

AGENDA

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY

September 08, 2026

7:00 p.m.

Jefferson County Courthouse
311 S. Center Avenue, Room C2063
Jefferson, WI 53549

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL BY COUNTY CLERK**
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
4. **CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETINGS LAW**
5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
6. **APPROVAL OF AUGUST 10, 2026 MEETING MINUTES**
7. **SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**
 - a. Annual Reports: Health Department; County Clerk; Treasurer; Child Support; Sheriff; Clerk of Courts; and District Attorney
 - b. EMS Education Session – County Administrator (*Requested by the EMS Working Group and authorized by the Executive Committee, from May through September at County Board Meetings the County Administrator will lead brief education sessions on the state of EMS in Jefferson County and proposed solutions*)
8. **COMMUNICATIONS**
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18. **ADJOURN**

NEXT COUNTY BOARD MEETINGS

TUESDAY, October 13, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.

And

TUESDAY, October 27, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
JEFFERSON COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE
Blane Poulson, Chair; Matt Foelker, Vice-Chair; George Jaeckel, Secretary; Steve Nass; Amanda Kaiser

SUBJECT: Map Amendments to the Jefferson County Zoning Ordinance and Requests for Conditional Use Permits
DATE: Thursday, September 17, 2026
TIME: 7:00 p.m. (Doors will open at 6:30 p.m.)
PLACE: **HIGHWAY TRAINING ROOM, 1425 S WISCONSIN DR, JEFFERSON, WI 53549,**
JEFFERSON COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
OR Via Teams Videoconference

PETITIONERS OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND THE MEETING VIRTUALLY BY FOLLOWING THESE INSTRUCTIONS IF THEY CHOOSE NOT TO ATTEND IN PERSON:

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Certification of Compliance with Open Meetings Law
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Public Hearing

Teams Meeting Information Link: Join the meeting now Meeting ID: 222 326 323 808 9 Passcode: fy37Vh3D
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Committee will conduct a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 17, 2026, in the Highway Training Room of the Jefferson County Highway Department, Jefferson, Wisconsin. Members of the public will be allowed to be heard regarding any petition under consideration by the Planning and Zoning Committee. **PETITIONERS, OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES SHALL BE PRESENT EITHER IN PERSON OR VIA TEAMS.** Matters to be heard are petitions to amend the official zoning map and applications for conditional use permits. A map of the properties affected may be obtained from the Zoning Department. Individual files, which include staff reports, are available for viewing between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. If you have questions regarding these matters, please contact Zoning at 920-674-7131.

Decisions on Conditional Use Permits will be made on **September 28, 2026**
Recommendations by the Committee on Rezones will be made on **September 28, 2026**
Final decision on rezones will be made by the County Board on **October 13, 2026**

FROM A-1 EXCLUSIVE AGRICULTURAL TO A-3, AGRICULTURAL/RURAL RESIDENTIAL
All are in accordance with ss. 22-339 – 22-350 of the Jefferson County Zoning Ordinance

R4703A-26 – Theodore Mueller: Rezone from A-1 to A-3 to create a 2.0-acre residential lot across from **W2027 Church Drive** in the Town of Concord, PIN 006-0716-0833-003 (2.030 ac).

R4704A-26 – Theodore Mueller: Rezone from A-1 to A-3 to create a 1.0-acre residential lot across from **N6503 Highmound Road** in the Town of Concord transferring available split from PIN 006-0716-0832-003 (27.665 ac) to PIN 006-0716-0834-001 (18.0 ac).

R4705A-26 – Gregg & Mary Ann Mundt: Rezone from A-1 to A-3 to create a 1.0-acre residential lot at **W2612 Koch Road** in the Town of Hebron, PIN 010-0515-1214-002 (6.0 ac).

R4706A-26 – Quamme Trust: Rezone from A-1 to A-3 to create a 1.0-acre residential lot across from **N3085 Radloff Lane** in the Town of Jefferson, PIN 014-0614-3042-005 (6.280 ac).

