

March 14, 2023 9:00 a.m.

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

Moved by Rohwedder seconded by Zirkelbach to convene as a Board of Canvassers at 9:00 a.m. to canvass the results of the March 7, 2023 Special Election. All aye. Motion carried.

We, the Members of the Board of Supervisors, and ex-officio Board of County Canvassers, for Jones County, hereby certify the following to be a true and correct abstract of the votes cast in Jones County, Iowa at the City of Monticello and Midland Community School District Special Election held on the seventh day of March 2023, as shown by the tally lists returned from the election precincts.

PUBLIC MEASURE A: Shall the following public measure be adopted?

Shall the City of Monticello change from its current Council ward and at-large representation plan to an at-large council representation plan for all council members without ward residency requirements? (If this measure is passed by a majority of votes cast, all of the City's councilpersons will be elected at-large at the November, 2023 general election, taking office January, 2024. The highest votes getters will serve four-year terms, the next three highest vote getters will serve two-year terms. Thereafter all councilpersons will serve four-year terms.)

There were 261 votes cast as follows:

FOR the question there were 139 votes cast.

AGAINST the question there were 122 votes cast.

We therefore declare PUBLIC MEASURE A to be adopted, having achieved a voter approval rate of more than fifty percent (50%).

For the office of **DIRECTOR AT LARGE TO FILL VACANCY**, vote for no more than two, there were 590 votes cast as follows:

SCOTT DOLL, received 339 votes

TERYN CRIST, received 247 votes

SCATTERING, received 4 votes

PUBLIC MEASURE MD: Shall the following public measure be adopted?

Shall the Board of Directors of the Midland Community School District, in the Counties of Jones, Cedar, Clinton, and Jackson, State of Iowa, be authorized to contract indebtedness and issue general obligation bonds in an amount not exceeding \$9,200,000 for the purposes of acquiring, furnishing, equipping, constructing, and improving the School District's school buildings and the sites therefore, including renovations to and expansion of existing elementary, middle and high school buildings on the District's campus located in Wyoming, Iowa and Oxford Junction, Iowa to include updates and the remodeling of classrooms and office areas, new entrances, related improvements to address space and functional needs, parking lots, the resurfacing of playgrounds, roof replacement and other exterior improvements, energy efficiency improvements including the addition of solar panels, and other site and land improvements for the District's campus?

There were 414 votes cast as follows:

FOR the question there were 318 votes cast.

AGAINST the question there were 96 votes cast.

The Auditor reported there was one provisional ballot cast at the City of Monticello Special Election and no provisional ballots cast for the Midland Community School District Special Election, and that the post-election audit conducted pursuant to Iowa Code Section 50.51 on March 10, 2023 confirmed the same number of votes cast for Director At-Large To Fill Vacancy in the absentee precinct.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Schlarmann to approve the canvass of the March 7, 2023 City of Monticello and Midland Community School District Special Election as stated above, and to acknowledge the Post-Election Audit Report regarding the audit conducted of votes cast for Director At-Large To Fill Vacancy in the absentee precinct, and to approve the County Auditor's Election Certification. All aye. Motion carried. [2023-019]

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Oswald to convene as a Board of Supervisors at 9:08 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Rohwedder seconded by Zirkelbach to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2023 meetings. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Rohwedder to approve claims #2303-0001 through #2303-0194. All aye. Motion carried.

Derek Lumsden, Economic Development, met with the Board to discuss designating a Broadband Intervention Zone for the Empower Rural Iowa Broadband Grant Program from the Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Rohwedder to approve the letter of support for the Broadband Intervention Zone for the Empower Rural Iowa Broadband Grant Program. All aye. Motion carried. [2023-020]

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Zirkelbach to approve the map for option one as the designated Broadband Intervention Zone for Jones County. All aye. Motion carried.

The Engineer and Assistant to the Engineer met with the Board to award a bid for project no. LFM-C-943—7X53, an RCB Culvert & Entrance work project, to hire a full-time mechanic, to open bids for project M-0124, and to present a rough draft of the contract rock map.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Rohwedder to hire Noah Lineburg as a full-time mechanic with a starting wage of \$23.02 per hour effective April 3, 2023. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Rohwedder to award a bid for project number LFM-C-943—7X53, an RCB Culvert & Entrance work project on Co Rd. X64, to B&J Hauling and Excavation, in the amount of \$513,835.93. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Rohwedder to open bids at 9:31 a.m. for project no. M-0124, a county wide pavement marking project. All aye. Motion carried.

