

**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, August 10, 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 Golson who was present via Zoom.

Supervisors Preuss, Wineke, Groose, Hafften, White, Poulson, Foelker, Gulig, and Kaiser were absent. Preuss, Wineke, Hafften, Gulig, and Kaiser, having given prior notification were 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

Quimby led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Luckey certified compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

Approval of the Agenda. Jaeckel moved to approve as drafted except that Item 10c on the agenda (Resolution- Accepting Bid & Authorizing Contract for Additional Courthouse Security Cameras) will be removed. Seconded by Christensen and passed.

Braughler moved to approve the County Board minutes from July 14, 2026. Seconded by Lund and passed.

White present via zoom at 7:06 p.m.

Special Order of Business:

1. Annual Reports: Presiding Judge, Robert F. Dehring; Court Support Services/Family Court/ Register in Probate, Commissioner Jennifer Weber; Finance Director, Marc DeVries; and Jefferson County Library Service, Minetta Lippert. The Clerk of Courts and District Attorney reports will be given at a later date. The annual reports were received, placed on file, but not printed in the minutes pursuant to Board Rule 3.03(13).

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2. 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 hearing to be held on August 20, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
2. Treasurer's Monthly Report.

Public Comment: (agenda items) None

Committee Reports, Resolutions, Proclamations, and Ordinances:

Ristow, Building and Grounds Committee Chair, Resolution No. 2026-23. Accepting Bids and Authorizing Contracts for Parking Lot Maintenance

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Administrator is authorized to enter into a contract with the lowest responsible bidders, Koenig Concrete in the amount of \$33,600 and Poblocki Paving in the amount of \$90,183.

Fiscal Note: The parking lot maintenance requirements for the Courthouse, Fair Park, and Carnes Park was included in the Capital budget for 2026 to represent the project scope in the amount of \$162,351 net, no budget adjustment is necessary.

Ristow moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2026-23. Seconded by Lindl and passed.

Ristow, Building and Grounds Committee Chair, Resolution No. 2026-24. Accepting Bid & Authorizing Contract for Preventative HVAC Maintenance at the Highway Shop

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Administrator is authorized to enter into a three-year service contract with the lowest responsible bidder, Basset Mechanical, in the amount of \$48,593.

Fiscal Note: The cost of this service will be applied to the Highway Shop annual operating budget for facilities expenses. Budget adjustments will be reviewed at a later date if necessary.

Ristow moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2026-24. Seconded by Lindl and passed.

Jaeckel, Finance Committee Chair, Resolution No. 2026-25. Authorizing the County Administrator to Contract with The Sigma Group for Phase I ESA and Wetland Delineation on County Farmland and amending the 2026 budget in the Capital Projects Fund

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the County Administrator to enter into a contract with The Sigma Group for a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment and Wetland Delineation on county-owned land.

Fiscal Note: The County is holding money from the sale of its farmland in the Capital Projects Fund. This project is consistent with the intent of the Finance Committee to retain the funds from previous sales for future farmland projects. Enactment of this resolution will require a budget adjustment to the Capital Projects Fund in the amount of \$30,000. Passage of this resolution authorizes the County Finance Director to make the necessary budget adjustments to enact this resolution. This is a budget adjustment. Passage of this resolution requires a 2/3 affirmative vote (20 of 30 votes from total membership).

Jaeckel moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2026-25. Seconded by Ristow and passed. Ayes 22 (Quimby, Skalitzy, Gies, Braughler, Kneser, Morris, Degner, Tracy, Foster, Lund, Nass, Turville-Heitz, Ristow, White, Drayna, Cauley, Kannard, Jaeckel, Lindl, Golson, Callan, Christensen), Noes 0, Abstain 0, Absent 8 (Preuss, Wineke, Groose, Hafften, Poulson, Foelker, Gulig, Kaiser).

Jaeckel, Finance Committee Chair, Ordinance No. 2026-08. Amending Chapter 8, Article III-“Purchasing” of the Jefferson County Code of Ordinances

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

SECTION 1: Chapter 8, Article III “Purchasing” of the Code of Ordinances, Jefferson County, Wisconsin is amended as set forth in the attached. Items to be removed are indicated with a strike-through and underlined provisions shown in red are additions to the ordinance.

SECTION 2: All ordinances or portions of ordinances inconsistent with the attached amendment are repealed and/or replaced.

SECTION 3: All provisions of Chapter 8, Article III not specifically modified herein remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4: This amendment shall be effective upon passage and publication as provided by law.

Fiscal Note: The proposed changes to this Ordinance will align the County’s purchasing thresholds with that of the State of Wisconsin, while maintaining a fair and transparent process that results in the best value for

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County taxpayers.

