

**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD MINUTES
TUESDAY, August 12, 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, and White who were present via Zoom.

Supervisor Herbst was absent.

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 Goose
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

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

Luckey certified compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

Approval of the Agenda. Nass requested that item #8b be moved to after item #14. Backlund moved to accept this change and otherwise approve as drafted. Seconded by Poulson and passed.

Wineke, Executive Committee Chair, moved to approve the County Board minutes from July 08, 2025. Seconded by Christensen 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 August 21, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.
2. Treasurer’s Monthly Report.

Public Comment:

Two members of the public spoke on item #10a.

Special Order of Business:

1. Recognition in BizTimes “Woman Executive of the Year” Deb Reinbold.

Annual Reports:

Library Services, Minetta Lippert and Brittany Larson;
Literacy Council, Pamela Waters; Health Department

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Director, Elizabeth McGeary (postponed to next month); County Clerk, Audrey McGraw; and Corporation Counsel Danielle Thompson. The annual reports were received, placed on file, but not printed in the minutes pursuant to Board Rule 3.03(13).

Committee Reports, Resolutions, Proclamations, and Ordinances:

Jones, Finance Committee Chair, introduced Resolution No. 2025-. Accepting the lola Foundation's Changemaker Grant at the Human Services Department and amending the 2025 Budget

Youth within Jefferson County identified, applied for, and were awarded a grant to initiate an event for creative expression and resource sharing. There would be no taxpayer money involved, however Jefferson County was requested to serve as the fiscal agent for this event and to do so would require a budget amendment. The Finance Committee and Human Services Board both considered this request. As Chair of both bodies, at this point in time I believe it is in the County's best interest and the best interest for this group of youth to guide them towards using a different entity as their fiscal agent.

Jones moved to indefinitely postpone this Resolution. Seconded by Jaeckel and passed.

Jones, Finance Committee Chair, introduced Resolution No. 2025-37. Denying Claim of OptumRx Regarding Opioid Litigation

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors hereby disallows said claim and directs the Corporation Counsel to give the claimant notice of disallowance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Jefferson County does not concede the validity of the claim and expressly reserves all rights to contest and defend against the claim in any future proceedings.

Fiscal Note: The fiscal impact of this resolution cannot be determined at this time.

Jones moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2025-37. Seconded by Jaeckel and passed.

Jones, Finance Committee Chair, introduced Resolution No. 2025-38. Accepting bid for replacement of the Fire Alarm at Fair Park Activity Center and amending the 2025 budget

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Administrator is authorized to enter into a contract with the lowest responsible bidder, Current Electric, for the replacement of the fire alarm in the Fair Park Activity Center at a total cost not to exceed

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\$44,850, and the 2025 budget is amended accordingly. *Fiscal Note: This replacement was not included in the 2025 budget. The Finance Committee recommends using contingency funding in the amount of \$44,850 for this item. This resolution authorizes the Finance Director to make the necessary budget adjustments to enact this resolution. 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).*

Jones moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2025-38. Seconded by Backlund and passed. Ayes 29 (Jones, Richardson, Preuss, Zarling, Braughler, Morris, Wineke, Degner, Groose, Hafften, Tracy, Truax, Lund, Nass, Turville-Heitz, Ristow, White, Drayna, Backlund, Kannard, Poulson, Jaeckel, Lindl, Foelker, Golson, Callan, Gulig, Roberts, Christensen), Noes 0, Abstain 0, Absent 1 (Herbst), Vacant 0.

Jones, Finance Committee Chair, introduced Resolution No. 2025-39. Upgrading the County Server Environment from Windows Server 2019 to Windows Server 2025 and amending the 2025 budget

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize the County Administrator to enter into a contract with SHI International to update the County servers to Windows 2025.

Fiscal Note: Funding for this request would be shared among several departments as follows: Land Information Department - \$20,000; Highway Department - \$15,000; MIS - \$25,000; Contingency - \$11,892. Passage of this resolution authorizes the Finance Director to make the necessary budget adjustments to enact this resolution. 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).

