

**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2016, 7:00 P.M.**

Chair Jim Schroeder presiding.

County Clerk Barbara A. Frank called the roll. Supervisors Braugher, Reese and Klubertanz gave prior notice of their inability to attend. Smith was also absent.

District 1..... Richard C. Jones	District 2 ..... Mike Kelly
District 3..... Greg David	District 4 ..... Augie Tietz
District 5... James B. Braugher	District 6 ..... Ron Buchanan
District 7..... Dwayne C. Morris	District 8 ..... Michael Wineke
District 9..... Amy Rinard	District 10 ..... Lloyd Zastrow
District 11..... Donald Reese	District 12 ..... Peter A. Hartz
District 13..... Ed Morse	District 14 ..... Kirk Lund
District 15..... Steven J. Nass	District 16 ..... Laura Payne
District 17..... Russell Kutz	District 18 Jennifer Hanneman
District 19..... Jim Schroeder	District 20 ..... Jim Mode
District 21..... John C. Kannard	District 22 ..... Blane Poulson
District 23..... George Jaeckel	District 24 ..... Mark Klubertanz
District 25..... Matthew Foelker	District 26 ..... Gregg Patrick
District 27..... Glen D. Borland	District 28 ..... Dick Schultz
District 29..... Timothy Smith	District 30 ..... Gary Kutz

**Schroeder led the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed.**

**Wehmeier certified compliance with the Open Meetings Law.**

**The Board proceeded with the agenda as printed.**

**Rinard, Chair of the Administration & Rules Committee, moved that the minutes of the June 14, 2016, meeting be approved as presented. Seconded and carried.**

**Public Comment (Agenda Items). None.**

**Communications.**

**GENERAL FINANCIAL CONDITION  
JEFFERSON COUNTY, WISCONSIN  
JULY 1, 2016**

Available Cash on Hand			
June 1, 2016	\$	72,148.61	
June Receipts		<u>5,015,882.81</u>	
Total Cash			\$ 5,088,031.42
Disbursements			
General – May 2016	\$	3,848,537.88	
Payroll – May 2016		<u>1,295,304.68</u>	
Total Disbursements			<u>5,143,842.56</u>
Total Available Cash			\$ (55,811.14)
Cash on Hand			
(in banks) July 1, 2016	\$	842,603.73	
Less Outstanding Checks		<u>898,414.87</u>	

Total Available Cash	\$ (55,811.14)
Local Government Investment Pool - General	\$ 12,563,947.20
DANA Investments	28,499,493.45
Local Government Investment Pool - Clerk of Courts	26,048.27
Local Government Investment Pool - Farmland Preservation	228,503.59
Local Government Investment Pool - Parks/Liddle	81,790.12
Local Government Investment Pool - Highway Bond	<u>1,872,678.66</u>
	\$ 43,272,461.29
2016 Interest - Super N.O.W. Acct.	\$ 723.59
2016 Interest - L.G.I.P. - General Funds	27,403.48
2016 Interest - DANA Investments	217,351.51
2016 Interest - L.G.I.P. - Parks/Carol Liddle Fund	162.35
2016 Interest - L.G.I.P. - Farmland Preservation	453.56
2016 Interest - L.G.I.P. - Clerk of Courts	66.61
2016 Interest - L.G.I.P. - Highway Bond	<u>3,717.16</u>
Total 2016 Interest	\$ 249,878.26

**JOHN E. JENSEN, JEFFERSON CO. TREASURER**

**Frank presented the following communication:**

Notice of Public Hearing from the Planning & Zoning Committee for a hearing to be held on July 21, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 205 of the Jefferson County Courthouse, Jefferson.

The communication and notice were received and placed on file.

