

**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD MINUTES
TUESDAY, June 09, 2026, 7:00 P.M.**

Chair, Steve Nass, called the meeting to order.

County Clerk Audrey McGraw called the roll, all members being present in person except Foster who was present via Zoom.

Supervisors Groose and Kaiser were absent.

District 1..... Jenifer Quimby	District 2..... Gary G. Skaltitzky
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..... Kathi Cauley
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

Kneser led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Lucky certified compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

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

Braughler moved to approve the County Board minutes from May 12, 2026. Seconded by Poulson and passed. Nass abstained as he was not at the meeting.

Communications:

County Clerk McGraw presented the following communications:

1. Recognizing Proclamation from Governor Tony Evers Proclaiming the Month of May 2026 as Older Americans Month.
2. Recognizing Proclamation from Governor Tony Evers Proclaiming the Month of May 2026 as Foster Care Month.
3. Notice of Public Hearing from the Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Committee for a hearing to be held on June 18, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
4. Treasurer's Monthly Report.

Special Order of Business:

1. Introduction of Jefferson County Fairest of the Fair, Megan Doherty.
2. Introduction of Artists Renee Bernard and

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William Clayton from the Hoard Art Show, given by Supervisor Walt Christensen

3. Presentation of 2025 Audit Results by Sikich
4. Education Session on the state of EMS in Jefferson County and proposed solutions given by County Administrator, Luckey.

Public Comment: Anita Martin on 3 of the Resolutions on the agenda from the Executive Committee: 2026-10 Supporting the Continuation of Wisconsin's Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program; 2026-11 Urging the Incorporation of Local Feedback and Technical Expert Committee Recommendations in ATP 51; and 2026-12 Urging the Wisconsin Legislature and State Agencies to Strengthen the State of Wisconsin's Response to Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza.

Committee Reports, Resolutions, Proclamations, and Ordinances:

Braugher, Executive Committee Chair, introduced Resolution No. 2026-09. Requesting that Wis. Stat. § 66.0602(3)(e)(6) be Amended to Apply the Levy-Limit Exception to Countywide EMS, Fire, and Integrated Fire/EMS Services

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors hereby respectfully requests that the Wisconsin Legislature and the Governor amend Wis. Stat. § 66.0602(3)(e)(6) to extend the levy limit exemption to countywide fire services, countywide emergency medical services, and integrated countywide Fire/EMS systems.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Jefferson County Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Governor of Wisconsin, members of the Wisconsin Legislature representing Jefferson County, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

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

Braugher moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2026-09. Seconded by Poulson and passed.

Braugher, Executive Committee Chair, introduced Resolution No. 2026-10. Supporting the Continuation of Wisconsin's Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors hereby expresses its strong support for the Wisconsin Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program and respectfully urges the Wisconsin State Legislature and the Governor to renew the program and continue to fund into the future, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Jefferson

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County Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Governor of Wisconsin, members of the Wisconsin State Legislature representing Jefferson County, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Fiscal Note: Passage of this resolution has no immediate fiscal impact. Jefferson County has received over \$3 million of Stewardship Grant assistance since the beginning of the program, which has funded more than 40 projects throughout the County.

Braugler moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2026-10. Seconded by Turville-Heitz and passed.

Braugler, Executive Committee Chair, introduced Resolution No. 2026-11. Urging the Incorporation of Local Feedback and Technical Expert Committee Recommendations in ATCP 51

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors hereby urges the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, the Wisconsin Legislature, and the Governor to ensure that information and expertise gathered from counties and local governments across Wisconsin, and the recommendations from the Technical Expert Committee, are substantively considered in an update to ATCP 51, while the state retains regulatory authority to provide uniformity and consistency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Jefferson County Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, all members of the Wisconsin Legislature representing Jefferson County, the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

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

Braugler moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2026-11. Seconded by Poulson and passed.

Braugler, Executive Committee Chair, introduced Resolution No. 2026-12. Urging the Wisconsin Legislature and State Agencies to Strengthen the State of Wisconsin's Response to Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors hereby urges the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the Wisconsin Legislature, and the Governor to modernize the state's regulatory framework related to Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza and similar diseases that can cause mass animal mortality, and to do so in collaboration with national and local
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partners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Jefferson County Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, all members of the Wisconsin Legislature representing Jefferson County, the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

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

Braugher moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2026-12. Seconded by Turville-Heitz and passed.

