

December 1, 2020 9:00 a.m.

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

Meeting access is available via limited 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 November 24, 2020 meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Oswald to approve the payroll for the period ending November 22, 2020, as certified by the department heads. All aye. Motion carried.

The Emergency Management Coordinator and Public Health Coordinator met with the Board to provide an update on emergency preparedness activities to address the COVID-19 public health emergency. The Emergency Management Coordinator reported on delivery and storage of personal protective equipment for medical providers and first responders. The Public Health Coordinator provided an update on the number of active COVID-19 cases, and COVID-19 hospitalizations and related deaths in the County.

Moved by Rohwedder seconded by Oswald to adopt the following schedule for holidays to be observed by county employees during calendar year 2021:

New Year's Day 2021	Friday, January 1, 2021
President's Day	Monday, February 15, 2021
Memorial Day	Monday, May 31, 2021
Independence Day	Monday, July 5, 2021
Labor Day	Monday, September 6, 2021
Veteran's Day	Thursday, November 11, 2021
Thanksgiving Holiday	Thursday, November 25, 2021 and Friday, November 26, 2021
Christmas Holiday	Friday, December 24, 2021 and Monday, December 27, 2021
New Year's Day 2022	Friday, December 31, 2021

All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Eaken to increase the rate of pay for on-call Radio Operator Tricia Conter to \$17.26 per hour effective November 4, 2020. All aye. Motion carried.

The Auditor inquired about wage increase information to include in FY22 budget preparation materials being distributed to department heads. The Board provided informal direction for department heads to use a 2.75% pay increase for budget purposes, which is equal to the collective bargaining agreement pay increase for FY22.

The Auditor also provided a brief update on facilities and noted that she anticipated funds will remain in the Capital Projects Fund after paying the final bills associated with the window replacement project. She noted those funds will be available for future facility improvements, and reminded the Board to keep in mind the age of the Courthouse roof.

The Engineer met with the Board to provide updates on the debris removal and sign replacement from the August 10, 2020 derecho; a grant application submitted to the Iowa Department of Transportation for replacement of the bridge over the Wapsipinicon River on Landis Rd.; and bidder interest on the Lead Mine Rd. project.

The Board members discussed recent and upcoming committee meetings.

The Conservation Director and Conservation Resource Manager/Ranger met with the Board to discuss plans for restoration of various Conservation properties damaged by the August 10, 2020

derecho. They noted that restoration work may take a number of years and requested that the insurance proceeds be set aside to allow for better planning and assessment of the department's needs. The Auditor recommended the creation of a separate fund to provide for long-term, and separate, accounting for the proceeds which are in excess of \$500,000. Action on the request will be considered at the December 8, 2020 meeting.

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

Attest: Janine Sulzner, Auditor

Wayne Manternach, Chairman