

November 17, 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 10, 2020 meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Zirkelbach to approve the payroll for the period ending November 8, 2020, as certified by the department heads. All aye. Motion carried.

The Public Health Coordinator met with the Board to provide an update on emergency preparedness activities to address the COVID-19 public health emergency and provided an update on the number of active COVID-19 cases in the County. She also reviewed some of the details of Governor Reynold's November 16, 2020 emergency proclamation and reported receipt of federal CARES Act funding specifically for public health purposes which must be spent by December 31, 2020.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Rohwedder to make of record the Conservation Board's appointment of Jonathon Mootz for seasonal employment at \$11.00 per hour, effective November 30, 2020. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Rohwedder to approve, and place on file, the Clerk's Report of Fees Collected for the month ending October 31, 2020. All aye. Motion carried. [2020-141]

The Auditor presented a request to amend the purpose for the Community Development Block Grant for COVID related food needs to allow for alternate food distribution resources. The Public Health Coordinator, and Sherri Hunt, representing the Jones County Community Foundation, provided additional information and support for the proposed amendment.

Moved by Rohwedder seconded by Eaken to submit a request to the Iowa Department of Economic Development to amend the purpose of the Community Development Block Grant for COVID related food needs to allow for alternate food distribution resources. All aye. Motion carried. [2020-142]

The Auditor provided an update on the completion of the window and door replacement project, receipt of the annual local option tax adjustment payment, and reported that the new Auditor will start training in her office on December 14, 2020.

Jason Gideon and attorney Jeff Beatty met with the Board and Engineer to discuss the length of the drainage pipe and width of the access to Gideon's property at 9635 230th Ave., as well the placement of a retaining wall in the County road right of way. Beatty informed the Board that he has filed a petition with the Clerk of Court against the County related to these matters.

Moved by Eaken seconded by Zirkelbach that in exchange for the agreement by Jason Gideon to dismiss his current lawsuit against Jones County, the County agrees to give him until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, November 23, 2020 to remove the retaining wall, portion of culvert that exceeds the current access agreement, and to narrow the access to his property from 230th Ave., to comply with the current access agreement. Ayes: Rohwedder, Eaken, Zirkelbach, Manternach. Nay: Oswald. Motion carried.

The Engineer met with the Board for a road vacation hearing; to provide an update on debris removal and sign replacement from the August 10, 2020 derecho; and to report that a grant application submitted to the Iowa Department of Transportation for replacement of the bridge over the Wapsipinicon River on Landis Rd. is progressing forward.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Oswald to open the public hearing on the proposed vacation of a portion of County Rd. E45 in Section 12 of Rome Township at 10:07 a.m. On roll call vote: Oswald aye, Zirkelbach aye, Rohwedder aye, Eaken aye, Manternach aye. Motion carried.

No persons were present to offer comments regarding the proposed road vacation. The Engineer reported that the road vacation was requested by adjoining property owner Darcie Tenley.

Moved by Rohwedder seconded by Eaken to close the public hearing at 10:10 a.m. On roll call vote: Oswald aye, Zirkelbach aye, Rohwedder aye, Eaken aye, Manternach aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Eaken introduced the following RESOLUTION & FINAL ORDER OF ROAD VACATION 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 AND FINAL ORDER OF ROAD VACATION

WHEREAS, this being the date and time set for a hearing on a proposal to vacate and close a road segment on the Jones County Secondary Road System described as follows:

That portion of County Rd. E45 established on the 4th day of June 1878, commencing at its point of beginning on the north line of Section 12, T-83N, R-3W, thence running approximately 680 feet easterly to its intersection with State Highway 38 in said Section.

WHEREAS, all utilities presently located within the rights of way of the road being vacated shall retain their right to continue in possession of a rights of way in use at the time of the road vacation; and

WHEREAS, no objections have been received, either in writing or by persons present;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Jones County Board of Supervisors that in accordance with Code of Iowa, Chapter 306, the subject segment of road is ordered vacated and closed. [2020-143]

The Board and Auditor discussed scheduling a forum with area legislators to discuss legislative matters of importance to Jones County. The Auditor will contact area legislators to determine possible meeting dates and will notify County department heads to submit topics to be discussed.

The Board members discussed recent and upcoming committee meetings.

Moved by Eaken seconded by Oswald to adjourn at 10:27 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Attest: Janine Sulzner, Auditor

Wayne Manternach, Chairman