**Retirement Recognition.** Human Resources Director Terri M. Palm-Kostroski recognized the following retirees: Nancy Toshner\*, Human Services, 25 years; Judy Wollin, Human Services, 46 years 1 month (\*denotes retiree not in attendance). Sheriff Paul Milbrath recognized Terry Cerny, Sheriff's Office, 13 years 2 months; and Michael Rusch, Sheriff's Office, 15 years 5 months. Circuit Court Judge Randy R. Koschnick recognized Michael Onheiber, Circuit Court Commissioner, 23 years 1 month. Supervisor Dick Jones recognized Susan Torum, Human Services, 36 years 5 months.

**Child Support Director Stacey Jensen; Emergency Management Director Donna Haugom; The Honorable Randy R. Koschnick, presiding judge; Sheriff Paul Milbrath and Veterans' Service Officer Yvonne Duesterhoeft presented their department's annual report.** The annual reports were received and placed on file pursuant to Board Rule 3.03(12).

**Mode, member of the Human Resources Committee, introduced Resolution No. 2016-35.**

Executive Summary

The Intake/OnCall Worker position provides diagnosis, assessment, case planning, treatment, protection and case manage-

ment services to child and/or adult clients including, but not limited to, persons with developmental disabilities, mentally ill (Emergency Mental Health), chronically mentally ill, alcohol and other drug abusers, criminals, delinquents and status offenders, physically disabled, children in need of protection or services, and the elderly. This position also serves as the access point for interventions and services from Human Services. The Human Services Director is requesting the creation of an Intake/OnCall Worker position to specifically function in the Child Protection and Juvenile Justice areas, providing initial screening, treatment and referrals to children and juveniles in crisis.

In addition, the Human Services Director is requesting the elimination of a vacant, full-time Child Protective Services Ongoing Professional I (CPSOP I) position. The newly created Intake/OnCall Worker position will provide many of the same services as the CPSOP, but will also provide additional initial assessment duties necessary to support the increasing number of children and juveniles facing emergency situations.

On Tuesday, June 21, 2016, the Human Resources Committee met to discuss the request of the Human Services Director. In consideration of the increasing number of children and juveniles in Jefferson County that are struggling with mental health and other crisis issues and the significant impact it has to the children, family and community, the Human Resources Committee is recommending the creation of a full-time Intake/OnCall Worker position and the elimination of a vacant, full-time CPSOP I position.

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

WHEREAS, in 2015 there were 586 initial assessments for child protection reports performed by four Intake/OnCall workers, the highest in the state, and

WHEREAS, the workload has significantly decreased for the Child Protective Services Ongoing Professional I (CPSOP I) position largely due to restructuring of work done by Intake/OnCall workers at the time of initial assessments, and

WHEREAS, the Human Services Director is requesting the creation of one full-time Intake/OnCall Worker position and the elimination of one vacant, full-time CPSOP I position to address the needs of these children and juveniles, and

WHEREAS, the Human Resources Committee recommends the creation of one full-time Intake/OnCall Worker position and the elimination of one vacant, full-time CPSOP I position effective immediately upon passage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the creation of one full-time Intake/OnCall Worker position and the elimination of one vacant, full-time CPSOP I position at Human Services is authorized and the 2016 County Budget setting forth position allocations in the Human Services Department is hereby amended.

*Fiscal Note: The eliminated CPSOP I position is fully funded in the 2016 budget with \$51,570 in wages and \$26,340 in fringe benefits. The newly created Intake/OnCall Worker position also*

has an annual cost of \$51,570 in wages and \$26,340 in fringe benefits. Therefore, there is no fiscal impact. As a budget amendment, 20 affirmative votes are required for passage.

**Mode moved that Resolution No. 2016-35 be adopted.** Seconded and carried: Ayes 26 (Jones, Kelly, David, Tietz, Buchanan, Morris, Wineke, Rinard, Zastrow, Hartz, Morse, Lund, Nass, Payne, R. Kutz, Hanneman, Schroeder, Mode, Kannard, Poulson, Jaeckel, Foelker, Patrick, Borland, Schultz, G. Kutz), Noes 0, Absent 4 (Braughler, Reese, Klubertanz, Smith).

