

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD MINUTES
TUESDAY, July 08, 2025, 7:00 P.M.

Chair Steve Nass presiding.

County Clerk Audrey McGraw called the roll, all members being present in person except Richardson, Zarling, Herbst, and White who were present via Zoom.

Supervisors Jones, Morris, Hafften, Kannard and Poulson were absent. Jones and Morris, having given prior notice, were excused.

District 1.....	Richard C. Jones	District 2..	Cassie B. Richardson
District 3.....	Robert Preuss	District 4.....	Karl Zarling
District 5.....	James B. Braughler	District 6.....	Dan Herbst
District 7.....	Dwayne C. Morris	District 8.....	Michael Wineke
District 9.....	Bruce Degner	District 10.....	Mark Groose
District 11.....	Elizabeth Hafften	District 12.....	Matthew Tracy
District 13.....	Amanda Truax	District 14.....	Kirk Lund
District 15.....	Steven J. Nass	District 16.....	Meg Turville-Heitz
District 17.....	Phil Ristow	District 18.....	Brandon White
District 19.....	Dave Drayna	District 20.....	Curtis Backlund
District 21.....	John C. Kannard	District 22.....	Blane Poulson
District 23.....	George Jaeckel	District 24.....	Roger Lindl
District 25.....	Matthew Foelker	District 26.....	Amanda Golson
District 27.....	Joan Callan	District 28.....	Anthony Gulig
District 29.....	Mary K. Roberts	District 30.....	Walt Christensen

Wineke led the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed.

Lucky certified compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

Approval of the Agenda. Nass requested that item #14c be moved before #14b. Degner moved to accept this change and otherwise approve as drafted. Seconded by Backlund and passed.

Wineke, Executive Committee Chair, moved to approve the County Board minutes from June 10, 2025, with one correction. Seconded by Jaeckel and passed.

Communications:

County Clerk McGraw presented the following communications:

1. Notice of Public Hearing from the Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Committee for a hearing to be held on July 17, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.
2. Retirement Recognitions.
3. Treasurer's Monthly Report.

Public Comment: None

Special Order of Business:

1. Proclamation 2025-02 Congratulating the Cambridge High School Boys Track Team on their WIAA Division 3 Tuesday, July 8, 2025

– 800 Relay at the State Track and Field Championship.
Turville-Heitz moved for the adoption of Proclamation No. 2025-02. Seconded by Lund and passed.

2. Proclamation 2025-03 Congratulating the Johnson Creek High School Boys Baseball Team on their WIAA Division 4 State Baseball Championship on June 19, 2025.

Tracy moved for the adoption of Proclamation No. 2025-03. Seconded by Lund and passed.

3. Proclamation 2025-04 Congratulating the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Baseball Team on their NCAA Division III College World Series Championship.

Gulg moved for the adoption of Proclamation No. 2025-04. Seconded by Lindl and passed.

4. Public Hearing on a Map Amendment to the Jefferson County Comprehensive Plan and Farmland Preservation Plan. Public Hearing opened and no public comments were made.

Jackel moved to close the public hearing. Seconded by Backlund and passed.

Annual Reports:

Presiding Judge, Honorable Robert Dehring; Court Support Services, Commissioner Jennifer Weber; Child Support Director, Stacey Jensen; Treasurer, Kelly Stade; and Sheriff Travis Maze. The annual reports were received, placed on file, but not printed in the minutes pursuant to Board Rule 3.03(13).

Morris present in person at 7:37 p.m.

Committee Reports, Resolutions, Proclamations, and Ordinances:

Wineke, Executive Committee Chair, introduced Resolution No. 2025-33. Authorizing Temporary Closure of the Jefferson County Courthouse to the Public on November 19, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for Emergency Response Training

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Jefferson County Courthouse shall be closed to the public on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to allow for Emergency Response Training for County employees. Normal courthouse operations and public access shall resume at 12:00 p.m. on the same day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Administrator shall provide appropriate notice to the public of this temporary closure.

Fiscal Note: Passage of this Resolution has no determinable fiscal impact.

Wineke moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2025-33. Seconded by Christensen and passed.