R4707A-26 – L&AAS 5 Strumsouth LLC: Rezone from A-1 to A-3 to create a 1.7-acre farm consolidation around the existing house and outbuildings at **N7002 Ziebell Road** in the Town of Milford from PIN 020-0714-0441-000 (21.0 ac) and 020-0714-0444-000 (21.0 ac).

R4708A-26 – Thomas Knitter, Jr: Rezone from A-1 to A-3 to create a 2.0-acre residential lot (Lot 1) across from **W1309 County Road CI** in the Town of Sullivan from PIN 026-0616-3423-001 (12.0 ac).

R4709A-26 – Thomas Knitter, Jr: Rezone from A-1 to A-3 to create a 4.0-acre residential lot (Lot 2) across from **W1309 County Road CI** in the Town of Sullivan from PIN 026-0616-3423-001 (12.0 ac).

R4710A-26 – Taylor Hellenbrand: Rezone from A-1 to A-3 to create a 4.1-acres residential lot at **N9115 State Road 89** in the Town of Waterloo from PINs 030-0813-0924-000 (36.664 ac) & 030-0813-0931-000 (33.301 ac). Property is owned by Betty Dunneisen & Hellenbrand Trust c/o Susan Hellenbrand.

R4711A-26 – Robert Schuett: Rezone from A-1 to A-3 to create a 1.0-acre residential lot (Lot 2) at **N8319 Airport Road** in the Town of Watertown, PIN 032-0815-2123-002 (14.240 ac). Property is owned by Robert W Hahn Trust.

**FROM A-1 EXCLUSIVE AGRICULTURAL AND R-2 RESIDENTIAL UNSEWERED TO A-3,
AGRICULTURAL/RURAL RESIDENTIAL**

All are in accordance with ss. 22-339 – 22-350 of the Jefferson County Zoning Ordinance

R4712A-26 – Eugene Heinzelman: Rezone from A-1 and R-2 to A-3 to create a total 1.3-acre residential lot at **W3476 US Highway 18** in Town of Jefferson from PINs 014-0615-0312-001 (14.903 ac) and 014-0615-0312-002 (.754 ac).

FROM R-2, RESIDENTIAL-UNSEWERED AND A-2, AGRICULTURAL & RURAL BUSINESS

All are in accordance with ss. 22-304 – 22-310 of the Jefferson County Zoning Ordinance

R4713A-26 & CU2219-26 – Jacob Wegner Properties LLC: Rezone 10.22-acres from R-2 to A-2 to allow for storage of contractor's equipment and materials including vehicle storage at **W3285 County Road CW** in the Town of Watertown, PIN 032-0815-0222-001 (10.22 ac).

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATIONS

All are in accordance with ss. 22-581 – 22-587 of the Jefferson County Zoning Ordinance

CU2220-26 – Jon & Kessia Boche: Conditional Use to allow for an accessory dwelling unit in existing A-1 zone at **W1201 County Road CW** in Town of Ixonia, PIN 012-0816-0323-001 (34.220 ac).

CU2221-26 – D&L Shoot LLC: Conditional Use to allow for hunt club/game farm resort for an on-site lodging facility in existing A-2 zone at **W5670 French Road** in Town of Milford, PIN 020-0814-2332-000 (40.0 ac).

CU2222-26 – D&L Shoot LLC: Conditional Use to allow for an additional recreational facility in existing A-2 zone at **W5670 French Road** in Town of Milford, PIN 020-0814-2332-000 (40.0 ac).

CU2223-26 – Steven Ensor: Conditional Use to allow for a home occupation (weld repair business and storage of materials) in existing A-1 zone located at **N8348 County Road A** in Town of Milford, PIN 020-0814-2414-001 (12.630 ac).

CU2224-26 – Charles & Connie Pritzel: Conditional Use to allow for a cat kennel & breeding in an existing A-3 zone at **W1097 Schuyler Road** in Town of Sullivan, PIN 026-0616-3443-005 (5.0 ac).