**Note:** The roll call equipment was not properly registering who was present and absent at the time of the vote on Resolution No. 2016-35; therefore, Clerk Frank rebooted the system and a new roll call was taken with 26 supervisors present and 4 absent (Braughler, Reese, Klubertanz, Smith).

**David, Chair of the Infrastructure Committee, introduced Resolution No. 2016-36.**

Executive Summary

The Hillside building on the grounds of Human Services serves a vital role to Jefferson County serving as the site for the Comprehensive Community Services program (CCS), outpatient mental health clinic, Children's Long term Support (CLTS) program, Emergency Mental Health (EMH) team and the Coordinated Services staff. Due to the age of the building, installing new energy efficient windows will return a cost savings to the County with decreased energy costs. In addition, this update will create an evacuation route and eliminate the existing safety risks that the current windows pose to staff at Human Services. The replacement of the outdated inefficient windows with new energy efficient windows will keep the Hillside building functional and efficient which is a vital piece to the overall Human Services facilities plan. The bid of \$45,800 from Jefferson Glass was determined to be the lowest responsible bid by the Human Service Board at its June meeting and the Infrastructure Committee at its July meeting and both bodies recommend that the County Board accept this bid.

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

WHEREAS, Hillside building serves Jefferson County as office space for the Comprehensive Community Services program (CCS), outpatient mental health clinic, Children's Long term Support (CLTS) program, the Emergency Mental Health (EMH) team, Coordinated Services staff, Wrap Around, Project Yes, and Headstart, and

WHEREAS, the original windows are inefficient and pose a safety concern for evacuation, and

WHEREAS, installing new windows will decrease utility bills and allow access for evacuation, and

WHEREAS, the following bids were received:

Lueck's, Inc., Oshkosh, WI	\$54,180
Softer Lite, Milwaukee/Chicago	\$53,435
Baker Glass, Fort Atkinson, WI	\$46,760

Jefferson Glass, Jefferson, WI \$45,800

WHEREAS, the Human Services Board and Infrastructure Committee have reviewed all bids and are recommending accepting the lowest responsible bid from Jefferson Glass, Jefferson, Wisconsin, in the amount of \$45,800.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Administrator is authorized to execute a contract for window replacement with Jefferson Glass, Jefferson, Wisconsin, as the lowest responsible bidder in an amount not to exceed \$45,800.

*Fiscal Note: The project funding is included in the 2016 Human Services budget.*

**David moved that Resolution No. 2016-36 be adopted.** Seconded and carried: Ayes 26 (Jones, Kelly, David, Tietz, Buchanan, Morris, Wineke, Rinard, Zastrow, Hartz, Morse, Lund, Nass, Payne, R. Kutz, Hanneman, Schroeder, Mode, Kannard, Poulson, Jaeckel, Foelker, Patrick, Borland, Schultz, G. Kutz), Noes 0, Absent 4 (Braugler, Reese, Klubertanz, Smith).

**Tietz, Chair of the Parks Committee, introduced Resolution No. 2016-37.**

Executive Summary

Bicycle tourism is a growing industry in North America, contributing \$47 billion a year to the economies of communities that provide facilities for such tourists. The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) has designated a corridor crossing central Wisconsin to be developed as United States Bike Route 30 (USBR 30), with a section of this corridor using the Glacial Drumlin Trail through Jefferson County. The Jefferson County Parks Committee and Highway Committee have reviewed the proposed route and found it to be suitable for its intended purpose and request that the route be designated as United States Bike Route 30.

