

**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS’  
PROCEEDINGS  
March 19, 2019**

At 10:00 A.M., Vice-Chair Hamilton called the meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order.

Board members present were: Daryn Hamilton, Vice-Chairman; Dee Sandquist, Supervisor; Lee Dimmitt, Chairman.

Supervisors met with County department heads and Paul Greufe regarding HR services.

It was moved by Hamilton, seconded by Sandquist to accept and forward to Representatives, Senators and Governor the following resolution:

**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Resolution #19-08**

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING SENATE STUDY BILL 1045 AND SENATE FILE 184  
PASSED BY THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

WHEREAS, the Transportation Committee in the Iowa Senate has passed House Study Bill 1045 (SF 184) which would amend and make changes to Iowa Code Chapter 321 related to transportation of indivisible loads and raw forestry products on primary and nonprimary highways, and;

WHEREAS, Jefferson County owns and maintains nonprimary highways, and is fiscally and legally responsible for the nonprimary highways within the County, and;

WHEREAS, Jefferson County owns and maintains 148 structures classified as bridges by the National Bridge Inspection Standards, said bridges being situated on the nonprimary highways of Jefferson County, and;

WHEREAS, many of the bridges owned by Jefferson County are aging and structurally deficient or functionally obsolete, and;

WHEREAS, current funding is not adequate to replace or rehabilitate these bridges at the rate that their conditions are deteriorating, and;

WHEREAS, the nonprimary roads and bridges owned by Jefferson County serve a critical need for residents, agricultural users, businesses, schools, post offices, and emergency responders, and;

WHEREAS, the proposed bill would allow the Iowa Department of Transportation to issue annual permits to forestry industry haulers for loads up to 130,000 pounds on nonprimary highways throughout Iowa, without said Department possessing the information needed to grant such permit for nonprimary bridges, and without knowledge of or notice being given to the agencies which own these highways and the structures thereon, and;

WHEREAS, bridges and nonprimary highways within Jefferson County have been designed for loads that were legal on Iowa roads at the time of their construction, and bridges have only been rated or posted with weight restrictions for loads that are currently legal on roads, and;

WHEREAS, each bridge within Jefferson County is unique based on its age, design, and current condition, and;

WHEREAS, load rating to ensure safe passage of loads greater than 80,000 pounds would be unique for each load on each individual bridge, and;

WHEREAS, the traversing of Jefferson County bridges by loads up to 130,000 pounds without the County being afforded the knowledge of or the ability to restrict each occurrence, would result in gradual and possibly sudden failure of bridges within the County, and;

WHEREAS, Jefferson County would likely bear legal and financial liability for subsequent failure of its bridges, even if such failures are caused by loads they did not permit, and;

WHEREAS, Jefferson County is not financially able to repair or replace bridges which would be subject to accelerated deterioration by increased loads, and;

WHEREAS, Jefferson County and its residents, farmers, businesses, schools, post offices, and emergency responders, would be subjected to undue operational and economic hardships by further degradation of the Jefferson County nonprimary highway system and the structures thereon;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors strongly urges all Iowa lawmakers to vote in opposition to this legislation.

Resolved this 19th day of March, 2019.

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Lee Dimmitt, Chair  
Jefferson County Board of Supervisors

Daryn Hamilton, Vice Chair  
Jefferson County Board of Supervisors

Dee Sandquist, Member  
Jefferson County Board of Supervisors

Attest:  
Scott Reneker, Jefferson County Auditor

There being no further business, it was moved by Hamilton, seconded by Dimmitt that the Board adjourn. All "Aye". Motion carried.

ATTEST:  
Scott D. Reneker  
County Auditor

Lee Dimmitt, Chairman  
Board of Supervisors