JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD MINUTES
TUESDAY, September 8, 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 Hafften and Turville-Heitz, who were present via Zoom.

Supervisors Braughler, White, Foelker, and Gulig were absent. Braughler, having given prior notification was excused.

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..... 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

Lund led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Luckey certified compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

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

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

Special Order of Business:

1. Annual Reports: Health Department, Health Officer Elizabeth McGeary; County Clerk, Audrey McGraw; Treasurer, Kelly Stade; Child Support, Director Stacee Jensen; Sheriff Travis Maze; Clerk of Courts, Cindy Hamre; and District Attorney, Monica Hall. The annual reports were received, placed on file, but not printed in the minutes pursuant to Board Rule 3.03(13).
2. Education Session on the state of EMS in Jefferson County and proposed solutions given by Bruce Degner; Fire Chief Bruce Peterson from Fort Atkinson Fire Department, and Dr. Christopher Wistrom.

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 September 17, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
2. Treasurer's Monthly Report.

Public Comment: (agenda items) Several members of the public spoke on agenda items; 7b, EMS Education session; 10a, Resolution 2026-27; and 15c, Resolution 2026-31.

Committee Reports, Resolutions, Proclamations, and Ordinances:

Wineke, Executive Committee Vice Chair, Resolution No. 2026-27. Opposing the Proposed Midcontinent Grid Solutions (MGS) Transmission Line Routes Through Jefferson County

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors formally opposes any proposed MGS transmission line route that would create new high-impact corridors through Jefferson County, including routes that would:

- Disrupt agricultural operations, farmland preservation areas, or ag-enterprise zones;
- Impact residential neighborhoods or cause avoidable reductions in property values;
- Cross environmentally sensitive areas, including wetlands, groundwater recharge regions, wildlife habitats, and cold-water streams;
- Impair the scenic, cultural, historic, or recreational resources of the County;
- Create health, safety, or emergency-services burdens on Jefferson County communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors urges MGS to:

1. Prioritize existing transmission, utility, transportation, and rail corridors;
2. Conduct comprehensive environmental, cultural, property-value, and public-impact analyses;
3. Meaningfully incorporate County and landowner input into route removals and adjustments;
4. Engage in transparent communication with Jefferson County officials and residents throughout all stages of route development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Jefferson County Clerk is hereby directed to provide a copy of this Resolution to the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, the Governor of Wisconsin, members of the Wisconsin State Legislature who represent Jefferson County, and Midcontinent Grid Solutions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Jefferson County Administrator provide this Resolution to PSC as part the CPCN application once the docket on this project opens.

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

Wineke moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2026-27. Seconded by Poulson and passed.

Jaeckel, Finance Committee Chair, Resolution No. 2026-28. Authorizing Acceptance and Administration of Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) Pre-Disaster Flood Resilience Grant Funds and Amending the 2026 Budget in the Emergency Management Department

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Jefferson County commits to provide the required $15,000 local match and acknowledges responsibility for project costs in excess of the approved $60,000 project budget unless separately authorized by the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors.

Fiscal Note: This resolution authorizes acceptance of $45,000 in WEM (PDFRG) funds and commits a $15,000 County match, for a total project budget of $60,000. This project and the required matching funds are not included in the 2026 budget. The matching funds of $15,000 will be provided by a transfer from Other Contingency – Strategic Plan Initiatives, and the revenue and expense in the Emergency Management Department will be increased by $45,000 and $60,000 respectively. This resolution authorizes the Finance Director to make the necessary budget adjustments to enact the resolution. This is a budget amendment. Passage of this resolution requires a 2/3 vote of the full County Board (20 of 30 affirmative votes).

Jaeckel moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2026-28. Seconded by Drayna and passed. Ayes 26 (Quimby, Skalitzky, Preuss, Gies, Kneser, Morris, Wineke, Degner, Groose, Hafften, Tracy, Foster, Lund, Nass, Turville-Heitz, Ristow, Drayna, Cauley, Kannard, Poulson, Jaeckel, Lindl, Golson, Callan, Kaiser, Christensen), Noes 0, Abstain 0, Absent 4 (Braughler, White, Foelker, Gulig), Vacant 0.