WHEREAS, bicycle tourism is a growing industry in North America, contributing \$47 billion a year to the economies of communities that provide facilities for such tourists, and

WHEREAS, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) has designated a corridor crossing central Wisconsin to be developed as United States Bike Route 30 (USBR 30), and

WHEREAS, WisDOT, the Wisconsin Bike Federation, and the Adventure Cycling Association have proposed a specific route to be designated as USBR 30, a map of which is herein incorporated into this resolution by reference (Note: Map available at the County Clerk's office upon request or on the County's website at [www.jeffersoncountywi.gov](http://www.jeffersoncountywi.gov)), and

WHEREAS, the proposed route for USBR 30 comes through Jefferson County and can therefore provide a benefit to residents and businesses, and

WHEREAS, the proposed route for USBR 30 through Jefferson County uses the Glacial Drumlin Trail including sections of east Junction Road and County Highway Y, and

WHEREAS, Jefferson County Parks Committee and Highway Committee have reviewed the proposed route and found it to be suitable for its intended purpose and request that the route be designated as United States Bike Route 30.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors hereby expresses its approval and support for the development of United States Bike Route 30, and requests that the appropriate officials ensure that the route is formally designated by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials as soon as this can be achieved, and further authorizes the posting of signs within Jefferson County right-of-way identifying the route through the community once the formal designation has been made.

*Fiscal Note: This resolution will have no fiscal impact.*

**Tietz moved that Resolution No. 2016-37 be adopted.** Seconded and carried.

**Nass, Chair of the Planning & Zoning Committee, introduced the following report:**

**REPORT  
TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE  
JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

The Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Committee, having considered petitions to amend the official zoning map of Jefferson County, filed for public hearing held on June 16, 2016, as required by law pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes, notice thereof having been given, and being duly advised of the wishes of the town boards and persons in the areas affected, hereby makes the following recommendations:

**APPROVAL OF PETITIONS R3890A-16, R3891A-16,  
R3892A-16, R3893A-16, R3894A-16, R3895A-16, R3896A-16,  
R3897A-16, R3898A-16, R3899A-16, R3900A-16, R3901A-16,  
R3902A-16, R3903A-16, R3904A-16, R3905A-16, R3906A-16,  
R3907A-16 and R3908A-16**

DATED THIS 27th DAY OF JUNE 2016

Donald Reese, Secretary

**THE PRIOR MONTH'S AMENDMENTS R3879A-16,  
R3880A-16, R3881A-16, R3882A-16, R3883A-16, R3884A-16,  
R3885A-16, R3886A-16, R3887A-16, R3888A-16  
AND R3889A-16 ARE EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE BY  
COUNTY BOARD, SUBJECT TO WIS. STATS. 59.69(5).**

**Nass moved that the Planning & Zoning Report be accepted.** Seconded and carried.

**Nass introduced Ordinance No. 2016-06.**

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors has heretofore been petitioned to amend the official zoning map of Jefferson County, and

WHEREAS, Petitions R3890A-16, R3891A-16, R3892A-16, R3893A-16, R3894A-16, R3895A-16, R3896A-16, R3897A-16, R3898A-16, R3899A-16, R3900A-16, R3901A-16, R3902A-16, R3903A-16, R3904A-16, R3905A-16, R3906A-16, R3907A-16

and R3908A-16 were referred to the Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Committee for public hearing on June 16, 2016, and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments have been given due consideration by the Board of Supervisors in open session,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors does amend the official zoning map of Jefferson County as follows:

**FROM A-1, EXCLUSIVE AGRICULTURAL TO A-3,  
AGRICULTURAL/RURAL RESIDENTIAL**

Create a 3.5-acre farm consolidation lot around the home at N5296 Popp Road in the Town of Aztalan, and a 6-acre vacant lot combination to the east, both from PIN 002-0714-2844-000 (39.75 acres). This action is conditioned upon road access approval and suitable soil test for the vacant lot, and for approval and recording of a final certified survey map, including extraterritorial plat review if necessary. This utilizes the last available A-3 zone for the property; therefore rezoning is also conditioned upon recording of an affidavit acknowledging that fact. R3890A-16 – Robert Wagner/Jane Wagner property

