

# County Vision

## Assumptions

Jefferson County is projected to have substantial population growth over the next 30-50 years. Jefferson County will have a relatively large percentage of the population at working age compared to the rest of the state.

The location of Jefferson County lends itself to a role in the integration of the economies of the Madison and Milwaukee Metropolitan Areas, which in turn could dramatically improve our economy. Further The debate has sometimes been framed in absolutes between those who support development vs those who support farmland preservation.

## Vision

Overall, we strive for prosperity with a high quality of life. We have an outstanding network of parks, unique in North America, as a set of building blocks for high quality of life. Our location, and to some degree our demographics, make possible an emphasis on research and advanced manufacturing as well as agriculture as potential building blocks for prosperity.

Jefferson County makes up 25 miles of the nearly 78 miles between Milwaukee and Madison on the I-94 corridor, one of the most crucial corridors in the state. This section is part of the larger IQ Corridor from Chicago to the Twin Cities. Further Jefferson County is the cross roads from Janesville to the beginning of the Fox Valley as it constitutes 30 of the 95 miles related to this corridor. In the next 5 years Jefferson County will be a greater contributor as part of these corridors and not be “drive – through” of the system, but through direct contributions to the region from being a greater part of the economy to our natural resources/open space and small towns it will be distinguishable within the corridors. This will include efforts to better market our opportunities and locations to several key groups.

With development inevitable, we focus on fostering high quality, well planned development that provides economic opportunity for our working population and allows for the continuation of our tradition of land and water conservation. The county will take a balanced and proactive approach to growth that will look at the needs of the County to be maintained and prosper economically while focused on maintaining the quality of life that is important to residents. This will include preservation of open space/parks/natural resources, efforts related to agriculture and the feeling of small towns while allowing for opportunities of desired amenities. Growth opportunities will complement this and enhance these goals while at the same time taking on the responsibility of linking the two main metropolitan areas of the state together.

As a county government, we serve as a model for all government in provision of efficient, effective, and otherwise honestly delivered services, provided in return for the resources we are entrusted with. The County will take the lead in working with stakeholders of the County and region to ensure we develop a sustainable operation that will be to the benefit of all.



**ORDINANCE NO. 2017-\_\_\_**

**[Description]**

Executive Summary

\_\_\_\_\_. The Administration & Rules Committee met on May 31, 2017, and recommended forwarding this ordinance to the County Board.

THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 3.01(1)(a) and (2) of the Board of Supervisors Rules of Order 2016-2018 are amended as follows:

**3.01 MEETINGS, QUORUM AND ORDER OF BUSINESS.**

**(1)(a)** Regular and special meetings of the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors shall be held and conducted in accordance with the provisions of s. 59.11, Wis. Stats. The Board shall hold an annual meeting on the Tuesday after the second Monday of November in each year for the purpose of transacting business unless otherwise established by rule. Regular meetings of the Board shall be held on the following dates unless special elections occur on County Board meeting dates, in which case the Board meeting will be held on the Monday preceding the election. [Am. 08/08/06, Ord. 2006-13; 03/11/08, Ord. 2007-34; 3/13/12, Ord. 2011-24]:

Tuesday, April 19, 2016  
Tuesday, May 10, 2016  
Tuesday, June 14, 2016  
Tuesday, July 12, 2016  
Monday, August 8, 2016  
Tuesday, September 13, 2016  
Tuesday, October 11, 2016  
Tuesday, October 25, 2016  
\*Monday, November 14, 2016  
Tuesday, December 13, 2016  
Tuesday, February 14, 2017  
Tuesday, March 14, 2017  
Tuesday, April 18, 2017  
Tuesday, May 9, 2017  
Tuesday, June 13, 2017  
Tuesday, July 11, 2017  
Tuesday, August 8, 2017  
Tuesday, September 12, 2017  
Tuesday, October 10, 2017  
Tuesday, October 24, 2017  
\*Tuesday, November 14, 2017

Tuesday, December 12, 2017  
Tuesday, February 13, 2018  
Tuesday, March 13, 2018  
Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

\*Annual Meeting (Required by Statute) [am. 03/09/10, Ord. 2009-24; 03/13/12, Ord. 2011-24; Ord. 2013-24, 03/11/2014; Ord. 2016-01, 04-19-16]

(b) In the event of inclement weather, the Chair may cancel a meeting. Any meeting cancelled by the Chair under this section shall be held on the next succeeding Tuesday unless that Tuesday is an election day, in which case the meeting shall be held on the Monday preceding the election. [cr. 03/11/08, Ord. 2007-34; am. 3/13/12, Ord. 2011-24]

(c) In addition to the methods prescribed by Wisconsin Statute Section 59.11, a Board meeting may be convened by the Board Chair in case of a declared emergency. [Cr. 10/14/08, Ord. 2008-21; Ord. 2016-01, 04-19-2016]

**(2) Board meetings shall commence at 7:00 p.m. except for April organization meetings which shall commence at 5:00 p.m. unless by majority vote the Board prescribes a different time for convening.**

Section 2. This ordinance shall be effective after passage and publication as provided by law.

Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Noes \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_ Absent \_\_\_\_\_ Vacant \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Section 3.09 of the County Board rules provides that amendments to the rules shall be made by 2/3 vote. Proposed amendments shall be introduced at one session of the Board and laid over until the next session before action is taken, unless the Board waives laying it over by unanimous vote.

Requested by  
Administration & Rules Committee

06-13/17

J. Blair Ward: 05-31-17

REVIEWED: Administrator \_\_\_\_\_; Corp. Counsel \_\_\_\_\_; Finance Director \_\_\_\_\_

April Annual Meeting Times

**TOWNS**

**VILLAGES**

**CITIES**

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AZTALAN	CAMBRIDGE	FORT ATKINSON
COLD SPRING	JOHNSON CREEK	JEFFERSON
CONCORD	LAC LA BELLE	LAKE MILLS
FARMINGTON	PALMYRA	WATERLOO
HEBRON	SULLIVAN	WATERTOWN
IXONIA		WHITEWATER
JEFFERSON		
KOSHKONONG		
LAKE MILLS	2 @ 6:00	
MILFORD	1 @ 6:30	
OAKLAND	9 @ 7:00	
PALMYRA	1 @ 7:30	
SULLIVAN		
SUMNER		
WATERLOO		
WATERTOWN		

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-\_\_**

**Approving Register of Deeds Records Indexing Project**

Executive Summary

The real estate documents recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds are integral to completing real estate transactions within Jefferson County. The County implemented a computerized grantor/grantee index in 1987; in 2010 the office began a tract index for all documents day forward. A tract index allows a person to search the history of a specific parcel of land rather than only the history of the ownership. The office has worked diligently to match the documents' legal descriptions to the computerized grantor/grantee index as time permits. In June of 2010 the state mandated all documents available on-line to have their social security numbers redacted. This mandate was funded through an additional restricted five dollar recording fee per document recorded. The state allowed the excess funds, if any, to be used for improvements to Register of Deeds on-line records. This project will allow internal and external business partners access to information specific to a piece of property rather than back tracing through owner names, creating efficiencies for all parties involved. The Administration & Rules Committee met on May 31, 2017, and recommended forwarding this resolution to the County Board for approval.

WHEREAS, the Executive Summary is hereby incorporated by reference into this resolution, and

WHEREAS, documents recorded or filed in the office of the Register of Deeds are integral to completing real estate transactions within Jefferson County, and

WHEREAS, creating a digital tract index of various types of records currently in the Register of Deeds Office will assist staff as well as public and private business partners in locating real estate documents pertaining to a single piece of property, and

WHEREAS, the Register of Deeds has requested proposals from various vendors to index legal descriptions and parcel numbers allowing approximately 366,000 additional deeds, mortgages and various miscellaneous documents to be searchable by their legal description, and

WHEREAS, five potential vendors showed interest in the RFP: US Imaging, On Q Solutions, Sutterfield Technologies, Integrated Imaging Inc., and Remote Emphasis, with only two vendors submitting quotes that were in compliance with the requirements set forth in the request for proposals, and

WHEREAS, the two responsive bidders were:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Tract Only</u>	<u>Tract &amp; Parcel Number</u>
US Imaging	.48/document	.47/document
On Q Solutions	.20/document	.25/document

AND, WHEREAS, On Q Solutions has the lowest responsible bid and the most experience working with the Jefferson County Register of Deeds Office, and as a result, the Register of Deeds and the Administration & Rules Committee both recommend contracting with On Q Solutions,





NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Register of Deeds is authorized to contract with On Q Solutions for its Record Indexing Project in the amount not to exceed \$67,082.67.

*Fiscal Note: Funding for the project is included in the 2017 budget, \$44,582.67 for data conversion in the Register of Deeds Office under A/C 1002.521295 (Data Conversion) and \$25,000.00 in the Land Information Program retained fees under A/C 1303.521219; \$2,500 will be used to import the data into the land records system.*

Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Noes \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_ Absent \_\_\_\_\_ Vacant \_\_\_\_\_

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Requested by  
Administration & Rules Committee

06-13-17

Staci Hoffman: 05-25-17; J. Blair Ward: 05-25-17

REVIEWED: Administrator \_\_\_\_\_; Corp. Counsel \_\_\_\_\_; Finance Director \_\_\_\_\_

