

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PROCEEDINGS
November 6, 2023

At 8:30 A.M., Chair Drish called the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order.

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

Public comments: A potential nuisance property north of Batavia was discussed. Cathy Giberson informed the Board of a November 14th EMS Association event. Shawn Morrissey reported that County Conservation will be hiring a Naturalist.

It was moved by Sandquist, seconded by Dimmitt that the minutes for the October 30th, 2023 meeting be acknowledged. All "Aye". Motion carried.

Supervisors met with the County Engineer.

It was moved by Sandquist, seconded by Dimmitt that the following resolution be approved:

Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans

WHEREAS, the residents of Jefferson County have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served our country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of those who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson County seeks to honor individuals who have made countless sacrifices for freedom by placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and

WHEREAS, veterans continue to serve our community in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, religious groups, civil service, and by functioning as County Veterans Service Officers in 29 states to help fellow former service members access more than \$52 billion in federal health, disability and compensation benefits each year; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 20 percent increase of service members will transition to civilian life in the near future; and

WHEREAS, studies indicate that 44-72 percent of service members experience high levels of stress during transition from military to civilian life; and

WHEREAS, active military service members transitioning from military service are at a high risk for suicide during their first year after military service; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties encourages all counties, parishes and boroughs to recognize Operation Green Light for Veterans; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson County appreciates the sacrifices of our United States military personnel and believes specific recognition should be granted; therefore be it

RESOLVED, with designation as a Green Light for Veterans County, Jefferson County hereby declares from November 6, 2023, through Veterans Day, November 11, 2023, a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifices of our men and women in uniform transitioning from active service; therefore, be it further

RESOLVED, that in observance of Operation Green Light, Jefferson County encourages its citizens in patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all those who made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom by displaying green lights in a window of their place of business or residence from November 6th through the 12th, 2023.

AYES:
Susie Drish
Dee Sandquist
Lee Dimmitt

NAYS:
None

ATTEST:
Scott D. Reneker
County Auditor

It was moved by Dimmitt, seconded by Sandquist that the following resolution be approved:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Jefferson County has received \$14,921.29 in nuisance enforcement special assessment funds and

WHEREAS, these funds are reimbursement of expenditures made from the Rural Basic Fund (0011) for nuisance cleanup expenses and

WHEREAS, these funds were deposited into the Roads/Annex Debt Service Fund (2060) and

WHEREAS, it is desired to transfer \$14,921.29 from the Roads/Annex Debt Service Fund (2060) to the Rural Basic Fund (0011) to reimburse the Rural Basic Fund for the nuisance cleanup expenses and

WHEREAS, said operating transfers are in accordance with the Code of Iowa,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of Jefferson County as follows:

The sum of \$14,921.29 is ordered to be transferred from the Roads/Annex Debt Service Fund (2060) to the Rural Basic Fund (0011) effective November 6, 2023.

The Auditor is directed to reflect this transfer in his books and to notify the treasurer of this operating transfer accompanying the notification with a copy of this resolution and the record of its adoption.

The above and foregoing resolution was adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Jefferson County, effective November 6, 2023 the vote thereon being as follows:

AYES:
Susie Drish
Dee Sandquist
Lee Dimmitt

NAYS:
None

ATTEST:
Scott D. Reneker
County Auditor

Supervisors discussed the Maple Street space.

Supervisors discussed the RUSS contract for Environmental Health.

Resolution

It was moved by Dimmitt, seconded by Sandquist that the board of Supervisors of Jefferson County approve the hiring of Adam Melcher for PRN EMT position pending pre-employee paperwork effective November 6th, 2023, at the hourly rate of \$20.00 per hour. Motion carried.

AYES:
Susie Drish
Dee Sandquist
Lee Dimmitt

NAYS:
None

Resolution

It was moved by Sandquist, seconded by Dimmitt that the board of Supervisors of Jefferson County approve the hiring of Janice Farthing for PRN EMT position pending pre-employee paperwork effective November 6th, 2023, at the hourly rate of \$20.00 per hour. Motion carried.

AYES:
Susie Drish
Dee Sandquist
Lee Dimmitt

NAYS:
None

Resolution

It was moved by Sandquist, seconded by Dimmitt that the board of Supervisors of Jefferson County approve the hiring of Robert Kendall for PRN Paramedic-CCP position pending pre-employee paperwork effective November 6th, 2023, at the hourly rate of \$30.00 per hour. Motion carried.

AYES:
Susie Drish
Dee Sandquist

NAYS:
None

Lee Dimmitt

Supervisors met with the Ambulance Director.

It was moved by Sandquist, seconded by Dimmitt to allow the claims in the amount of \$149,079.02 against the county and to direct the county auditor to issue checks against the various funds of the county in payment of the claims allowed. All "Aye". Motion carried.

There being no further business, it was moved by Sandquist to adjourn. All "Aye". Motion carried.

ATTEST:
Scott D. Reneker
County Auditor

Susie Drish, Chairman
Board of Supervisors