Jaeckel moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2026-08. Seconded by Drayna and passed.

Braugher, Human Resources Committee Chair, Resolution No. 2026-26. Creating a Full-Time Quality Assurance Specialist Position for the Human Services Department and amending the 2026 budget

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors hereby amends the 2026 Human Services budget to create a full-time Quality Assurance Specialist in Human Services, with all related wage/benefit and account adjustments made within the adopted 2026 budget, without increasing the tax levy, effective upon adoption.

Fiscal Note: The Quality Assurance position is fully funded by the Department of Health Services. The position is anticipated to be cost-neutral with no increase to the County tax levy. Currently, no budget exists for this position. Passage of this resolution authorizes the County Finance Director to make the necessary budget adjustments to enact this resolution. This 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).

Braugher moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2026-26. Seconded by Degner and passed.

Ayes 22 (Quimby, Skalitzy, Gies, Braugher, Kneser, Morris, Degner, Tracy, Foster, Lund, Nass, Turville-Heitz, Ristow, White, Drayna, Cauley, Kannard, Jaeckel, Lindl, Golson, Callan, Christensen), Noes 0, Abstain 0, Absent 8 (Preuss, Wineke, Groose, Hafften, Poulson, Foelker, Gulig, Kaiser).

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. 2026-09. 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 R4693A-25, R4694A-26, R4695A-26 and R4696A-26 were referred to the Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Committee for public hearing on July 16, 2026, and

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WHEREAS, at its meeting on July 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, 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. 2026-09. Seconded by Skalitzy and passed.

Poulson, Planning and Zoning Committee, introduced Ordinance No. 2026-10. Amending the Jefferson County Zoning Ordinance to Create Section 22.86 - Moratorium on Data Center Siting or Placement Within Jefferson County's Zoning Jurisdiction

NOW, THEREFORE THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 22-86 of the Jefferson County Code of Ordinances is amended to include the following:

(1) For the purpose of this s. 22-86, "Data Center" is defined as a facility used primarily for the storage, management, processing, and transmission of digital data, which houses computer or networking equipment, systems, servers, and other associated components related to digital data operations and that may utilize environmental control equipment to maintain the conditions for the operation of electronic equipment. Supporting equipment typically includes dedicated

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cooling systems, power infrastructure and generation, and on-site security measures. Data Center does not include computer or telecommunications-related equipment that is secondary and incidental to an otherwise permitted use on the property, such as servers associated with manufacturing or an office building.

(2) Pursuant to Wis. Stat. §59.69(4), Jefferson County enacts the following moratorium: Notwithstanding any other provision in Chapter 22, there shall be a moratorium on the receipt of applications for and the granting of all zoning-related permits for the placement or construction of Data Centers, including rezone petitions, conditional use permits, and other approvals, for a period of eighteen (18) months. During this moratorium, Jefferson County shall research the possible impacts of Data Centers and establish zoning and regulatory standards to be applied to Data Centers in Jefferson County.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be effective upon passage and publication as provided by law and shall remain in effect for a period of 18 months from the date of enactment, or until such time as it is rescinded or replaced with substantive data center regulations, by action of the County Board of Supervisors, whichever is earlier. The County Board of Supervisors reserves the right to extend the moratorium by separate action if deemed necessary.

Section 3. The moratorium enacted herein is not intended to be and does not constitute a “development moratorium” as defined in Wis. Stat. §66.1002(1)(b).

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

Christensen moved for an amendment to this Ordinance. Section 2 change the word “earlier” to “later”. **Seconded by Geis and not passed.**

Turville-Heitz moved for an amendment to this Ordinance. Section 2 remove the words “whichever is earlier”. **Seconded by Lund and not passed.**

Poulson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2026-10. Seconded by Lund and passed.

Appointments by 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:

Francine Gies, Melissa Draeger, Sandi Budewitz, and Kayla Loeber to the Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Advisory Committee for a 3-year term ending August 1, 2029.

Braugher moved to confirm the above appointments. Seconded by Jaeckel and passed.

Greg Froehle to the Zoning Board of Adjustment

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to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term ending July 1, 2028.

Morris moved to confirm the above appointment. Seconded by Turville-Heitz and passed.

Appointment by County Board Chair:

By virtue of the authority vested in me under Section 2-169 of the Jefferson County Code, I hereby make the following appointment as listed in the agenda:

Rori Eilenfeldt, to the Fair Park Committee to serve as an at-large member. Term expires April 18, 2028.

Public Comment: (General) None

Announcements:

Supplemental information presented at the August 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, Jaeckel moved that the Board adjourn. Seconded by Drayna and passed at 8:19 p.m.

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