

**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD MINUTES
THURSDAY, March 19, 2020, 9:00 A.M.**

Chair Jim Schroeder presiding.

Roll called as follows:

In Person: David, Braughler, Morris, Rinard, Johns, Morse, Nass, Kutz, Schroeder, Kannard, Jaeckel, Foelker, Nelan, Wineke, White, Poulson, Fitzgerald, Lindl, and Christensen.

Via Phone: Tietz, Lund, Payne, Mode, and Schultz.

Absent: Jones, Roberts, Kelly, Herbst, Zastrow, and Hartz.

District 1.. Richard C. Jones	District 2	Mike Kelly
District 3..... Greg David	District 4	Augie Tietz
District 5 James B. Braughler	District 6	Dan Herbst
District 7. Dwayne C. Morris	District 8	Michael Wineke
District 9..... Amy Rinard	District 10	Lloyd Zastrow
District 11..... Jeff Johns	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 ...	Brandon White
District 19..... Jim Schroeder	District 20	Jim Mode
District 21. John C. Kannard	District 22	Blane Poulson
District 23... George Jaeckel	District 24	Roger Lindl
District 25. Matthew Foelker	District 26	Joan Fitzgerald
District 27..... Conor Nelan	District 28	Dick Schultz
District 29.. Mary K. Roberts	District 30	Walt Christensen

Wehmeier certified compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

Approval of the Agenda. Agenda to proceed as printed.

Public Comment: None

Wehmeier, County Administrator, introduced Resolution No. 2019-85.

WHEREAS, Jefferson County's Emergency Management Ordinance, No. 1987-24 as amended by Ord. No. 2011-16, provides "In the event an emergency occurs within Jefferson County at a time when the County Board is unable to meet for the purpose of making such a declaration . . . , the following persons may declare state of emergency: (a) County Board Chair . . . ", and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Management Ordinance and § 323(4)(b), Wisconsin Statutes, indicates that if the emergency declaration is made by the County Board Chair, the Board shall ratify or repeal such declaration as soon as the body can meet, and

WHEREAS, an emergency, namely the COVID-19 Pandemic, has impacted and will continue to impact Jefferson County, and

WHEREAS, County Board Chair Jim Schroeder issued an emergency declaration on March 13, 2020, following the World Health Organization's designation of the COVID-19 pandemic a Public Health Emergency of International

Concern, Governor of the State of Wisconsin's declaration of a State of Emergency; President Trump's Declaration of a National Emergency; and the United States Health and Human Services Secretary's declaration of a public health emergency for the entire United States, which declaration is presently in effect, and

WHEREAS, the County Administrator is authorized to utilize contingency funds and fund balance as needed to maintain the County Continuity of Operations with oversight as needed by the Finance Committee, and

WHEREAS, the County Administrator is authorized to amend or suspended personnel policies in the best interest of Public and Employee Safety and continuing County Operations, and

WHEREAS, such emergency declaration may make Jefferson County eligible for emergency funds and will facilitate and expedite the use of various resources to protect persons from the impacts of the spread of COVID-19 while maintaining continuity of operations for the Jefferson County. This declaration shall be in effect for 60 days. If the County Board is unable to meet on May 12, 2020, this Declaration will automatically continue until the next meeting of the County Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the County Board ratifies the emergency declaration issued by County Board Chair Jim Schroeder on March 13, 2020, which is presently in effect with the full power and effect as determined. *Fiscal Note: None known at this time.*

Jaeckel, moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2019-85. Seconded and passed.

Wehmeier, County Administrator, introduced Resolution No. 2019-86.

