

**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD MINUTES
TUESDAY, April 21, 2026, 4:00 P.M.**

County Clerk Audrey McGraw called the meeting to order.

Administration of Oath of Office done by the Honorable Robert F. Dehring Jr.

County Clerk Audrey McGraw called the roll, all members being present in person except Tracy, who was absent.

District 1.....	Jenifer Quimby	District 2.....	Gary G. Skalitzky
District 3.....	Robert Preuss	District 4.....	Francine Gies
District 5.....	James B. Braughler	District 6.....	Kerry L. Kneser
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.....	Michael Foster	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.....	Vacant
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.....	Amanda Kaiser	District 30.....	Walt Christensen

Callan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introduction of New Members: Jenifer Quimby, District 1; Gary Skalitzky, District 2; Francine Gies, District 4; Kerry Kneser, District 6; Michael Foster, District 13; and Amanda Kaiser, District 29.

Luckey certified compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

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

Retirement Recognitions

Election of County Board Chair/Vice Chair/Second Vice Chair.

Election of County Board Chair. Nominations were made by written, secret ballot for County Board Chair. Those nominated were Braughler (7), Nass (17), Lund (1), Poulson (1), and Jaeckel (1). Lund, Poulson, and Jaeckel respectfully declined the nomination.

County Clerk called on Chair nominees to give a brief statement up to three minutes in length.

The ballots for Chair were tallied, Braughler (5) and Nass (23). Nass was elected as Chair.

Chair Nass presides over the rest of the meeting.

Election of County Board First Vice Chair. Nom-

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inations were made by written, secret ballot for First Vice Chair. Nominated were Braughler (13), Morris (2), Wineke (9), Goose (1), Lund (1), and Poulson (2). Morris, Goose, Lund, and Poulson respectfully declined the nomination.

County Board Chair called on First Vice Chair nominees to give a brief statement up to three minutes in length.

The ballots for First Vice Chair were tallied, Braughler (16) and Wineke (11). Braughler was elected as First Vice Chair.

Election of County Board Second Vice Chair. Nominations were made by written, secret ballot for Second Vice Chair. Nominated were Quimby (1), Gies (1), Morris (1), Wineke (8), Hafften (1), Lund (1), Turville-Heitz (2), Ristow (1), Drayna (1), Poulson (9), Jaeckel (1), and Callan (1). Quimby, Gies, Morris, Wineke, Hafften, Lund, Turville-Heitz, Ristow, Drayna, Jaeckel, and Callan respectfully declined the nomination.

Poulson, being the only candidate who accepted, was elected as Second Vice Chair.

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 April 16, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
2. Annual Committee Reports
3. Treasurer's Monthly Report.

Wineke moved to approve the County Board minutes from March 10, 2026. Seconded by Braughler and passed.

Public Comment: None

Committee Reports, Resolutions, Proclamations, and Ordinances:

Drayna, Finance Committee, introduced Resolution No. 2026-01. Authorizing the County to enter into an Equity Investor Agreement in the amount of \$1.8 million with ThriveED for the Live Local Development Fund and amending the 2026 budget

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jefferson County shall enter into an Equity Investor Agreement with ThriveED in the amount of \$1.8 million. *Fiscal Note: \$1.1 million of funding for this resolution has been approved by the County Board of Supervisors in its 2026 annual budget. This resolution authorizes an additional \$700,000 of fund balance from the General Fund to be transferred to the Live Local De-*

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velopment Fund. This is a budget amendment. County Board approval requires a two-thirds vote of the entire membership (20 of 30 affirmative votes).

Drayna moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2026-01. Seconded by Jaeckel and passed.

Ayes 27 (Quimby, Skalitzky, Preuss, Gies, Braughler, Kneser, Morris, Wineke, Degner, Hafften, Foster, Lund, Nass, Turville-Heitz, Ristow, White, Drayna, Kannard, Poulson, Jaeckel, Lindl, Foelker, Golson, Callan, Gulig, Kaiser, Christensen), Noes 1 (Groose), Abstain 0, Absent 1 (Tracy), Vacant 1.

