

**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD MINUTES
TUESDAY, February 10, 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, Zaring, Braughler, Truax, Turville-Heitz, and White, who were present via Zoom.

Supervisors Backlund and Jaeckel were absent, and having given prior notice, were excused.

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

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

Lucky certified compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

Approval of the Agenda. Poulson moved to approve as drafted. Seconded by Foelker and passed.

Wineke, Executive Committee Chair, moved to approve the County Board minutes from January 13, 2026. Seconded by Poulson 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 February 19, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
2. Treasurer’s Monthly Report.
3. 2027 Budget Calendar
4. County Board Orientation and Organizational Meeting Dates

**Public Comment: None
Committee Reports, Resolutions, Proclamations, and Ordinances:**

Lindl, Building and Grounds Committee, introduced Resolution No. 2025-71. Accepting bids for Tuesday, February 10, 2026

the LED Interior Lighting Project at Fair Park and amending the 2026 budget

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Administrator is authorized to enter into a contract with the lowest responsible bidder, Jefferson Current Electric, in the amount of \$183,109.

Fiscal Note: This project was budgeted in 2026 at an estimated cost and corresponding reimbursement of \$87,831. In order to accommodate this project, the 2026 budget will be amended to increase reimbursement revenue and project expense by \$95,278. This resolution authorizes the Finance Director to make the necessary budget adjustments to enact this resolution. As 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).

Lindl moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2025-71. Seconded by Poulson and passed. Ayes 28 (Jones, Richardson, Preuss, Zarling, Braughler, Herbst, Morris, Wineke, Degner, Groose, Hafften, Tracy, Truax, Lund, Nass, Turville-Heitz, Ristow, White, Drayna, Kannard, Poulson, Lindl, Foelker, Golson, Callan, Gulig, Roberts, Christensen), Noes 0, Abstain 0, Absent 2 (Backlund and Jaeckel), Vacant 0.

Wineke, Executive Committee Chair, introduced Resolution No. 2025-72. Designating Official Jefferson County Newspaper for the County Board Minutes

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the *Daily Jefferson County Union* is hereby designated the County's official newspaper for publication of County Board minutes commencing in April 2026 and ending in April 2028.

Fiscal Note: It is anticipated that the fiscal impact of this resolution will remain within the current budgeted amount based on 2026-2028 publication requirements.

Wineke moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2025-72. Seconded by Poulson and passed.

Wineke, Executive Committee Chair, introduced Resolution No. 2025-73. Urging State Leadership to Enact a Comprehensive, Sustainable Transportation Funding Solution

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors strongly urges the Governor of Wisconsin and the State Legislature to enact a comprehensive, sustainable transportation funding solution that:

1. Provides adequate and reliable revenue growth for the efficient long-term planning and execu-

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- tion of state and local transportation programs;
2. Includes responsible and prudent use of General Purpose Revenue and bonding;
 3. Adjusts any new and existing transportation user fees and other revenue mechanisms to sustain purchasing power in order to maintain and improve Wisconsin's transportation infrastructure; and
 4. Ensures transportation continues to deliver for Wisconsin by adequately funding reconstruction, preservation, and safety investments on the state and local systems.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Governor's office, all members of the Wisconsin State Senate and Assembly representing districts within Jefferson County, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Fiscal Note: Passage of this resolution has no immediate fiscal impact.

Wineke moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2025-73. Seconded by Christensen and passed.

Jones, Finance Committee Chair, introduced Resolution No. 2025-74. Amending the Planning and Development Fee Schedule to add a Plat Book Fee and amending the 2026 budget

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 2026 County Fee Schedule is amended to include a plat book fee charged by the Planning and Development Department in the amount of \$35.00 effective upon passage of this resolution.

Fiscal Note: This resolution will amend the fee schedule and create a fee of plat books of \$35.00, creating a potential revenue of \$8,750 over the sale life of the books. The creation and printing expenses of the plat books has been included in the Planning and Development 2026 Budget. As a budget amendment this resolution requires twenty (20) out of thirty (30) affirmative votes for passage.

Jones moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2025-74. Seconded by Drayna and passed.

Ayes 26 (Jones, Richardson, Preuss, Zarling, Herbst, Morris, Wineke, Degner, Hafften, Tracy, Truax, Lund, Nass, Turville-Heitz, Ristow, White, Drayna, Kannard, Poulson, Lindl, Foelker, Golson, Callan, Gulig, Roberts, Christensen), Noes 2 (Braugher and Groose), Abstain 0, Absent 2 (Backlund and Jaekel), Vacant 0.

Jones, Finance Committee Chair, introduced Resolution No. 2025-75. Updating Pool Monitoring Fees and Amending the 2026 Budget

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors approves the updated 2026 Pool Monitoring Fees and amends the budget accordingly.

Fiscal Note: Jefferson County contracts with the City of Watertown Health Department for the provision of water chemistry testing services. Fees generated from the provision of these services are collected and retained by the City of Watertown Health Department. However, because these fees are subject to County Board approval through the budget process, amending the fee schedule 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. 2025-75. Seconded by Drayna and passed. Ayes 27 (Jones, Richardson, Preuss, Zarling, Braughler, Herbst, Morris, Wineke, Degner, Hafften, Tracy, Truax, Lund, Nass, Turville-Heitz, Ristow, White, Drayna, Kannard, Poulson, Lindl, Foelker, Golson, Callan, Gulig, Roberts, Christensen), Noes 1 (Groose), Abstain 0, Absent 2 (Backlund and Jaeckel), Vacant 0.