Jaeckel, Highway Committee Chair, Resolution No. 2026-29. Authorizing the Highway Department to Purchase a Brush Chipper

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jefferson County Highway Department is authorized to purchase one (1) 2026 Bandit 18 XP Gas brush chipper from Bobcat of Janesville for the net bid price of $75,108.10.

Fiscal Note: Funding for this purchase is budgeted in

the Highway Department Equipment Operations Cost Center 53241.

Jaeckel moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2026-29. Seconded by Degner and passed.

Lund, Human Services Board Chair, Proclamation No. 2026-02. Recognizing September 2026 as Recovery Month in Jefferson County

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors that the month of September 2026 is Recovery Month in Jefferson County, Wisconsin, and it encourages all residents to join in celebrating recovery, supporting those on their journey, and spreading the message that recovery is possible.

Lund moved for the adoption of Proclamation No. 2026-02. Seconded by and passed.

Christensen, Parks Committee Chair, Resolution No. 2026-30. Authorizing County Conservation Aid Grant Application for Crawfish River County Park and amending the 2026 budget in the Parks Department

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Jefferson County Parks Department to act on behalf of the County to submit an application to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for financial assistance under the County Conservation Aids program for the above described purposes, to sign documents, and to take all necessary actions to undertake, direct, and complete the approved project.

Fiscal Note: This resolution authorizes the application for up to $2,500 grant through the Wisconsin County Conservation Aids program. The grant will cover $50% of the total project cost of $5,000. The required 50% local match ($2,500) will be met through cash donations by the Friends of Jefferson County Parks Fund. No additional county tax levy funding is required. If the grant is awarded to Jefferson County, this resolution authorizes the Finance Director to make the necessary budget adjustments to enact this resolution. This is a budget amendment. Passage of this resolution requires a 2/3 vote of the County Board (20 of 30 affirmative votes).

Christensen moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2026-30. Seconded by Callan and passed. Ayes 26 (Quimby, Skalitzky, Preuss, Gies, Kneser, Morris, Wineke, Degner, Groose, Hafften, Tracy, Foster, Lund, Nass, Turville-Heitz, Ristow, Drayna, Cauley, Kannard, Poulson, Jaeckel, Lindl, Golson, Callan, Kaiser, Christensen), Noes 0, Abstain 0, Absent 4 (Braughler,

White, Foelker, Gulig), Vacant 0.

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. 2026-11. 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 R4699A-26, R4700A-26, and R4701A-26 were referred to the Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Committee for public hearing on August 20, 2026, and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on August 31, 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 meet 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. 2026-11. Seconded by Jaeckel and passed.
Supervisor Kannard abstained from voting due to a potential conflict of interest.

Poulson, Planning and Zoning Committee, introduced Resolution No. 2026-31.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors that Petition R4702A-26, submitted by Thomas Patterson to rezone approximately 30 acres from PIN 016-0513-2514-000 near N739 Old 26 Road in the Town of Koshkonong from A-T Agricultural Transition to R-2 Residential Unsewered is hereby DENIED for the reasons stated more particularly in the Planning and Zoning Committee Report to the County Board dated September 8, 2026, and the official record of the petition.

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

Poulson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2026-31. Seconded by Kaiser.

Jaeckel moved to refer back to Committee. Seconded by Ristow and passed.

RESOLUTION DID NOT PASS. REFERRED BACK TO COMMITTEE.

Poulson, Planning and Zoning Committee, introduced Ordinance No. 2026-12. Amending Chapter 16, Article V- " Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems" of the Jefferson County Code of Ordinances

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors:

SECTION 1: Certain sections of Chapter 16, Article V, "Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems" of the Code of Ordinances, Jefferson County, Wisconsin is amended as set forth below. Items removed are indicated with a strike-through and red, underlined provisions are additions to the ordinance:

Poulson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2026-12. Seconded by Jaeckel and passed.

Public Comment: (General) None

Announcements:

Supplemental information presented at the September 08, 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, Jaeckel moved that the Board adjourn. Seconded by Lindl and passed at 8:52 p.m.