Jones moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2025-39. Seconded by Backlund and passed. Ayes 29 (Jones, Richardson, Preuss, Zarling, Braughler, Morris, Wineke, Degner, Groose, Hafften, Tracy, Truax, Lund, Nass, Turville-Heitz, Ristow, White, Drayna, Backlund, Kannard, Poulson, Jaeckel, Lindl, Foelker, Golson, Callan, Gulig, Roberts, Christensen), Noes 0, Abstain 0, Absent 1 (Herbst), Vacant 0.

Jones, Finance Committee Chair, introduced Resolution No. 2025-40. Authorizing the County to Service Loans for the Live Local Development Fund and amending the 2025 budget

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jefferson County Economic Development Department, in cooperation with the Finance Department, will service and account for the loans for the Live Local Development Fund, and the 2025 budget is amended to support this activity.

Fiscal Note: Please see the attached Budget Adjustment or Amendment Request form for the proposed adjustments to the 2025 budget. This resolution authorizes the Finance Director to make the necessary budget adjustments to enact this Resolution 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).

Jones moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2025-40. Seconded by Jaeckel and passed. Ayes 28 (Jones, Richardson, Preuss, Zarling, Braugher, Morris, Wineke, Degner, Hafften, Tracy, Truax, Lund, Nass, Turville-Heitz, Ristow, White, Drayna, Backlund, Kannard, Poulson, Jaeckel, Lindl, Foelker, Golson, Callan, Gulig, Roberts, Christensen), Noes 1 (Goose), Abstain 0, Absent 1 (Herbst), Vacant 0.

Jaeckel, Highway Committee Chair, introduced Resolution No. 2025-41. Authorizing the Purchase of 2026 Tri-Axle Semi Tractor for the Highway Department

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jefferson County Highway Department is authorized to purchase one (1) 2026 Model Mack Granite GR84BT Tri-Axle Semi Tractor from Kriete Truck Center for the bid price of \$170,000.00. The Jefferson County Highway Department will exercise the option to trade in or buy back the Tri-Axle Semi Tractor at no cost every 12 months for a minimum period of three years.

Fiscal Note: Funding for this resolution is included the Highway Department Equipment Operations Cost Center 53241. No budget amendment is necessary.

Jaeckel moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2025-41. Seconded by Morris and passed.

Christensen, Parks Committee Chair, introduced Resolution No. 2025-42. Authorizing County Conservation Aid Grant Application for Carlin-Weld County Park and amending the Parks Department 2025 budget

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Jefferson County Parks Department to act on behalf of the County to submit an application to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for financial assistance under the County Conservation Aids pro-

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gram for the above described purposes; to sign documents; and to take all necessary actions to undertake, direct, and complete the approved project.

Fiscal Note: This resolution authorizes the application for a \$2,500 grant through the Wisconsin County Conservation Aids program. The grant will cover 50% of the total project cost of \$5,000. The required 50% local match (\$2,500) will be met through a combination of in-kind staff time and private donations. No additional county tax levy funding is required. Should this grant be awarded, the Finance Director is authorized to make the necessary budget adjustments to enact this resolution. 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).

Christensen moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2025-42. Seconded by Gulig and passed. Ayes 28 (Jones, Richardson, Preuss, Zarling, Braughler, Morris, Wineke, Degner, Hafften, Tracy, Truax, Lund, Nass, Turville-Heitz, Ristow, White, Drayna, Backlund, Kannard, Poulson, Jaeckel, Lindl, Foelker, Golson, Callan, Gulig, Roberts, Christensen), Noes 1 (Groose), Abstain 0, Absent 1 (Herbst), 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. 2025-08. 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 R4589A-25, R4619A-25, R4620A-25, R4621A-25, R4622A-25, R4623A-25, R4624A-25, R4625A-25, R4626A-25, R4627A-25, R4628A-25 and R4629A-25 were referred to the Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Committee for public hearing on July 17, 2025, and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on July 17, 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

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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. 2025-08. Seconded by Poulson and passed.

Kannard abstained from voting due to a potential conflict of interest.

Public Comment: (General) None

Lucky lead the discussion regarding potential sale of county-owned farmland.

Announcements:

Supplemental information presented at the August 12, 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, Jaeckel moved that the Board adjourn. Seconded by Gulig and passed at 8:10 p.m.

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