Hafften, Fair Park Committee Chair, introduced Resolution No. 2026-13. Accepting Proposal for Master Plan Project at Fair Park & Authorizing the County Administrator to Execute Contract

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors accepts the proposal of Johnson Consulting and authorizes the County Administrator to enter into a contract with Johnson Consulting, in the amount of \$68,000 for completion of the Fair Park Master Plan.

Fiscal Note: \$50,000 is budgeted in the capital projects fund for this study. The Finance Committee will review the results of the County Fair later in the year and make a recommendation to the County Board for the remaining \$18,000.

Hafften moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2026-13. Seconded by Poulson and passed.

Jaeckel, Highway Committee Chair, introduced Resolution No. 2026-14. Authorizing the Highway Department to Purchase Three Asphalt Rollers

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jefferson County Highway Department is authorized to purchase one (1) Cat CB 4.4, (1) Cat CB 8, and (1) Cat CB 10 from Fabick Cat for the net bid price of \$ 377,702.00.

Fiscal Note: Funds for this purchase are budgeted in the Highway Department Equipment Operations Cost Center 53241.

Jaeckel moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2026-14. Seconded by Degner and passed.

Jaeckel, Highway Committee Chair, introduced Resolution No. 2026-15. Approving Changes to the Rural Functional Classification System in Jefferson County, WI

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Jefferson County Board hereby approves the recommended

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functional classifications as set forth in the attached.

Fiscal Note: Upgrading the functional classification of these roadways could have a positive impact on funding received for improvements to these roadways in the future.

Jaeckel moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2026-15. Seconded by Lindl and passed.

Jaeckel, Highway Committee Chair, introduced Ordinance No. 2026-03. Amending Jefferson County Ordinance Section 20-51 "Speed Zone on County Trunk Highways" to Establish Speed Limit on Business 26 (North and South Business 26 Fort Atkinson)

The proposed ordinance amendment formalizes the current speed limit following the jurisdictional transfer from WisDOT to Jefferson County. This action will provide consistency in enforcement and ensures compliance with applicable state and local traffic regulations. Following review and discussion, the Highway Committee approved this amendment at its June 2, 2026, meeting and recommended forwarding it to the County Board for approval.

Fiscal Note: Funds for the sign relocations will come from the Highway Department General Maintenance Account No. 53311.

Jaeckel moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2026-03. Seconded by Drayna and passed.

Jaeckel, Highway Committee Chair, Ordinance Resolution No. 2026-04. Amending Jefferson County Ordinance Section 20-51 "Speed Zones on County Trunk Highways" to Extend Reduced Speed Zone on County Trunk Highway N (Unincorporated Village of Coldspring)

The proposed ordinance amendment revises the County traffic ordinance to establish a 40-mph speed zone on CTH N beginning 1,000 feet south of the intersection with Carnes Road and extending northerly to a point 500 feet north of the intersection with Gillis Road. The Highway Committee considered this amendment at its meeting on June 2, 2026, and recommended forwarding to the County Board for approval.

Fiscal Note: Funds for the sign relocations will come from the Highway Department General Maintenance Account No. 53311.

Jaeckel moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2026-04. Seconded by Drayna and passed.

Braugher, Human Resources Committee Chair, Ordinance Resolution No. 2026-05. Amending Personnel Ordinance HR0360 Hours of Work, Over-

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time, and Compensatory Time

This amendment revises the Personnel Ordinance to allow Random Hours Exempt Employees to flex their hours of work within a workweek without the need to supplement with paid time off. The Human Resources Committee supported this amendment at their meeting on May 19, 2026, and voted to forward it to the County Board for consideration and approval.

Fiscal Note: Adoption of this Ordinance has no determinable fiscal impact.

Braugher moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2026-05. Seconded by Callan and passed.

Poulson, 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.

Poulson, Planning and Zoning Committee, introduced Ordinance No. 2026-06. 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 R4644A-25, R4680A-26, R4681A-26, R4682A-26, R4683A-26, and R4685A-26 were referred to the Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Committee for public hearing on October 16, 2025, and May 21, 2026, and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on May 26, 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

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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. 2026-06. Seconded by Jaeckel and passed.

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 appointment:

Dale Weis, to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a three-year term ending July 1, 2029.

Jaeckel moved to approve the above appointment. Seconded by Kannard and passed.

Public Comment: (General) None

Announcements:

Supplemental information presented at the June 09, 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 Lund and passed at 8:05 p.m.