

December 15, 2020 9:00 a.m.

The Jones County Board of Supervisors met in regular session. Present Chairman Manternach (by remote connection), Supervisors Eaken (as indicated), 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 Zirkelbach seconded by Rohwedder to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2020 meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Zirkelbach to approve the payroll for the period ending December 6, 2020, as certified by the department heads. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Rohwedder seconded by Oswald to approve the special claim period. 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.

Supervisor Eaken joined meeting at 9:04 A.M.

Moved by Rohwedder seconded by Eaken to approve, and place on file, the Clerk's Report of Fees Collected for the month ending November 30, 2020. All aye. Motion carried.

The Auditor provided update about tree clean up on courthouse property.

The Auditor stated that the courthouse window and door project is now complete and the final invoice for the project was received.

The Attorney recommended the Board should sign letter of engagement with Simmons Hanly Conroy LLC, Crueger Dickinson LLC, and von Briesen & Roper, s.c., as counsel in relation to claims against opioid manufacturers, distributors, and chain pharmacies and their alleged practices of misrepresenting the safety of using opioids. Over half of Iowa counties have already signed this letter of engagement.

Moved by Rohwedder seconded by Eaken to sign the letter of engagement. All aye. Motion carried.

The Board members discussed recent and upcoming committee meetings.

The Engineer and Weed Commissioner met with the Board to provide an update on the annual weed report filed with the state. This year due weather was favorable for spraying weeds in timely manner. The Weed Commissioner stated that they have gotten better weed control results by using in house resources compared to hiring a contractor to perform the service. This has also provided a tremendous cost savings.

Moved by Eaken seconded by Oswald to approve and place on file the 2020 Weed Commissioner's Report. All aye. Motion carried.

The Engineer and Weed Commissioner presented a herbicide summary stating kinds and quantities of herbicides used. The Engineer reminded the board that Do Not Spray signs must come from the county. One can submit an application with the Secondary Roads Department in order to obtain the signs.

The Engineer met with the Board to give an update on the Lead Mine Road project and Landis Bridge project; to inform that the new truck will be done this week; to discuss possible reclassification of farm to market road designations; and to propose an update to the DOT drug and alcohol policy.

The Board members finished providing brief updates on upcoming committee meetings.
Moved by Eaken seconded by Oswald to adjourn at 9:56a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Attest: Janine Sulzner, Auditor

Wayne Manternach, Chairman