CU2225-26 – OneEnergy Development LLC-Concord-Highland Solar Project: Conditional Use to allow for a 5-megawatt dual-use solar energy facility with pollinator habitat or grazing in existing A-1 zone located

north of **N8505 Highland Road** in Town of Watertown on PINs 032-0815-1744-001 (19.933 ac), 032-0815-1741-003 (15.042 ac), 032-0815-1742-001(17.376 ac) and 032-0815-1743-000 (7.105 ac). Property is owned by Duane & Deborah Strauss.

6. Adjourn

A quorum of any Jefferson County Committee, Board, Commission or other body, including the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors, may be present at this meeting.

Individuals requiring special accommodation for attendance at this meeting should contact the County Administrator 24 hours prior to the meeting at 920-674-7101 so appropriate arrangements can be made.

A digital recording of the meeting will be available in the Zoning Department upon request.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-__

Opposing the Proposed Midcontinent Grid Solutions (MGS) Transmission Line Routes Through Jefferson County

Executive Summary

Midcontinent Grid Solutions (MGS) has proposed a 765-kilovolt transmission line – known as the BECI project – intended to run approximately 190 miles across southern Wisconsin, including potential routes through Jefferson County. Jefferson County officials along with affected property owners were contacted with information about the project in August. MGS has requested public input on their proposed route alternatives before submitting to the Public Service Commission (PSC) for approval.

The Executive Committee discussed the BECI project at its meeting on August 26, 2026. After receiving public comment and following the committee’s deliberation, the Executive Committee directed the County Administrator and Corporation Counsel to prepare a Resolution opposing the current route alternatives and requesting additional consideration on a series of topics. A motion to bring this Resolution to the full County Board of Supervisors passed unanimously.

WHEREAS, the Executive Summary is incorporated into this Resolution, and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors has reviewed the proposed routes for the 765-kV BECI transmission line project, and

WHEREAS, the proposed transmission corridors would require the construction of steel towers roughly 175-200 feet tall and easements approximately 180 feet wide, posing significant and permanent impacts to Jefferson County’s agricultural lands, natural resources, rural character, historic and cultural sites, residential properties, and tourism assets, and

WHEREAS, MGS has acknowledged that no final route has been selected, and has requested detailed public and local government feedback to inform route adjustments before its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) application is filed with the PSC in early 2027, and

WHEREAS, the County recognizes that early engagement is the most effective means of preventing harmful route placement and ensuring that County concerns form part of the record before the PSC’s route-review process begins in earnest, and

WHEREAS, Jefferson County staff have already communicated written concerns regarding county lands and county operations to MGS, and

WHEREAS, through multiple plans, policies, ordinances, and practices, Jefferson County is committed to protecting farmland, groundwater resources, wildlife habitat, property values, and the health, safety, and welfare of its residents, all of which may be adversely affected by the

placement of new high-voltage transmission corridors where reasonable alternatives exist, and

WHEREAS, counties across the project area have begun adopting formal resolutions expressing opposition to the proposed MGS transmission line routes, including concerns that such routes may create new high-impact corridors instead of using existing utility, roadway, or railroad rights-of-way, and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statutes § 1.12 (6)(a)-(d) states that: "...[I]t is the policy of this state that, to the greatest extent feasible that is consistent with economic and engineering considerations, reliability of the electric system, and protection of the environment, the following corridors should be utilized in the following order of priority: (a) Existing utility corridors. (b) Highway and railroad corridors. (c) Recreational trails, to the extent that the facilities may be constructed below ground and that the facilities do not significantly impact environmentally sensitive areas. (d) New corridors." and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statutes § 196.491 (3)(d) states conditions that must be determined to be met by the PSC before a CPCN can be issued, such as "the design and location or route is in the public interest considering alternative sources of supply, alternative locations or routes, individual hardships, engineering, economic, safety, reliability and environmental factors," that this proposed line must "[provide] usage, service or increased regional reliability benefits to the wholesale and retail customers or members in this state," that "[the] proposed facility will not have undue adverse impact on other environmental values such as, but not limited to, ecological balance, public health and welfare, historic sites, geological formations, the aesthetics of land and water and recreational use," and that "[the] proposed facility will not unreasonably interfere with the orderly land use and development plans for the area involved," and

WHEREAS, Jefferson County believes that any transmission system expansion should minimize harm by prioritizing existing corridors, avoiding sensitive environmental areas, and thoroughly evaluating less disruptive alternatives.

