

September 7, 2021 9:00 a.m.

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

Moved by Rohwedder seconded by Zirkelbach to approve the minutes of the August 31, 2021 meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Schlarmann to approve the payroll for the period ending August 29, 2021, as certified by the department heads. All aye. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Rohwedder to go into closed session at 9:02 a.m. per Iowa Code Section 21.5 (1)c to discuss pending litigation. On roll call vote: Schlarmann aye, Swisher aye, Rohwedder aye, Zirkelbach aye, Oswald aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Rohwedder to exit closed session at 9:30 a.m. On roll call vote: Schlarmann aye, Swisher aye, Rohwedder aye, Zirkelbach aye, Oswald aye. Motion carried.

The Sheriff met with the Board to discuss the hiring of a civil service officer position within the Sheriff's office per Iowa Code section 331.652.

Moved by Rohwedder seconded by Swisher to approve the addition of a civil service officer position within the Sheriff's office and to hire Clement Sullivan to this position at 5 hours per week with a wage of \$19.46 per hour. All aye. Motion carried.

Kim Guardado, HACAP, met with the Board to present a proclamation for hunger action month.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Swisher to approve the following proclamation, as requested by Hawkeye Area Community Action Program:

HUNGER ACTION MONTH PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, hunger and poverty are issues of vital concern in Iowa where 9.8% of people struggle with hunger in Iowa and one in every eight children do not know where their next meal will come from; and

WHEREAS, Jones County, Iowa is committed to taking steps to combat hunger in every part of our community and to provide additional resources that those in Jones County need; and

WHEREAS, Jones County, Iowa is committed to working with HACAP Food Reservoir, a member of the Feeding America[®] nationwide network of food banks, in educating people about the role and importance of food banks in addressing hunger and raising awareness of the need to devote more resources and attention to hunger issues; and

WHEREAS, more than 1,700 individuals in Jones County rely on food provided by HACAP Food Reservoir and partner agencies annually; and

WHEREAS, HACAP Food Reservoir distributed more than 10 million meals in 2020 through its network of food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters and other community organizations; and

WHEREAS, the month of September has been designated "Hunger Action Month" in order to bring attention to food insecurity in our communities and to engage the public in action – including volunteer shifts, social media shares, and donations – to end hunger one helping at a time; and

WHEREAS, food banks across the country, including the HACAP Food Reservoir – will use the month of September to bring awareness and help end hunger in their local community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that we, the Jones County Board of Supervisors, do hereby recognize September 2021, as HUNGER ACTION MONTH in our Jones County, Iowa.

All aye. Motion carried. [2021-123]

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Swisher to hire Ryan Lovejoy as a full time Jail Officer at \$17.29 per hour, effective September 9, 2021. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Rohwedder seconded by Schlarmann to hire Barbara Dearborn as a part-time meal transporter for Senior Dining working 14 hours per week at \$11.65 per hour, effective September 16, 2021. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Zirkelbach to hire Jerome Linder as a part-time JETS driver working 16 to 24 hours per week with a starting wage of \$11.65 per hour effective September 2, 2021. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Swisher seconded by Rohwedder to void check number 179658 in the amount of \$1943.49, dated June 22, 2021, made payable to U.S. Cellular; and corresponding claim number 2106-0312 through claim number 2106-0317, submitted by multiple departments, with reason being that vendor lost the check. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Rohwedder to approve the Clerk's Report of Fees Collected for the month ending August 31, 2021. All aye. Motion carried. [2021-124]

The Auditor met with the Board to discuss various facility related matters including the Courthouse parking lot seal coating and the settling of the ADA ramp concrete.

The Emergency Management Coordinator and the E911 Coordinator met with the Board to discuss moving the radio tower at the JETS building and to discuss the potential of adding a secondary dispatch location at the JETS building.

The Engineer and Chief Inspector/Weed Commissioner met with the Board to discuss the Living Roadway Trust Funds grant, to discuss the selling of extra land at the JETS building and to provide an update on various summer roadway projects including weed control, Ely's Stone Bridge, Lead Mine Road, and Landis Road.

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

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT FOR A LRTF GRANT
TO EXPAND AND RENOVATE A SEED STORAGE FACILITY**

WHEREAS, the County Secondary Road Department is responsible for the Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management program, and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Department of Transportation provides funding assistance through the Living Roadway Trust Fund (LRTF) for some expenses related to these responsibilities, and

WHEREAS, the County has been awarded a Living Roadway Trust Fund grant to expand and renovate a seed storage facility up to the amount of \$5,396.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jones County Board of Supervisors approve the project development agreement 90-53-LR22-212.

Pass and approved this 7th day of September, 2021. [2021-125]

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

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT FOR A LRTF GRANT
TO PURCHASE A TRUMBLE DRUM SEED MIXER

WHEREAS, the County Secondary Road Department is responsible for the Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management program, and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Department of Transportation provides funding assistance through the Living Roadway Trust Fund (LRTF) for some expenses related to these responsibilities, and

WHEREAS, the County has been awarded a Living Roadway Trust Fund grant for a Trumble Drum Seed Mixer up to the amount of \$2,308.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jones County Board of Supervisors approve the project development agreement 90-53-LR22-215.

Pass and approved this 7th day of September, 2021. [2021-126]

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

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT FOR A LRTF GRANT
TO PURCHASE A FCC POWER RAKE

WHEREAS, the County Secondary Road Department is responsible for the Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management program, and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Department of Transportation provides funding assistance through the Living Roadway Trust Fund (LRTF) for some expenses related to these responsibilities, and

WHEREAS, the County has been awarded a Living Roadway Trust Fund grant for a FCC Power Rake up to the amount of \$7,309.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jones County Board of Supervisors approve the project development agreement 90-53-LR22-213.

Pass and approved this 7th day of September, 2021. [2021-127]

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

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT FOR A LRTF GRANT
TO PURCHASE A TILT TRAILER

WHEREAS, the County Secondary Road Department is responsible for the Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management program, and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Department of Transportation provides funding assistance through the Living Roadway Trust Fund (LRTF) for some expenses related to these responsibilities, and

WHEREAS, the County has been awarded a Living Roadway Trust Fund grant for a Tilt Trailer up to the amount of \$6,720.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jones County Board of Supervisors approve the project development agreement 90-53-LR22-214.

Pass and approved this 7th day of September, 2021. [2021-128]

The Interim Public Health Coordinator met with the Board to give an update on the COVID-19 public health emergency and to give a report on the number of active COVID-19 cases in the County and to discuss the re-structuring of the public health department.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Swisher to approve the job description for the Interim Public Health Coordinator for a six month position expiring February 15, 2022 as recommended by the Board of Health. All aye. Motion carried. [2021-129]

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded Swisher to hire Jess Wiedenhoff as interim Public Health Coordinator working 32-40 hours per week at \$30.00 per hour, effective August 30, 2021 as recommended by the Board of Health. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Rohwedder to approve the hire of temporary public health administrative assistant through Robert Half at a contract rate of \$31.69 per hour, effective September 1, 2021 as recommended by the Board of Health. All aye. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Swisher to adjourn the meeting at 11:04 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Attest: Whitney Hein, Auditor

Joe Oswald, Chairman