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Drayna, Finance Committee Vice Chair, introduced Resolution No. 2025-34. Delegating the Authority to Enter Into Settlement Agreements with Opioid Defendants to the County Administrator

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors hereby makes the following resolutions:

1. The County Board hereby delegates authority to the County Administrator to enter into a settlement agreement, including without limitation the execution of any and all ancillary documents and agreements necessary to effectuate a settlement, with any Opioid Defendant provided (a) the PEC and the Law Firms shall have recommended the settlement; and (b) the Jefferson County share of proceeds from any such settlement is consistent with the shares established in Exhibit A, a copy of which is attached to this Resolution and which is consistent with the allocations established in previous settlements with Opioid Defendants.
2. Prior to executing any settlement agreement, or any document related thereto, the County Administrator shall provide notice to the Corporation Counsel and Board Chair of the proposed settlement and the terms related thereto.
3. The County Administrator is authorized and directed to take any and all such other and further action necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: all proceeds from any settlement agreement not otherwise directed to the Attorney Fees Account shall be deposited in the County's Opioid Abatement Account. The Opioid Abatement Account shall be administered consistent with the terms of this Resolution, Wis. Stat. § 165.12(4), and the applicable settlement agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: the County hereby authorizes the establishment of an account separate and distinct from any account containing funds allocated or allocable to the County which shall be referred to by the County as the "Attorney Fees Account." An escrow agent shall deposit a sum equal to up to, but in no event exceeding, an amount equal to 20% of the County's proceeds from a settlement agreement into the Attorney Fees Account unless such other amount is established by the applicable settlement agreement. If the payments to the County are not enough to fully fund the Attorney Fees Account as provided herein because such payments are made over time, the Attorney Fees Account shall be funded by placing up to,

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but in no event exceeding, an amount equal to 20% of the proceeds from a settlement agreement attributable to Local Governments (as that term is defined in the MOU) into the Attorney Fees Account for each payment. Funds in the Attorney Fees Account shall be utilized to pay the fees, costs, and disbursements owed to the Law Firms pursuant to the engagement agreement between the County and the Law Firms provided, however, the Law Firms shall receive no more than that to which they are entitled under their fee contract when considering the amounts paid the Law Firms from any fee fund established in a settlement agreement and allocable to the County. The Law Firms may make application for payment from the Attorney Fees Account at any time and the County shall cooperate with the Law Firms in executing any documents necessary for the escrow agent to make payments out of the Attorney Fees Account.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that all actions heretofore taken by the Board of Supervisors and other appropriate public officers and agents of the County with respect to the matters contemplated under this Resolution are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.

Fiscal Note: The total amount of the additional settlements referenced in the body of this resolution is not currently known. Once the settlements are executed and Jefferson County is informed of payment arrangements, a resolution will be prepared that summarizes the proposed use of the funding and related budget adjustments.

Drayna moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2025-34. Seconded by Jaeckel and passed.

Jaeckel, Highway Committee Chair, introduced Resolution No. 2025-35. Authorizing the Purchase of a 50-ton Gooseneck Trailer for the Highway Department

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jefferson County Highway Department is authorized to purchase one (1) 2025 Model Felling XF-100HDG Gooseneck Trailer from Roland Equipment for the bid price of \$119,520.00.

Fiscal Note: Passing this resolution will cost \$119,520.00 which will be funded from the Highway Department Equipment Operations Cost Center 53241.

Jaeckel moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2025-35. Seconded by Backlund and passed.

Braugler, Human Resources Committee Chair, introduced Resolution No. 2025-36. Authorizing the Elimination of the Assistant to the County Admin-

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istrator Position and Creating a Communications and Marketing Coordinator Position in the County Administration Office and amending the 2025 budget

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the elimination of the vacant, full-time Assistant to the County Administrator position and the creation of an exempt, full-time Communications & Marketing Coordinator position in the County Administration Department, effective upon adoption.

Fiscal Note: The 2025 budget includes \$128,676.77 for salary and benefits for the Assistant to the County Administrator position. The proposed Communications & Marketing Coordinator position is anticipated to cost \$107,258.11 annually for salary and benefits for 2025. This change would result in a tax-levy savings of \$21,418.66 for 2025 assuming the position was filled all year. This is a budget amendment. County Board approval requires a two-thirds vote of the entire membership of the County Board (20 votes of the 30-member County Board).