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.

Strategic Plan Reference: YES



Highly Regarded Quality of Life: Continue developing recreational, historical, and cultural resources that build on emerging recreational trends and enhance positive user experiences; Promote Jefferson County's historical, cultural, and natural assets to attract tourists and stimulate local businesses

Intentional Economic Growth: Strengthen support systems for existing businesses, which includes farming/agricultural businesses

Transformative Government: Develop an inclusive, proactive, and efficient government to drive positive change; Support health and wellbeing of staff and citizens of all ages

Referred By:
Executive Committee

09-08-2026

REVIEWED: Corporation Counsel: DHT

Finance Director: MAD

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-_____

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

Executive Summary

Jefferson County Emergency Management has been awarded \$45,000 in Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) Pre-Disaster Flood Resilience Grant (PDFRG) funds for the Jefferson County Flood Resilience Assessment grant. The approved project has a total budget of \$60,000 and requires a \$15,000 County match. The grant supports a countywide evaluation of flooding and identification of resilience measures to reduce flood risk and damages in flood-prone communities.

The project will organize available information on County flood-mitigation and buyout-related properties; assess flood risk, watershed conditions, and recurring problem areas; prepare maps and planning-level mitigation concepts; and develop an implementation roadmap for future flood-resilience work. The grant period is February 1, 2026, through January 31, 2028.

This resolution authorizes Jefferson County to accept and administer the grant, provide the required match, and comply with applicable grant requirements. The Finance Committee considered this resolution on September 1, 2026, and recommended forwarding it to the County Board.

WHEREAS, the Executive Summary is hereby incorporated into this resolution; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Emergency Management awarded Jefferson County Pre-Disaster Flood Resilience Grant No. PDFRG-2026-03-A for the SFY 2025 PDFRG/Jefferson County Flood Resilience Assessment; and

WHEREAS, the approved award provides \$45,000 in State funds toward a total project budget of \$60,000, requiring a minimum Jefferson County match of \$15,000; and

WHEREAS, the approved project will conduct a countywide evaluation of flooding and identify resilience measures, including assessment, mapping, prioritization, and planning products that will support future flood-mitigation actions; and

WHEREAS, the grant period runs from February 1, 2026, through January 31, 2028, and Jefferson County must administer the project in accordance with the approved application, award agreement, and applicable WEM grant requirements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors hereby accepts the grant and authorizes the County Administrator and Jefferson County Emergency Management to take actions necessary to administer the grant, including execution of grant-related

documents and compliance with applicable award conditions, subject to County policies and procedures.

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).

Strategic Plan Reference: YES



Highly Regarded Quality of Life: Anticipate and plan for environmental vulnerabilities, to include drought, zoonotic, heavy storms, and other disaster events; Develop a comprehensive flood mitigation plan to evaluate and plan for current and future risk and mitigation strategies

Referred By:
Finance Committee

09-08-2026

REVIEWED: Corporation Counsel: DHT ; Finance Director: MAD

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-____

Authorizing the Highway Department to Purchase a Brush Chipper

Executive Summary

The Jefferson County Highway Department is requesting approval to purchase a new brush chipper to replace a previously owned 2007 Bandit. The previous chipper had become increasingly difficult to maintain and experienced frequent downtime, impacting the department's ability to efficiently perform roadside vegetation management and storm cleanup operations. Due to its condition, the unit was deemed unsuitable for continued service and was disposed of at public auction.

A new brush chipper will improve safety, enhance operational reliability, and support timely maintenance of County and State roadway corridors. In accordance with the Purchasing Ordinance, formal bids were solicited and received on August 6, 2026. Area vendors were invited to provide equipment for evaluation by mechanics and field staff. The County received eight (8) bids and Bobcat of Janesville was the lowest responsible bidder.

This resolution authorizes the purchase of one 2026 Bandit 18 XP Gas brush chipper from Bobcat of Janesville for the net bid price of \$75,108.10. The Highway Committee considered this resolution at their meeting on August 25, 2026, and recommended forwarding it to the County Board for approval.