Three bids were received as follows:

- KAM Highway Markings in the amount of \$116,967.74
- Iowa Plains Signing in the amount of \$183,343.80
- LL Pelling in the amount of \$59,055.30

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Schlarmann to table the awarding of the bid for project no. M-0124, a county wide pavement marking project, until March 14, 2023 so that the Engineer's office has time to review all bids. All aye. Motion carried.

During the public comment period, two citizens expressed concerns about the poor road conditions and the budget of the Secondary Roads department.

The Auditor met with the Board for the approval of the various items as noted in the motions below.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Schlarmann to table action on advertising for lawn care and lawn fertilizer services until March 14, 2023. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Rohwedder seconded by Zirkelbach to acknowledge receipt of a manure management plan from Manternach 4L Farms, facility #62698, for a facility located in Section 33 of Washington Township, and from Triple N Properties, facility #68504, for a facility located in Section 9 of Rome 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 Oswald to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Board of Health for the use of various safety and IT equipment items. All aye. Motion carried. [2023-021]

Moved by Rohwedder seconded by Oswald to approve the hire of Mark Dlask as a part-time JETS driver effective March 20, 2023 at a rate of \$15.00 per hour, at 16-24 hours per week. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Rohwedder seconded by Oswald to make of record the Conservation Board's appointment of Troy Olson for seasonal employment at \$18.75 per hour, effective March 6, 2023. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Zirkelbach to approve the Clerk's Report of Fees Collected for the month ending February 28, 2023. All aye. Motion carried. [2023-022]

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Schlarmann to approve a five-day Class C Retail Alcohol License for Scotch Grove Coon Hunters Club at 18344 Eby's Mill Road, Scotch Grove to be effective March 22, 2023. All aye. Motion carried. [2023-023]

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Zirkelbach to approve, for FY24 budget preparation purposes only, the following salary increases for the respective positions:

- 3.05% for Engineer in Training
 - 4% for Board of Supervisors
 - 6% for Auditor, Treasurer, Recorder, JETS Director, County Engineer, Conservation Director, Community Services Director, Senior Dining Director, Environmental Health Administrator, Veteran Affairs Administrator, Public Health Coordinator, GIS Coordinator, Road Maintenance Supervisor (plus \$2,000 for bridge inspection duties), Jail Administrator, Communications Supervisor, Sheriff's Office Manager, Assistant to Engineer, Conservation Ranger, Attorney Secretary, Secondary Road Office Manager, Conservation Naturalist, Conservation Natural Resource Manager, Conservation Office Manager, Public Health Specialist, Mental Health Region Social Worker, and Mental Health Region Social Worker part-time.
 - 8% for Attorney and Sheriff
- All aye. Motion carried.

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

FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 PROPOSED BUDGET RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE JONES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that the Jones County Auditor publish, once in each of the two official County newspapers, the week of March 20, 2023, the proposed Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Jones County Budget Summary showing:

- gross taxes levied to be \$10,798,561

- tax breakdown reflecting \$10,606,170 levied on property and \$192,391 as utility replacement taxes
- \$55,000 of said levy is specifically designated for county facility capital improvements, major software updates, election equipment replacement, aerial tax map update, and other one-time projects deemed by the Board to be of beneficial service to the public
- no debt service levy is included in the proposed budget
- total revenues of \$19,430,186 (including taxes, but net of interfund transfers)
- total expenditures of \$23,490,900 (net of interfund transfers)

and setting the public hearing at 9:05 a.m. on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 in the Board Room of the Jones County Courthouse.

Moved by Rohwedder seconded by Schlarmann to set a public hearing, as required by Iowa Code Section 331.434(6), at 9:10 a.m. on April 4, 2023 to receive public comment on proposed reductions to fiscal year 2023 departmental appropriations which are in excess of 10%, or \$5,000 (whichever is greater), of the original appropriation for the following departments:

- Substance Abuse Services- the original fiscal year appropriation was \$22,100, the total proposed reduction is \$9,600 or 43.4% (to reflect a reduction in services)
- Conservation Derecho Fund-the original fiscal year appropriation was \$292,000, the total proposed reduction is \$287,000 or 98.3% (to reflect a delay in the project plans)

All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Oswald to set a public hearing to amend the current county budget at 9:15 a.m. on April 4, 2023; said amendment decrease total revenues and other sources by \$2,053,516 (accounting for a decrease of \$25,293 operating transfers in) and increases total expenditures and other uses by \$415,343 (accounting for a decrease of \$25,293 of operating transfers out) with the Auditor directed to publish the amendment notice in the two official county newspapers. All aye. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Schlarmann seconded by Oswald to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Attest: Whitney Hein, Auditor

Jeff Swisher, Chairman