

**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD MINUTES  
TUESDAY, January 13, 2026, 7:00 P.M.**

Chair Steve Nass presiding.

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

Supervisor Preuss was absent, and having given prior notice, was excused.

District 1.....	Richard C. Jones	District 2..	Cassie B. Richardson
District 3.....	Robert Preuss	District 4 .....	Karl Zarleng
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

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

Lucky certified compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

Approval of the Agenda. Jaeckel moved to approve as drafted. Seconded by Lund and passed.

Wineke, Executive Committee Chair, moved to approve the County Board minutes from December 09, 2025. Seconded by Ristow 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 January 15, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
2. Treasurer's Monthly Report.

**Public Comment: None**

**Committee Reports, Resolutions, Proclamations, and Ordinances:**

**Jones, Finance Committee Chair, introduced Resolution No. 2025-68. Authorizing the County Administrator to Enter into a Letter of Intent for the Sale of County-Owned Land to Wangard Property Acquisitions, LLC**

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Jefferson County Administrator is authorized to execute the Letter of Intent with Wangard Property Acquisitions, LLC for the sale of 17.07 acres.

*Fiscal Note: Proceeds from the sale of County property to Wangard Property Acquisitions, LLC shall be deposited into the Capital Projects Fund. The use of these proceeds will be considered by the Finance Committee and recommended to the County Board at a future date.*

**Jones moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2025-68. Seconded by Jaeckel and passed.**

**Braugler, Human Resources Committee Chair, introduced Ordinance No. 2025-16. Amending Personnel Ordinance HR0360 Hours of Work, Overtime, and Compensatory Time**

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE ORDAINED by the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors that Section HR0360, Hours of Work, Overtime, and Compensatory Time, of the Personnel Ordinance be amended as follows:

**Section 1.** Section HR0360, Hours of work, Overtime, and Compensatory Time, subsection B.7 and B.8 are amended as follows:

7. On-Call Duty: Except for Medical Examiner Investigators, an employee shall be on-call when given a cell phone or pager and being told they are on-call. An employee who is on-call will receive an additional one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) for a week (7 consecutive days) or fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for after hours Monday- Friday and twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for Saturday or Sunday or a designated holiday. As an alternative, if mutually agreeable, an employee who is on-call may elect 5 hours of compensatory time for a week (7 Consecutive days), or .6 hours Monday-Friday and one (1) hour for Saturday or Sunday or a designated holiday. Medical Examiner Investigators assigned on-call responsibilities will receive two-dollars (\$2.00) per hour. When a Medical Examiner Investigator is called out, the on-call differential will cease, and the appropriate per-diem fee shall be paid. [er. 12/31/11, ord. 2011-21; am. 3/13/12, ord. 2011-31]

8. Call-out: Except for Medical Examiner Investigators, Any employee called into work at a time other than his/her regular schedule of hours, except where such hours are consecutively prior to or subsequent to the employee's regular schedule of hours, shall receive a minimum of two (2) hours pay at the regular rate of pay, unless otherwise required by law or ordinance, including HR0360 B.2.a. above. Medical Examiner Investigators called out will receive a per-diem rate of

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\$90.00 per scene unless otherwise required under Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). [er. 12/31/11, ord. 2011-21; am. 3/13/12, ord. 2011-31]

**Section 2.** This ordinance shall be effective January 1, 2026.

*Fiscal Note: The 2026 budget includes additional funding for this change. No budget amendment is necessary.*

**Braugler moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2025-16. Seconded by Lund and passed.**

**Braugler, Human Resources Committee Chair, introduced Resolution No. 2025-69. Eliminating a vacant full-time Building & Maintenance Supervisor and full-time Lead Custodian and creating a full-time Building Maintenance Worker II and a full-time Custodian Supervisor position in the Facilities Department**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the elimination of the vacant, full time Building & Maintenance Supervisor position and the full time Lead Custodian position and the creation of a full-time Building Maintenance Worker II position and a full-time Custodian Supervisor position, all within the Facilities Department, effective upon adoption.

*Fiscal Note: Using 2025 payroll data, restructuring these positions will result in decreased wage costs of \$30,199. Unless otherwise utilized by Central Services, savings realized as a result of the passage of this resolution will revert to the General Fund.*

**Braugler moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2025-69. Seconded by Morris and passed.**

**Turville-Heitz, Land and Water Conservation Committee Chair, introduced Resolution No. 2025-70. Authorizing the Acceptance and Implementation of The Nature Conservancy Grant on Behalf of the Jefferson County Soil Builders and Amending the 2025 Budget**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the acceptance of The Natural Conservancy's grant to the Jefferson County Soil Builders in order to reimburse farmers for implementation of conservation practices and amends the 2025 budget accordingly.

*Fiscal Note: The 2025 grant award is \$10,000 which covers the cost of conservation practice implementation. Existing Land and Water Conservation Department staff implemented the project in 2025. Passage of this resolution authorizes the Finance Director to make the necessary budget adjustments to enact this*

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*resolution. This is a budget amendment that requires a two-thirds vote of the entire membership of the County Board (20 members of the 30-member County Board must vote in favor of the budget amendment).*

**Turville-Heitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2025-70. Seconded by Poulson and passed.**

Ayes 29 (Jones, Richardson, Zarling, Braugher, Herbst, Morris, Wineke, Degner, Goose, 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 (Preuss), 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. 2025-17. 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 R4580A-24, R4641A-25 and R4654A-25 were referred to the Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Committee for public hearing on December 19, 2024 and December 18, 2025, and WHEREAS, at its meeting on December 19, 2024 and December 18, 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.

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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.

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. 2025-17. Seconded by Poulson 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 appointments:

Derek Anderson to the Highway Traffic Safety Committee for an indeterminate term.

**Jaeckel moved to confirm the above appointments. Seconded by Poulson and passed.**

Brandie Hanson as Jefferson County Veterans Service Officer for an indeterminate term.

**Gulig moved to confirm the above appointments. Seconded by Backlund and passed.**

**Public Comment: (General) None**

**Announcements:**

Supplemental information presented at the January 13, 2026, 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](http://www.jeffersoncountywi.gov).

**There being no further business, Jaeckel moved that the Board adjourn. Seconded by Gulig and passed at 7:22 p.m.**