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Highway Department is updating and replacing aging roadside maintenance equipment, and

WHEREAS, area vendors were invited to provide brush chipping machines for hands-on evaluation by Highway Department mechanics and field operators, and staff completed performance reviews regarding ease of operation, serviceability, safety features, and overall functionality, and

WHEREAS, bids were solicited for one (1) new brush chipper meeting current specifications, and such bids were received and opened on Thursday August 6th at 10:00 am, with the following results:

Dealer: Bobcat of Janesville

Model: 2026 Bandit 18 XP Gas

Bid Price: \$75,108.10 – Lowest bid

Dealer: Bobcat of Janesville

Model: 2026 Bandit 18 XP Diesel

Bid Price: \$89,474.40

Dealer: Brooks Tractor

Model: 2026 Bandit 18 XP Gas

Bid Price: \$78,723.25

Dealer: Brooks Tractor

Model: 2026 Bandit 18 XP Diesel

Bid Price: \$92,616.50

Dealer: Vermeer

Model: 2026 Vermeer BC1800XL Gas

Bid Price: \$96,456.00

Dealer: Vermeer

Model: 2026 Vermeer BC1800XL Diesel

Bid Price: \$121,452.00

Dealer: LF George

Model: 2026 Mobark BVR19-SA Gas

Bid Price: \$91,291.66

Dealer: LF George

Model: 2026 Mobark BVR19-SA Diesel

Bid Price: \$117,373.91

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Highway Committee has reviewed the bids and accepted Highway Department staff recommendations based on equipment evaluations, bid compliance, vendor qualifications, serviceability, and overall cost considerations.

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.

Strategic Plan Reference: None

Referred By:
Highway Committee

09-08-2026

REVIEWED BY: Corporation Counsel: DHT ; Finance Director: MAD

PROCLAMATION 2026-____

Recognizing September 2026 as Recovery Month in Jefferson County

WHEREAS, behavioral health is essential to overall health, prevention works, treatment is effective, and people can and do recover from mental health and substance use disorders, and

WHEREAS, recovery from mental health and substance use disorders is a journey that strengthens individuals, families, and communities, and

WHEREAS, the national observance of Recovery Month, now in its 37th year, promotes and supports evidence-based treatment and recovery practices, the recovery community, and the dedicated service providers and community members who make recovery possible, and

WHEREAS, Jefferson County is committed to reducing the stigma of mental health and substance use disorders, promoting equitable access to services, and supporting residents in achieving long-term recovery, and

WHEREAS, in Jefferson County, too many families have been touched by mental health challenges, substance use, and overdose, yet countless residents demonstrate resilience, strength, and hope through their recovery journeys, and

WHEREAS, community partners, treatment providers, peer specialists, faith-based organizations, first responders, and families across Jefferson County are working together to offer support, resources, and pathways to recovery journeys, and

WHEREAS, Recovery Month provides an opportunity to celebrate these successes, raise awareness, and reaffirm our commitment to creating a healthier Jefferson County for all;

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.

Referred By:
Human Services Board

09-08-2026

REVIEWED BY: Corporation Counsel: DHT :Finance Director: MAD

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-_____

Authorizing County Conservation Aid Grant Application for Crawfish River County Park and amending the 2026 budget in the Parks Department

Executive Summary

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Fish and Wildlife Management Grant Program was created to assist counties in the improvement of fish and wildlife resources. The program was established by the Wisconsin Legislature in 1965 and provides matching funds for a growing list of county sponsored fish and wildlife habitat projects. The Jefferson County Parks Department is seeking funds through this program to supplement vegetation management activities at Crawfish River County Park including; conducting a prescribed burn, brush removal, and overseeding of areas with low biodiversity. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$5,000.00 with up to 50% covered by the grant and the remaining 50% covered by a cash donation provided by the Friends of Jefferson County Parks Fund held at the Jefferson Community Foundation .