Create a 4-acre lot combination at W5140 Gillis Road in the Town of Koshkonong from PIN 016-0514-1331-000 (40 acres). This utilizes the last available A-3 zone for the property; therefore rezoning is conditioned upon recording of an affidavit acknowledging that fact. It is also conditioned upon road access approval, upon receipt of suitable soil test, upon approval and recording of a final certified map including extraterritorial plat review, if necessary. No development is allowed on slopes exceeding 20%. R3891A-16 – Kathy Pope-Hookstead/Dark Acres Farm property

Rezone 1.25 acres around the home at W8295 Cemetery Road in the Town of Lake Mills from PIN 018-0713-0313-000 (23.5 acres). Approval is conditioned upon approval and recording of the final certified survey map including extraterritorial plat review, if necessary. R3892A-16 – Sharilyn DeGolier

Create a 3-acre A-3 zone at W8756 Alley Road in the Town of Lake Mills to allow for new home construction on PIN 018-0713-2134-000 (3 acres). The structure permitted as a garage must be converted back to a garage, and the new home must be served by a code-compliant private on-site waste treatment system. Inspection shall take place prior to issuance of a Zoning and Land Use Permit for the house. R3893A-16 – Jay Lewellin

Create a 1-acre building site on Raether Road and PIN 018-0713-0622-000 (32.07 acres) in the Town of Lake Mills. This utilizes the last available A-3 zone for the property; therefore, rezoning is conditioned upon recording of an affidavit acknowledging that fact. It is further conditioned upon road access approval, receipt by Zoning of a suitable soil test, approval and recording of a final certified survey map for the lot. The area where the former Town road existed shall be transferred to this owner. There shall be no development on slopes exceeding 20%. R3894A-16 – Steve Saniter/Rachel Raether LE property

Rezone 1 acre of PIN 020-0714-0321-000 (54 acres) for a

new building site near W5962 Church Road in the Town of Milford. This is considered a consolidation of parcels of record, and is conditioned upon road access approval, receipt by Zoning of a suitable soil test and receipt and recording of a final certified survey map for the lot. R3895A-16 – Todd & Leeann Duwe/Duwe Farms LLC property.

Rezone 1.01 acres of PIN 020-0814-3241-001 (23 acres) in the Town of Milford at W6543 Vandre Road. This is conditioned upon approval and recording of the final certified survey map for the lot. R3896A-16 – Trisha & Erik Miller/Joel & Gayle Medenwaldt property

Create two, 2-acre lots on US Highway 12 in the Town of Oakland from part of PIN 022-0613-1812-000 (15.81 acres). This is conditioned upon road access approval by the DOT, utilizing the approved variance. It uses the last available lot for the property, and is conditioned upon recording of an affidavit acknowledging that fact. Further, approval is conditioned upon receipt by Zoning of a suitable soil test and final certified survey map including extraterritorial plat review, if necessary. A Town signature line shall be included on the map. R3897A-16 – Nancy Hook

Create a 1.33-acre building site from PIN 028-0513-0123-000 (39 acres) in the Town of Sumner on Schwemmer Road. This is conditioned upon road access approval, receipt by Zoning of a suitable soil test and approval and recording of a final certified survey map including extraterritorial plat review, if necessary. R3898A-16 – Lindsay Jilek/Franz & Vicki Weigand property:

Rezone 1.68 acres of PIN 002-0714-2032-000 (35.254 acres) on Harvey Road for a new residential building site in the Town of Aztalan. This utilizes the last available A-3 zone for the property; rezoning is conditioned upon recording of an affidavit acknowledging that fact. It is also conditioned upon road access approval, receipt of a suitable soil test, and upon approval and recording of a final certified survey map for the lot including extraterritorial plat review, if necessary. R3899A-16 – Leo & Lisa Kucek/Ardis Eilenfeldt Trust property