Braugler moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2025-36. Seconded by Lund and passed. Ayes 21 (Richardson, Preuss, Zarlring, Herbst, Morris, Wineke, Degner, Tracy, Truax, Lund, Nass, Turville-Heitz, Ristow, White, Jaeckel, Lindl, Foelker, Golson, Callan, Roberts, Christensen), Noes 5 (Braugler, Groose, Drayna, Backlund, Gulig), Abstain 0, Absent 4 (Jones, Hafften, Kannard, Poulson), Vacant 0.

Jaeckel, Planning and Zoning Committee Chair, introduced the following report:

REPORT TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS by the Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Committee recommending approval of petitions to amend the official zoning map of Jefferson County.

Jaeckel, Planning and Zoning Committee Chair, introduced Ordinance No. 2025-05. Amending the Jefferson County Comprehensive Plan and Agricultural Preservation and Land Use Plan (Farmland Preservation Plan)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 66.1001 and Chapter 91, the Jefferson County Comprehensive Plan and the Jefferson County Agricultural Preservation and Land Use Plan is hereby amended based on the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Committee as set forth in the attached resolution incorporated by reference.

Fiscal Note: Passage of this Ordinance has no deter-

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minable fiscal impact.

Jaeckel moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2025-05. Seconded by Foelker and passed.

Jaeckel, Planning and Zoning Committee Chair, introduced Ordinance No. 2025-06. Amending Official Zoning Map

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

WHEREAS, Petitions R4605A-25, R4606A-25, R4607A-25, R4608A-25, R4609A-25, R4611A-25, R4613A-25, R4614A-25, R4615A-25, R4617T-25, and R4601A-25 were referred to the Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Committee for public hearing on May 15, 2025, and June 19, 2025, and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on June 30, 2025, the Planning and Zoning Committee considered the request to amend the Official Zoning Map of Jefferson County after conducting a public hearing regarding the requested amendment, and after receiving a recommendation from the affected Town, hereby make the following recommendation to the Board of Supervisors in open session, and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Committee has found that the criteria and standards set forth in s. 91.48 of the Wisconsin Statutes and ss. 22-56(b) of the Jefferson County Zoning Ordinance for rezoning out of an A-1 Exclusive Agricultural zone have been met and the petitions are consistent with the Jefferson County Comprehensive Plan and Farmland Preservation Plan as identified in the Decision of the Planning and Zoning Committee, and

WHEREAS, consistent with the recommendations of the Planning & Zoning Committee, the Board of Supervisors finds, where applicable, the standards set forth in s. 91.48 of the Wisconsin Statutes and ss. 22-56(b) of the Jefferson County Zoning Ordinance for rezoning out of an A-1 Exclusive Agricultural zone are met by the proposed amendment to the official zoning map, and

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

Jaeckel moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2025-06. Seconded by Backlund and passed.

Jaeckel, Planning and Zoning Committee Chair, introduced Ordinance No. 2025-07. Amending the Jefferson County Floodplain Ordinance

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors:

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SECTION 1: Chapter 6, Article III of the Code of Ordinances, Jefferson County, Wisconsin entitled "Floodplain Management" is repealed and recreated to read as set forth in the attached.

SECTION 2: All ordinances or portions of ordinances inconsistent with the attached amended ordinance are repealed.

SECTION 3: This amended ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and publication as provided by law.

Fiscal Note: Passage of this Ordinance has no determinable fiscal impact.

Jaeckel moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2025-07. Seconded by Backlund and passed.

Appointments by County Administrator:

By virtue of the authority vested in me under Sections 59.18(2)(b) of the Wisconsin Statutes, I respectfully request confirmation of the following appointment as listed in the agenda:

Sean Heaslip as Highway Commissioner for a 2-Year Term ending July 08, 2027.

Jaeckel moved to confirm the above appointment. Seconded by Backlund and passed.

By virtue of the authority vested in me under Sections 59.18(2)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes, I respectfully request confirmation of the following appointment as listed in the agenda:

Tracy Hameau to the Traffic Safety Commission for an indeterminate term.

Braugler moved to confirm the above appointment. Seconded by Christensen and passed.

Public Comment: (General) None

Announcements:

Supplemental information presented at the July 08, 2025, Jefferson County Board meeting will be available at the County Clerk's office upon request during regular Courthouse hours or on the County's website at www.jeffersoncountywi.gov.

There being no further business, Gulig moved that the Board adjourn. Seconded by Turville-Heitz and passed at 8:26 p.m.