This resolution authorizes the Jefferson County Parks Department to apply for the Wisconsin DNR County Conservation Aid grant. The Parks Committee considered this resolution at its meeting on August 27th, 2026, and recommended forwarding to the County Board for approval.

WHEREAS, the executive summary is incorporated into this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, Crawfish River Park, located in Jefferson County, is an 18-acre conservation park along the Crawfish River with a variety of upland and wetland habitats including wetland scraps installed with the help of the NRCS and Ducks Unlimited in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Parks Department is seeking grant funding through the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources County Conservation Aid program to help control woody invasives, increase biodiversity to areas of low diversity, and improve the habitat for all species that use the park; and

WHEREAS, proposed project activities include conducting a prescribed burn, invasive plant removal, and overseeding of areas that have been negatively impacted by invasive plants; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project aligns with the goals of the Wisconsin County Conservation Aids program and supports long-term ecological stewardship, native habitat restoration, and enhanced recreational and educational opportunities at Crawfish River County Park.

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).

Strategic Plan Reference: YES



Highly Regarded Quality of Life: Continue developing recreational, historical, and cultural resources that build on emerging recreational trends and enhance positive user experiences; Promote Jefferson County's historical, cultural, and natural assets to attract tourists and stimulate local businesses

Transformative Government: Continue to provide education on invasive species management

Referred By:
Parks Committee

09-08-2026

REVIEWED: Corporation Counsel: DHT ; Finance Director: MAD

**REPORT
TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS**

The Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Committee, having considered petitions to amend the official zoning map of Jefferson County, filed for public hearing held on August 20, 2026, as required by law pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes, notice thereof having been given, and being duly advised of the wishes of the town boards and persons in the areas affected, hereby makes the following recommendations. The Committee has reviewed and considered the facts presented in the application and received in public hearing and finds that the criteria listed in Wis. Stat. 91.48 and Jefferson County Zoning Ordinance Section 22-56(b) have been met for the below listed petitions. The Committee further finds that the petitions are consistent with the Jefferson County Comprehensive Plan and Farmland Preservation Plan.

Further support for the Committee's recommendations can be found in the Staff Reports and individual petition files on record in the Planning & Development Office.

**APPROVAL OF PETITIONS
R4699A-25, R4700A-26, and R4701A-26**

**DENIAL OF PETITION
R4702A-26**

Petition R4702A-26 was filed by Thomas Patterson to rezone from A-T Agricultural Transition to R-2 Residential Unsewered for a proposed subdivision near N739 Old 26 Road in the Town of Koshkonong, PIN 016-0513-2514-000. The Committee recommends denial of this petition, finding that the proposed development of approximately 22 single family homes and eight duplexes should occur in an area with sanitary sewer. The proposed development is currently serviced with conventional septic systems and should be directed to an area with sanitary sewer.

**DATED THIS EIGHTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026
George Jaeckel, Secretary**

**THE PRIOR MONTH'S AMENDMENTS
R4693A-25, R4694A-26, R4695A-26 and R4696A-26
& R4697T-26**

**ARE EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE BY COUNTY BOARD, SUBJECT TO WIS.
STATS. 59.69(5)**

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-_____

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 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:

FROM A-1 EXCLUSIVE AGRICULTURAL TO A-3, AGRICULTURAL/RURAL RESIDENTIAL

All are in accordance with ss. 22-339 – 22-350 of the Jefferson County Zoning Ordinance

Rezone from A-1 to A-3 to create a 2.0-acre farm consolidation around the existing house at **N5715 Popp Road** in the Town of Aztalan, PIN 002-0714-2134-000 (16.134 ac). This is in accordance with ss. 22-339 – 22.350 of the Jefferson County Zoning Ordinance. Rezoning is conditional upon receipt of and recording of the final certified survey map. R4699A-26 – Kenneth & Jane Staude Trust

Rezone from A-1 to A-3 to create a 4.6-acre farm consolidation around the existing house and outbuildings at **W8752 US Highway 12** in the Town of Oakland from PINs 022-0613-1634-000 (33.906 ac) and 022-0613-1631-000 (38.566 ac). This is in accordance with ss. 22-339 – 22.350 of the Jefferson County Zoning Ordinance. Rezoning is conditional upon receipt of and recording of the final certified survey map. R4700A-26 – VJ Davis LLC