**FROM A-2, AGRICULTURAL & RURAL BUSINESS  
AND A-3 TO A-1, EXCLUSIVE AGRICULTURAL**

R3900A-16 – Leo & Lisa Kucek/Debbie Reece Trust property: Negate previous approvals for an A-2 zone (R3658A-13) and an A-3 zone (R3659A-13) on Harvey Road in the Town of Aztalan on PIN 002-0714-2032-002 (1.735 acres) to allow for new A-3 lot creation. This is conditioned upon action to override the previously submitted certified survey map. R3899A-16 – Leo & Lisa Kucek/Ardis Eilenfeldt Trust property

**FROM A-1, EXCLUSIVE AGRICULTURAL TO A-2,  
AGRICULTURAL & RURAL BUSINESS**

Rezone to create a 1.5-acre A-2 zone adjacent to N5983 Hillside Drive in the Town of Concord from PIN 006-0716-1914-000 (93.4 acres). This is conditioned upon road access approval, receipt of suitable soil test only if the proposed structure will have water service, and approval and recording of a final certified sur-



vey map for the lot. There shall be a note on the final map that the A-2 zone and adjacent A-1 zone shall not be sold separately unless access requirements of the Jefferson County Zoning Ordinance are met. R3901A-16 – Joel Kleefisch/Donald & Bonnie Lott property

**FROM A-1 TO A-3**

Rezone to create a 5-acre lot around the home at N5983 Hillside Drive and two, 3-acre building sites nearby from PIN 006-0716-1914-000 (93.4 acres) in the Town of Concord. This uses the last available A-3 zone for the property; therefore rezoning is conditioned upon recording of an affidavit acknowledging that fact. It is further conditioned upon road access approval, receipt by Zoning of a suitable soil test and approval and recording of a final certified survey map for the lots. R3902A-16 – Joel Kleefisch/Donald & Bonnie Lott property

**FROM A-3 TO A-1**

Rezone to negate a previous A-3 zone approval, R3664A-13, to allow request for creation of new building sites on PIN 006-0716-1914-000 (93.4 acres) on Hillside Drive in the Town of Concord. The affidavit previously created for this property shall be updated and recorded. R3903A-16 – Donald & Bonnie Lott property

**FROM A-1, EXCLUSIVE AGRICULTURAL TO A-2,  
AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL BUSINESS**

Redefine the A-2 zone near N1730 Kelln Lane in the Town of Palmyra on PIN 024-0516-1033-000 (39 acres). Approval is conditioned upon road access approval for the lot, receipt of a suitable soil test only if water service to the buildings is proposed and approval and recording of a final certified survey map including extraterritorial plat review, if necessary. R3904A-16 – John & Brenda Soden/Charles Soden Trust property

**FROM A-1 TO A-3, AGRICULTURAL/RURAL RESIDENTIAL**

Rezone to create a 1.4-acre lot around the home at N1730 Kelln Lane in the Town of Palmyra from PIN 024-0516-1033-000 (39 acres). This action is conditioned upon approval and recording of the final certified survey map including extraterritorial plat review, if necessary. R3905A-16 – John & Brenda Soden/Charles Soden Trust property

**FROM A-1 TO N, NATURAL RESOURCES**

Create an 8.9-acre Natural Resource zone north of N1730 Kelln Lane from part of PIN 024-0516-1033-000 (39 acres) in the Town of Palmyra. Approval is conditioned upon receipt and recording of a final certified survey map for the lot including extraterritorial plat review, if necessary. The property may only be transferred to an adjoining owner. R3906A-16 – John & Brenda Soden/Charles Soden Trust property

**FROM A-1, EXCLUSIVE AGRICULTURAL TO A-3,  
AGRICULTURAL//RURAL RESIDENTIAL**

Rezone to create a 2-acre lot around the buildings at N8331 County Road X in the Town of Watertown from part of PIN 032-0815-2114-001 (24 acres). This is conditioned upon approval and recording of a final certified survey map including extraterritorial

plat review, if necessary. R3907A-16 – Scott & Connie Vinz

**FROM A-1 TO N, NATURAL RESOURCES**

Rezone to create a 2.6-acre Natural Resource zone near N8331 County Road X from part of PIN 032-0815-2114-001 (24 acres) in the Town of Watertown. Rezoning is conditioned upon road access approval and approval and recording of a final certified survey map including extraterritorial plat review, if necessary. R3908A-16 – Scott & Connie Vinz

The above rezonings shall be null and void and of no effect one year from the date of County Board approval unless all applicable conditions have been completed by that date.

