funding large structures whose funding has been inadequate; and

Whereas, the ICEA is currently looking at applying for a BUILD Grant and are targeting structures that are a struggle to finance, especially when viewed through the lens of examining the overall cost as compared to a given county's annual Highway Bridge Program (HBP) allocation; and

Whereas, Jones County agrees that the Landis Road bridge over the Wapsipinicon River is in poor condition and in need of replacement; and

Whereas, Jones County recognizes that funding sources to allow for replacement of such a bridge is not feasible with current HBP allocations; and

Whereas, the application for a BUILD Grant to assist Jones County in funding a bridge replacement project on Landis Road over the Wapsipinicon River is the best available route to resolve the funding shortfall for such a bridge; and

Whereas, it is understood that this project may be funded at a 75% Grant/25% SWAP/Local ratio or some other ratio less than an 80/20 split; and

Whereas, it is also understood that ICEA will be hiring a consultant to professionally develop the grant application and that those counties selected to participate in the grant will divide that cost among them, regardless of the outcome of an awarded grant or not;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Supervisors of Jones County, Iowa, supports the grant application for BUILD Grant funding for a bridge replacement project over the Wapsipinicon River on Landis Road. [2020-014]

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

Moved by Oswald seconded by Zirkelbach to exit closed session at 9:59 a.m. On roll call vote: Oswald aye, Zirkelbach aye, Rohwedder aye, Eaken aye, Manternach aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Eaken seconded by Rohwedder to authorize the County Engineer to amend the final offer made to Amanda R. Carson & Jason L. Ruggles from the amount of \$10,500 to an amount of \$11,500 for 0.22 acres of land and damages associated with project No. L-C-855—73-53 (Lead Mine Rd.). All aye. Motion carried. [See the March 3, 2020 minutes for the previous final offer.]

The Emergency Management Coordinator met with the Board to provide an update on emergency preparedness activities to address the COVID-19 public health emergency and to provide an update on FEMA funding for damages from the August 10, 2020 windstorm. She also provided an update on the COVID-19 Food Distribution program funded with a Community Development Block Grant, and equipment being purchased with funds from the supplemental Emergency Management Planning Grant.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Zirkelbach to join with the Jones County Emergency Management Commission to submit an appeal to FEMA regarding FEMA's denial of individual assistance for property owners impacted by the August 10, 2020 derecho. All aye. Motion carried. [2020-015]

The Community Health Specialist met with the Board to provide an update on Board of Health activities to address the COVID-19 public health emergency, including an update on the number of active COVID-19 cases in Jones County.

The Board discussed the continuance of health screening at the west entrance to the Courthouse during the COVID-19 public health emergency. The Auditor, Sheriff, Treasurer, Attorney, and Emergency Management Coordinator participated in the discussion.

Moved by Eaken seconded by Oswald to continue, until further notice, the temperature screening of all persons\* entering the Jones County Courthouse as a precautionary measure for COVID-19 concerns All aye. Motion carried. [\*The Auditor reported that persons coming to the Courthouse beginning October 5, 2020 for the purpose of in-person absentee voting will not be subject to the temperature scanning, and those persons will be using a separated portion of the west entrance.]

The Supervisors reported on recent and upcoming committee meetings. Chairman Manternach reporting that he had reached out to U.S. Representative Finkenauer's staff for information regarding U.S.D.A. funding for the Fairview Sanitary Sewer System.

Moved by Eaken seconded by Oswald to adjourn at 10:39 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Attest: Janine Sulzner, Auditor

Wayne Manternach, Chairman