Jones, Finance Committee Chair, introduced Resolution No. 2025-76. Updating Lodging License Categories for the Environmental Public Health Consortium and amending the 2026 budget

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors approves the updated 2026 DATCP Lodging License Fees and amends the 2026 budget accordingly.

Fiscal Note: Jefferson County contracts with the City of Watertown Health Department for the provision of licensing and inspection services of lodging establishments within the County. Fees generated from the provision of these services are collected and retained by the City of Watertown Health Department. However, because these fees are subject to County Board approval through the budget process, amending the fee schedule 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. 2025-76. Seconded by Drayna and passed. Ayes 27 (Jones, Richardson, Preuss, Zarling, Braughler, Herbst, Morris, Wineke, Degner, Hafften, Tracy, Truax, Lund, Nass, Turville-Heitz, Ristow, White, Drayna, Kannard, Poulson, Lindl, Foelker, Golson, Callan, Gulig, Roberts, Christensen), Noes 1 (Groose), Abstain 0, Absent 2 (Backlund and Jaeckel), Vacant 0.

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Jones, Finance Committee Chair, introduced Resolution No. 2025-77. Entering into a contract with AVI-SPL for maintenance services and amending the 2026 budget

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the cost of the maintenance for 2026 will be paid for from contingency funding, and allocated to the County Board, Court Support Services, and Emergency Management department budgets accordingly.

Fiscal Note: This resolution authorizes the transfer of \$27,936.57 from contingency to the County Board, Court Support Services, and Emergency Management budgets and authorizes the Finance Director to make the necessary budget adjustments to enact this resolution. 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. 2025-77. Seconded by Drayna and passed. Ayes 28 (Jones, Richardson, Preuss, Zarling, Braughler, Herbst, Morris, Wineke, Degner, Groose, Hafften, Tracy, Truax, Lund, Nass, Turville-Heitz, Ristow, White, Drayna, Kannard, Poulson, Lindl, Foelker, Golson, Callan, Gulig, Roberts, Christensen), Noes 0, Abstain 0, Absent 2 (Backlund and Jaeckel), Vacant 0.

Jones, Finance Committee Chair, introduced Resolution No. 2025-78. Authorizing the Sale of County-Owned Land to Wangard Property Acquisitions, LLC

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Jefferson County Administrator is authorized to execute a Purchase & Sale Agreement with Wangard Property Acquisitions, LLC, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Jefferson County Administrator is authorized to execute all necessary documentation and complete all contingencies related to and in furtherance of this sale, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Jefferson County Clerk is authorized to execute all necessary documents as required for the closure of this land transaction, including but not limited to a warranty deed transferring the property.

Fiscal Note: Proceeds from the sale of County property to Wangard Property Acquisitions 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. 2025-78. Seconded by Drayna and passed.

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Morris, Law Enforcement and Emergency Management Committee Chair, introduced Resolution No. 2025-79. Authorizing Participation in the Wisconsin Statewide Mutual Aid Compact (WISMAC)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors hereby approves and authorizes Jefferson County's participation in the Wisconsin Statewide Mutual Aid Compact (WiSMAC) for Local Emergency Management Assistance, as outlined in the attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the County Board Chairperson, Emergency Management Director, and Administrator are hereby authorized to execute the MOU and any necessary documents to manage this participation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the County Clerk to Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) and Jefferson County's Legislative Representatives for the purpose of requesting their assistance in this endeavor.

Fiscal Note: Participation in the compact does not obligate Jefferson County to any reimbursements received or paid for services rendered by or to Jefferson County. As such, the passage of this resolution has no determinable fiscal impact.

Morris moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2025-79. Seconded by Poulson and passed.

Morris, Law Enforcement and Emergency Management Committee Chair, introduced Resolution No. 2025-80. Authorizing the Promulgation and Approval of the Jefferson County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors hereby promulgates and adopts the Jefferson County Emergency Operations Plan as the official plan for emergency management within the County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all County departments, agencies, municipalities, and partner organizations shall support and comply with the concepts, policies, and procedures contained within the plan, and maintain compatible emergency plans and procedures as appropriate.

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

Morris moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2025-80. Seconded by Drayna and passed.

Poulson, Planning and Zoning Committee Vice Chair, introduced the following report:

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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.

Poulson, Planning and Zoning Committee Vice Chair, introduced Ordinance No. 2025-18. 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 R4655A-26, R4656A-26, R4657A-26, R4658A-26, R4659A-26, R4660A-26 and R4661A-26 were referred to the Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Committee for public hearing on January 15, 2026, and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on January 15, 2026, 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: **Poulson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2025-18. Seconded by Foelker and passed.**

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

Appointments by County Administrator:

By virtue of the authority vested in me under Sections

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59.18(2)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes, I respectfully request confirmation of the following appointments:

Gino Racanelli to the Human Services Board for a three-year term ending on November 1, 2028.

Christine Spangler to the Sheriff's Civil Service Commission for a five-year term ending on January 1, 2031.

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

Public Comment: (General) None

Announcements:

Supplemental information presented at the February 10, 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.

There being no further business, Gulig moved that the Board adjourn. Seconded by Foelker and passed at 7:39 p.m.