Rezone from A-1 to A-3 to create a 4.5-acre farm at **W4294 Hillview Lane** in Town of Farmington from PINs 008-0715-3213-000 (34.998 ac), 008-0715-3213-001 (2.702 ac) and 008-0715-3242-000 (38.980 ac). This is in accordance with ss. 22-339 – 22-350 of the Jefferson County Zoning Ordinance. Rezoning is conditional upon receipt of and recording of the final certified survey map. R4701A-26 – Kenneth Au

The above zoning amendments shall be null and void and have no effect one year from the date of County Board approval unless all applicable conditions have been completed.

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

Referred By:
Planning and Zoning Committee

09-08-2026

REVIEWED: Corporation Counsel: DHT ; Finance Director

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-_____

Denying Petition to Amend Official Zoning Map

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors has heretofore been petitioned to amend the official zoning map of Jefferson County to rezone from A-T Agricultural Transition to R-2 Residential Unsewered for a proposed subdivision near N739 Old 26 Road in the Town of Koshkonong, PIN 016-0513-2514-000, and

WHEREAS, Petition R4702A-26 was referred to the Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Committee for public hearing held on August 20, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment has been given due consideration by the Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Committee after public hearing as required by law, and the Committee, after being duly advised of the wishes of the Town Board and persons in the areas affected, made a recommendation to DENY Petition R4702-26A-26, and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Committee recommends denial of this rezone because the proposed development of approximately 22 single family homes and eight duplexes should occur in an area with sanitary sewer. The proposed development is currently serviced with conventional septic systems and should be directed to an area with sanitary sewer.

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.

Referred By:
Planning and Zoning Committee

09-08-2026

REVIEWED: Corporation Counsel: DHT ; Finance Director:

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-____

Amending Chapter 16, Article V- “ Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems” of the Jefferson County Code of Ordinances

Executive Summary

The Planning and Zoning Committee recently reviewed the Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment System (POWTS) Ordinance.. It was determined that some sections of the ordinance need to be amended to align with state law. The amendments address how septic system permitting should be reviewed when applicants apply for septic system permits for properties located near sanitary sewer systems. The Department of Safety and Professional Services has reviewed and approved the proposed amendment.

On August 31, 2026, the Planning and Zoning Committee reviewed the proposed changes and recommend forwarding the proposed ordinance amendment to the County Board of Supervisors for adoption.

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:

Sec. 16-131. Limitations.

(a)

~~(k) Any POWTS proposed to be installed in a sanitary district, city or village; or within a 15-year growth area; or within an urban service area or limited urban service area requires approval from that jurisdiction prior to issuance of the sanitary permit.~~ The County may deny the issuance of a sanitary permit if the application does not comply with the requirements of ch. SPS 383, 384, or 385 or this ordinance, or when an existing POWTS is determined to be failing, and a municipal or public sewer system is readily available. “Readily available” is defined as meeting the criteria under section 281.45 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

(l)....

Sec. 16-132. Abandonment of POWTS.

~~(a) When public sewer approved by the department of natural resources becomes available to the structure or premises served, the private sewage system shall be disconnected within one year and a connection made to the public sewer. Determination of whether sewer is available shall be made by the local sewer service authority.~~

~~(b)~~ (a) Abandonment of the disconnected POWTS shall be done in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Admin. Code ch. SPS 383 and a report of the abandonment shall be filed with the county planning and zoning department within 30 days of abandonment.

~~(e)~~ (b) The components of an existing POWTS that are not part of the approved design of a replacement system shall be abandoned at the time of the installation of the replacement system by the plumber installing the system. The abandonment shall comply with Wis. Admin. Code ch. SPS 383.

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

SECTION 3: All provisions of Chapter 16, Article V 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: This ordinance has no determinable fiscal impact.

Strategic Plan Reference: None

Referred By:
Planning and Zoning Committee

09-08-2026

REVIEWED: Corporation Counsel: DHT ; Finance Director: MAD