

**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD MINUTES
TUESDAY, May 12, 2026, 7:00 P.M.**

Vice Chair, James Braughler, called the meeting to order.

County Clerk Audrey McGraw called the roll, all members being present in person except Nass, Tracy, Hafften, Morris, and Poulson, who were absent. Nass, having given prior notice, was excused.

Hafften present in person and Morris present via zoom at 7:02 p.m.

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

Foster led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Luckey certified compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

Approval of the Agenda. Agenda approved.

Wineke moved to approve the County Board minutes from April 21, 2026. Seconded by Jaeckel and passed.

Hafften present in person and Morris present via zoom at 7:02 p.m.

Special Order of Business:

1. County Board Chair Appointment and Confirmation of Kathi Cauley, District 20 Supervisor.
2. Administration of Oath of Office done by the Honorable Robert F. Dehring Jr.
3. Education Session on the state of EMS in Jefferson County and proposed solutions given by County Administrator, Luckey.

Communications:

County Clerk McGraw presented the following communications:

1. Notice of Public Hearing from the Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Committee for a

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hearing to be held on May 21, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

2. Treasurer's Monthly Report.

Public Comment: None

Committee Reports, Resolutions, Proclamations, and Ordinances:

Wineke, Executive Committee Chair, introduced Proclamation No. 2026-01. Thanking the First Responders at the April 23rd Fire in the Town of Palmyra

Wineke moved for the adoption of Proclamation No. 2026-01. Seconded by Jaeckel and passed.

Wineke, Executive Committee Chair, introduced Resolution No. 2026-07. Accepting bids for the access platform to Courthouse rooftop

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors authorizes the County Administrator to enter into a contract with Quality Erectors and Sheetters in the amount of \$48,562.

Fiscal Note: The cost of this project was included in the Capital budget for 2026. No budget adjustment is necessary.

Wineke moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2026-07. Seconded by Jaeckel and passed.

Jaeckel, Finance Committee Chair, introduced Resolution No. 2026-08. Denying Claim for damages by Alexandria O'Brien

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.

Fiscal Note: This matter has been referred to Wisconsin Municipal Mutual Insurance Company (WMMIC) and will be resolved in accordance with the terms of the County's policy.

Jaeckel moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2026-08. Seconded by Drayna 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. 2026-02. Amending Official Zoning Map

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Board of

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

WHEREAS, Petitions R4671A-26, R4675A-26, R4677A-26, R4678A-26 and R4679A-26 were referred to the Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Committee for public hearing on April 16, 2026, and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on March 26 and April 27, 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.

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. 2026-02. Seconded by Foelker and passed.

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

APPOINTMENTS BY THE 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:

BLUE SPRING LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT *

John Kannard Board Term

BOARD OF HEALTH*

Samantha LaMuro May 12, 2029

Dr. Don Williams May 12, 2029

HUMAN SERVICES BOARD*

Francine Gies November 1, 2028 (filling an unexpired term)

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LAKE RIPLEY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT*

Meg Turville-Heitz Board Term

LAND INFORMATION COUNCIL *

Steve Nass April 24, 2029

LOWER SPRING LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT*

John Kannard Board Term

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION*

Matthew Kanters Coordinator Indeterminate

Robert Preuss Board Supervisor Board Term

***Requires County Board Confirmation and Board Term Ends April 18, 2028**

Jaeckel moved to approve the above appointments. Seconded by Ristow and passed.

TO THE JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD: APPOINTMENTS BY THE COUNTY BOARD CHAIR

I, Steve Nass, Chair of the County Board of Supervisors, Jefferson County, Wisconsin as the appointing authority for the standing committees, hereby appoint the following:

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Kathi Cauley, Michael Foster, Roger Lindl, Robert Preuss, Phil Ristow

COMMUNITY ACTION COALITION

Francine Gies, Kirk Lund

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONSORTIUM*

Kathi Cauley Board Term

Bruce Degner Board Term

Mark Groose Board Term

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Jim Braughler, Steve Nass, Blane Poulson, Brandon White, Michael Wineke

FAIR PARK COMMITTEE

Elizabeth Hafften, Mark Groose, Blane Poulson, Gary Skalizky, Brandon White, Georgia McWilliam, *Public Member Vacant*

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Jim Braughler, Walt Christensen, David Drayna, George Jaeckel, Phil Ristow

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

Bruce Degner, David Drayna, George Jaeckel, Kerry Kneser, Roger Lindl

HISTORIC SITES PRESERVATION COUNCIL*

Anthony Gulig, Michael Foster, Roger Lindl, Chad Hilstad, Robin Untz

HOME CONSORTIUM BOARD

Michael Foster, John Kannard, Phil Ristow, Mark Groose (Alternate)

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HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Jim Braugher, Joan Callan, Bruce Degner, Jenifer Quimby, Michael Wineke

INTERCOUNTY COORDINATING COMMITTEE (ICC)

Steve Nass

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Margaret Burlingham, Walt Christensen, Matt Foelker, Elizabeth Haften, Gary Skaltzky, Scott Schultz, Meg Turville- Heitz

**LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

David Drayna, Kirk Lund, Dwayne Morris, Jenifer Quimby, Brandon White

**LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
(LEPC)***

Bruce Degner Board Term

Kerry Kneser Board Term

MARSH COUNTRY HEALTH ALLIANCE

Kathi Cauley, Kirk Lund (Alternate)

PARKS COMMITTEE

Joan Callan, Walt Christensen, Athony Gulig, Kirk Lund, Meg Turville- Heitz

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Matt Foelker, George Jaeckel, Amanda Kaiser, Steve Nass, Blane Poulson

**PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY (PACE)
COMMISSION***

Jim Braugher Board Term

SOLID WASTE AND AIR QUALITY COMMITTEE

Joan Callan, Amanda Kaiser, Kerry Kneser, Robert Preuss, Matthew Tracy

**SOUTH CENTRAL STATE WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT AREA CONSORTIUM**

Steve Nass

UNIVERSITY EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Matt Foelker, Francine Gies, Elizabeth Haften, John Kannard, Dwayne Morris

**WISCONSIN COUNTIES UTILITY TAX
ASSOCIATION***

Matthew Tracy

WISCONSIN RIVER RAIL TRANSIT COMMISSION

John Kannard April 30, 2027

Matthew Tracy April 30, 2029

Jeff Smith April 30, 2028

Mark Groose (Alternate) April 30, 2029

***Requires County Board Confirmation and Board
Term Ends April 18, 2028**

**Foelker moved to approve the above appointments.
Seconded by Kannard and passed.**

Public Comment: (General) None

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Announcements:

Supplemental information presented at the May 12, 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, Turville-Heitz moved that the Board adjourn. Seconded by Jaeckel and passed at 7:39 p.m.

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