Drayna, Finance Committee, introduced Resolution No. 2026-02. Accepting Grant Funding from the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers for Attendance at the National Conference

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors hereby accepts the grant funding in the amount of \$3,000 from NACVSO, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Finance Director is authorized to make any necessary budget adjustments to account for the receipt and reimbursement of these funds.

Fiscal Note: Jefferson County will receive reimbursement of \$3,000 upon verification of staff attendance at the conference. This resolution authorizes the Finance Director to make any necessary budget adjustments to enact this resolution. This is a budget amendment. County Board approval requires a two-thirds vote of the entire membership (20 of 30 affirmative votes).

Drayna moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2026-02. Seconded by Jaeckel and passed.

Ayes 28 (Quimby, Skalitzky, Preuss, Gies, Braughler, Kneser, Morris, Wineke, Degner, Groose, Hafften, Foster, Lund, Nass, Turville-Heitz, Ristow, White, Drayna, Kannard, Poulson, Jaeckel, Lindl, Foelker, Golson, Callan, Gulig, Kaiser, Christensen), Noes 0, Abstain 0, Absent 1 (Tracy), Vacant 1.

Quimby out at 5:24 p.m.

Jaeckel, Highway Committee, introduced Resolution No. 2026-03. Approving 2026 asphalt milling quotes

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jefferson County Highway Department is authorized to accept the seasonal quotes for 2026 from all vendors utilizing the vendor that provides the best value for the county based on unit price and production unless the vendor cannot meet the project schedule of the department, in which case the next lowest

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priced vendor shall be used based on unit price and production.

Fiscal Note: Funds have been allocated in 2026 Highway Maintenance Account No. 53311 and Highway Construction Account No. 53312.

Jaeckel moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2026-03. Seconded by Poulson and passed.

Jaeckel, Highway Committee, introduced Resolution No. 2026-04. Approving 2026 asphalt pulverizing quotes

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jefferson County Highway Department is authorized to accept the seasonal quotes for 2026 from all vendors utilizing the vendor that provides the best value for the County based on unit price and production unless the vendor cannot meet the project schedule of the department, in which case the next lowest priced vendor shall be used based on unit price and production.

Fiscal Note: Funds have been allocated in 2026 Highway Maintenance Account No. 53311 and Highway Construction Account No. 53312.

Jaeckel moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2026-04. Seconded by Poulson and passed.

Jaeckel, Highway Committee, introduced Resolution No. 2026-05. Approving 2026 Local Road Improvement Program asphalt bids

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the asphalt bids for the Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) projects for Jefferson County and Town of Oakland be awarded to Payne & Dolan, Incorporated after all state and municipal agreements are signed.

Fiscal Note: The Wisconsin Department of Transportation requires asphalt purchase projects through the Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) be awarded to a paving contractor. The funds for asphalt purchases will come from the WisDOT Local Road Improvement Program.

Jaeckel moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2026-05. Seconded by Lindl and passed.

Jaeckel, Highway Committee, introduced Resolution No. 2026-06. Approving 2026 pre-mixed hot mix asphalt vendor quotes

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jefferson County Highway Department is authorized to purchase pre-mixed asphalt products at the listed prices from any of the asphalt vendors in 2026.

Fiscal Note: The Highway Department will determine the best price for each project (asphalt price plus

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trucking) when selecting a plant location. The department will also consider plant schedule, availability, and production rates. Funds have been allocated in 2025 Highway Maintenance Account No. 53311 and Highway Construction Account No. 53312.

Jaeckel moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2026-06. Seconded by Degner and passed.

Jaeckel, Planning and Zoning Committee, 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, introduced Ordinance No. 2026-01. 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 R4663A-26, R4667A-26, R4668A-26, R4669A-26, R4670A-26, R4672A-26 and R4673A-26 were referred to the Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Committee for public hearing on February 19, 2026 and March 26, 2026, and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on March 30, 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

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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. 2026-01. Seconded by Poulson and passed.**

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

Public Comment: (General) None

Announcements:

Supplemental information presented at the April 21, 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 Turville-Heitz and passed at 5:36 p.m.