WHEREAS, Jefferson County's Emergency Management Ordinance, No. 1987-24 as amended by Ord. No. 2011-16, provides "In the event an emergency occurs within Jefferson County at a time when the County Board is unable to meet for the purpose of making such a declaration . . . , the following persons may declare state of emergency: (a) County Board Chair . . . ", and

WHEREAS, an emergency, namely the COVID-19 Pandemic, has impacted and will continue to impact Jefferson County, and

WHEREAS, County Board Chair Jim Schroeder issued an emergency declaration on March 13, 2020, following the World Health Organization's designation of the COVID-19 pandemic a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, Governor of the State of Wisconsin's declaration of a State of Emergency; President Trump's Declaration of a National Emergency; and the United States Health and Human Services Secretary's declaration of a public health emergency for the entire United States, which declaration is

presently in effect, and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the Governing Bodies of the County have the ability to meet as required to maintain the operations of the County, and

WHEREAS, the County Administrator is authorized to develop process, procedures and capabilities to facilitate remote attendance at County meetings in compliance with all applicable laws.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the County Board authorizes the utilization of remote attendance at all County meetings held to facilitate the transaction of County business with minimal barriers to participation of members of Board/Commissions/Committee and facilitate ability for public transparency. This rule shall be in effect until Declaration of Emergency is ended.

Fiscal Note: None known at this time.

Braugler, moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2019-86. Seconded and passed.

Braugler, Human Resources Committee Chair, introduced Resolution No. 2019-87.

Executive Summary

The Mental Health and Alcohol and Drug Outpatient (AODA) Clinics provide services to Jefferson County adults and children with mental illness and/or alcohol or drug issues. The Jefferson County Mental Health and AODA team received 2,406 requests for services, crisis calls, and Emergency Detentions in the first two months of 2020. This is an unprecedented number of requests: it is more than twice the number of requests for the entire year in 2008 and 300 more requests than last year at this time. As a result, consumers are waiting nearly two months for a second appointment which increases the risk of self-harm and suicide attempts. An additional Psychotherapist is needed to help manage the increasing influx of mental health needs in Jefferson County. On March 17, 2020, the Human Resources Committee reviewed the request from the Human Services Director to create one full-time Psychotherapist position in the Mental Health and AODA Clinic at Human Services and recommended forwarding this corresponding resolution to the County Board for consideration.

WHEREAS, the above Executive Summary is incorporated into this resolution, and

WHEREAS, the Mental Health and Alcohol and Drug Outpatient (AODA) Clinic at Human Services is experiencing an unprecedented number of mental health requests in 2020, and

WHEREAS, current staffing levels cannot provide the necessary care and treatment in a timely manner, resulting in a higher risk of further mental health consequences, and

WHEREAS, to address the ongoing and increasing mental health needs of the citizens of Jefferson County,

the Human Services Director requests, and the Human Resources Committee recommends, creating one full-time Psychotherapist position in the Mental Health and AODA Clinic at the Human Services Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 2020 County Budget setting forth position allocations and funding at the Human Services Department be and is hereby amended to create one full-time Psychotherapist position, to become effective upon passage.

Fiscal Note: Salary and fringe benefits for the remainder of 2020 is \$56,990.63, of which \$19,157 is funded through Insurance Revenue and other medical benefits and \$37,833.46 through tax-levy. On March 10, 2020, the County Board of Supervisors approved a resolution authorizing year end requests to carry over funds for fiscal year 2019 from the Human Services Department; therefore, no additional tax-levy is needed for 2020. The annual cost of the Psychotherapist position is \$85,293.96 and will be funded approximately 40% with Insurance Revenue, Medicaid and Medicare, CCS reimbursement and WIMCR cost reconciliation and 60% with tax-levy. The County Board approval requires a two-thirds vote of the entire membership of the County Board (20 votes of the 30 member County Board).

Braugher, moved for postponement of this Resolution No. 2019-87 to next month. Seconded and passed.

Announcements.

Supplemental information presented at the March 19, 2020, Jefferson County Board meeting will be available at the County Clerk's office upon request or on the County's website at www.jeffersoncountyiwi.gov.

There being no further business, Rinard moved that the Board adjourn. Seconded and carried at 9:34 a.m.