**Nass moved that Ordinance No. 2016-06 be adopted as printed.** Seconded and carried with Kannard abstaining for possible conflict of interest.

**Wehmeier introduced Resolution No. 2016-38.**

Executive Summary

Currently before the Surface Transportation Board (STB) is a request from Great Lakes Basin Transportation, Inc. for the authority to construct a rail line in Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin. As part of this process, the STB is taking public comment on the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) which is due on July 15th. The primary purpose for this project request from Great Lakes Basin Transportation, Inc., (GLBT) is to assist in rail congestion within the Midwest, specifically the main rail hub of Chicago. The proposed route currently is from approximately La Porte, Indiana, looping around Chicagoland ending in Milton, Wisconsin.

From Milton, this new main line would integrate within the Wisconsin Tier 1 system and local rail system run by Wisconsin Southern Railroad (WSOR) on behalf of the Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commission (WRRTC), of which Jefferson County is a member. As shown in the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) response to the STB, there are several options to consider. As these options are still being evaluated, the impact specifically to Jefferson County is unknown both from an environmental impact and opportunities to assist in commerce or potential passenger capacity. However, two main initial concerns would be preservation of prime agriculture lands and coordination with existing trail systems that were established when portions of the local rail system were abandoned. This was specifically the case for Rock County where the proposed new main line would have significant impact on agricultural land based on their analysis and as such, Rock County is in opposition to this proposal.

Staff recommends supporting the WisDOT comments to the Surface Transportation Board on the Environmental Impact Statement which include: 1) Request to Participate as a Cooperating Agency to ensure Wisconsin interests are represented; 2) Review of Railroad Operations in Wisconsin to ensure any new system would be a partnership and would not result in reduction in services to communities and businesses in the state; 3) Review of Alternative Routes that would limit construction of the new railroad

corridor in greenfields of Wisconsin to include an option of no-build in Wisconsin that would still allow linkage to the state; 4) Crossing and Safety Concerns; 5) Impact upon Wisconsin Communities and Wisconsin Southern Railroad; and 6) Alignment with WisDOT Planning.

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

WHEREAS, by this resolution that Jefferson County incorporates by reference Wisconsin Department of Transportation comments dated June 14, 2016, and concurs with the Comments of the Environmental Impact Statement to the Surface Transportation Board, and

WHEREAS, Jefferson County requests that any new rail within the County limit impacts to greenfield and prime agricultural land, and

WHEREAS, Jefferson County requests that any new rail that reestablishes abandoned lines within the County recognizes existing trail systems and works to limit conflicts with these trail systems, and

WHEREAS, the Surface Transportation Board recognizes potential impacts to local communities and the Wisconsin Southern Railroad and works with Great Lakes Basin Transportation, Inc. to mitigate these concerns.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Jefferson County requests that the Surface Transportation Board consider the comments from the WisDOT related to the construction and operation of the Great Lakes Basin Transportation Line and the impacts related to agriculture and existing recreational land uses.

*Fiscal Note: There is no fiscal impact at this time.*

**Buchanan moved that Resolution No. 2016-38 be adopted.** Seconded and carried.

**Public Comment (General).** None.

Supplemental information presented at the July 12, 2016, Jefferson County Board meeting will be available at the County Clerk's office upon request or on the County's website at [www.jeffersoncountywi.gov](http://www.jeffersoncountywi.gov).

**There being no further business, Buchanan moved that the Board adjourn.** Seconded and carried at 8:06 p.m.