

February 7, 2023 9:00 a.m.

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

Moved by Rohwedder seconded by Zirkelbach to approve the minutes of the January 31, 2023 meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Schlarmann to approve payroll for the period ending January 29, 2023. All aye. Motion carried.

The Senior Dining Director met with the Board to discuss the FY24 Heritage funding proposal.

Moved by Rohwedder seconded by Zirkelbach to authorize the Chairman to sign the Request For Proposals for senior dining services funded through Heritage Agency on Aging for FY24 reflecting a purchase of service meal rate of \$5.57 for 27,382 Older Americans Act eligible meals, with the County to retain 100% of the local meal contributions to help offset the full cost of providing the services; said proposal includes an additional 6,318 meals funded with Medicaid revenues or other private sources. All aye. Motion carried. [2023-013]

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

The Auditor met with the Board for various items as noted in the motions below and to discuss replacing a member of the Compensation Commission for Eminent Domain Proceedings.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Zirkelbach to eliminate the Courthouse Custodian position effective February 7, 2023. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Oswald to table the approval of the Facility Maintenance Director job description and job posting until next week. 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 January 31, 2023. All aye. Motion carried. [2023-014]

Moved by Rohwedder seconded by Schlarmann to acknowledge receipt of a manure management plan from KEM, LLC, facility #68859, for a facility located in Section 34 of Castle Grove Township, and a manure management plan from Tenley Farms, LLC, facility #64267, for a facility located in Section 7 of Hale Township with the County Auditor to retain the document in a temporary file for public access for one year. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Rohwedder to void check #187196 in the amount of \$400.00, dated January 31, 2023, made payable to Gillespie Investments, LLC, Lisbon, IA, and corresponding claim #2207-0287, submitted by Community Services with reason being that the residency requirements within the General Assistance ordinance were not met to pay rent assistance. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Schlarmann to allow the Classical Conversations of Dubuque school group use of the District Courtroom on May 6, 2023 for a Mock Trial with the Sheriff Department to provide Court Security during the event. All aye. Motion carried.

The Sheriff met with the Board to discuss adding the full-time position of Courthouse Security/Transport Supervisor which has previously been filled by on-call part time staff.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Zirkelbach to approve the full-time Courthouse Security/Transport Supervisor position starting at \$25 per hour with benefits per the county handbook. All aye. Motion carried.

Jennifer Husmann with Jones County Safe and Health Youth Coalition met with the Board to provide a program update and present a funding request for the FY24 budget.

Leanna Husmann with United Way/Volunteer Services met with the Board to provide a program update and present a funding request for the FY24 budget.

Stephanie Sagers with Limestone Bluffs RC&D met with the Board to provide a program update and present a funding request for the FY24 budget.

Erin Erickson with Maquoketa River Watershed Management Authority met with the Board to provide a program update and present a funding request for the FY24 budget.

Tim Fay, Historic Preservation Commission member and Tom Osborne, citizen, met with the Board for the approval of the Certified Local Government annual report.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Rohwedder to authorize the Chairman to sign the Certified Local Government Annual Report from the Jones County Historic Preservation Commission. All aye. Motion carried. [2023-015]

The Engineer met with the Board to discuss the statewide annual all-systems overweight permitting process which allows overweight vehicles on state governed roads and currently, only two county governed roads, to give an update on the future E34 project and to discuss current gravel road conditions.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Zirkelbach to recess at 11:10 a.m. until the budget workshop at 12:00 p.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Schlarmann to resume the meeting at 12:00 p.m. All aye. Motion carried.

During the budget work session, the Auditor met with the Board to review funding requests from various agencies, review proposed salary increases, review tax dollars, levy rates, and taxable valuations from similar sized counties, and to discuss the maximum tax dollars needed to support the initial budget proposals prior to making an decreases. The Board also discussed the maximum tax levy publication and public hearing. The Auditor informed the Board that even if SF181 would be signed into law, the maximum tax levy publication would be held to the total amount of tax dollars not the total levy rate.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Zirkelbach to set a public hearing at 9:01 a.m. on February 28, 2023, as required by 2019 Senate File 624, to receive public comment on the proposed maximum General and Rural Fund tax levies that may be included in the County's FY24 budget; said maximum proposed General Fund (general basic and general supplemental) levy to be \$6.30623 per thousand dollars of taxable valuation, generating \$7,926,942 in tax dollars, a 13.71% increase over FY23, and a maximum proposed Rural Services Fund levy of \$3.28000 per thousand dollars of taxable valuation, generating \$2,934,463 in tax dollars, a 11.46% increase over FY23; at the conclusion of the hearing the Board will make a determination to include the levy rates proposed above, or any lower rate, in the FY24 proposed budget which will be set for publication and hearing at a later date. All aye. Motion carried. (Auditor Note: If SF 181 would be passed and signed in to law and make a reduction in taxable value retroactive, the county will be held to the maximum total tax dollars not the total levy rate per the Iowa Department of Management.)

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Oswald to adjourn the meeting at 1:12 p.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Attest: Whitney Hein, Auditor

Jeff Swisher, Chairman