

**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PROCEEDINGS**  
**January 2, 2024**

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.

It was moved by Drish, seconded by Dimmitt to nominate Dee Sandquist as Chairman of the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors. All "Aye". Motion carried.

It was moved by Drish, seconded by Sandquist to nominate Lee Dimmitt as Vice-Chairman. All "Aye". Motion carried.

It was moved by Drish, seconded by Dimmitt that the minutes for the December 15<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meetings be acknowledged. All "Aye". Motion carried.

Supervisors met with the County Engineer.

Supervisors met with the Ambulance Director.

Supervisors discussed board and committee assignments for the members of the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors. A listing of assignments is available for review on the bulletin board in the Courthouse lobby and on the County website.

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

**RESOLUTION**

Be it resolved, by the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors, that the following authorizations are hereby effective for the 2024 calendar year:

- 1.) County officials and employees are authorized to attend meetings and schools of instruction at county expense.
- 2.) The Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is authorized to execute leases and/or deeds of conveyance for and on behalf of Jefferson County.

- 3.) The County Auditor is authorized to exercise the authority granted in and as provided by Chapter 331.506, subsections 2 & 3, 2023 Code of Iowa.
- 4.) The County Engineer is designated, authorized and empowered on behalf of the board of supervisors, to execute the certificate of completion of work and final acceptance thereof in accordance with plans and specifications therefore in connection with all farm-to-market construction projects in Jefferson County.

Resolution passed on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2024.

AYES:  
Dee Sandquist  
Lee Dimmitt  
Susie Drish

NAYS:  
None

ATTEST:  
Scott D. Reneker  
County Auditor

It was moved by Drish, seconded by Dimmitt that the 2024 Compensation Commission be approved. All “Aye”. Motion carried. The full listing of commission members is available for review on the bulletin board in the Courthouse lobby.

It was moved by Sandquist, seconded by Drish that the following resolution be approved. Drish “Aye”. Sandquist “Aye”. Dimmitt “Nay”. Motion carried.

### **CONSTRUCTION EVALUATION RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Iowa Code section 459.304(3) sets out the procedure if a board of supervisors wishes to adopt a “construction evaluation resolution” relating to the construction of a confinement feeding operation structure; and

**WHEREAS**, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution can submit to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) an adopted recommendation to approve or disapprove a construction permit application regarding a proposed confinement feeding operation structure; and

**WHEREAS**, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution and submitted an adopted recommendation may contest the DNR’s decision regarding a specific application; and

**WHEREAS**, by adopting a construction evaluation resolution the board of supervisors agrees to evaluate every construction permit application for a proposed confinement feeding operation

structure received by the board of supervisors between February 1, 2024 and January 31, 2025 and submit an adopted recommendation regarding that application to the DNR; and

**WHEREAS**, the board of supervisors must conduct an evaluation of every construction permit application using the master matrix created in Iowa Code section 459.305, but the board's recommendation to the DNR may be based on the final score on the master matrix or may be based on reasons other than the final score on the master matrix;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY** that the Board of Supervisors hereby adopts this construction evaluation resolution pursuant to Iowa Code section 459.304(3).

Dee Sandquist  
Chair, Board of Supervisors

Date: 1/2/2024

ATTEST:  
Scott Reneker  
County Auditor

Date: 1/8/2024

The Board discussed the official newspaper designations.

It was moved by Dimmitt, seconded by Drish that the County Engineer be re-appointed as the County Weed Commissioner for calendar year 2024. All "Aye". Motion carried.

The Board discussed the bid for windows at the Public Health office.

It was moved by Dimmitt, seconded by Sandquist that the following resolution be approved. All "Aye". Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE  
REGIONAL PLANNING AFFILIATION (RPA 15)**

**WHEREAS**, the state of Iowa has designated the counties of Jefferson, Keokuk, Mahaska, Van Buren, Wapello along with the cities of Fairfield, Oskaloosa and Ottumwa as the Regional Planning Affiliation for Region 15 (RPA 15), and;

**WHEREAS**, RPA 15 Articles of Agreement, signed on December 22, 1994, and amended on January 23, 2014 designate the Area 15 Regional Planning Commission (Area 15 RPC) as the Regional Planning Affiliation for Region 15; and

**WHEREAS**, the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) requires each RPA to provide transportation planning to member jurisdictions prior to receiving Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding from the Iowa Department of Transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, RPA 15 expects to receive and program an estimated **\$2,899,002** in federal highway transportation grant funds for FY25 to be used for road improvements in RPA 15, of which Jefferson County's estimated share is **\$316,142**; and

**WHEREAS**, the IDOT requires Area 15 RPC to provide twenty percent (20%) local match toward the annual IDOT planning grant; and the FY25 local match requirement is an estimated \$27,556 and shall be proportionally shared by the member jurisdictions, and

**WHEREAS**, the governing body of **Jefferson County** is a member of RPA 15 and whose apportioned share of FY25 local match equals **\$3,005**

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that **Jefferson County** has agreed to contribute **\$3,005** to the Area 15 Regional Planning Commission to serve as FY25 local match.

**AGREED TO THIS 2nd DAY OF January, 2024**

Dee Sandquist  
Chairperson of Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:  
Scott Reneker  
County Auditor

It was moved by Drish, seconded by Dimmitt that the following resolution be approved. All "Aye". Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE  
AREA 15 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

**WHEREAS**, Chapters 28E and 473A of the State Code of Iowa, as amended, authorized the governing bodies of governmental units to cooperate in the operation of a regional planning commission; and

**WHEREAS**, by the Articles of Agreement, signed on August 15, 1973, as amended, the Area 15 Regional Planning Commission did become the authorized planning agency for Service Delivery Area 15; and

**WHEREAS**, the governing body of **Jefferson County** is a part of the Area 15 Regional Planning Commission and has agreed to contribute \$.53 per capita, for a total amount equal to **\$2,520.15**, to cover financial operating costs of the Area 15 Regional Planning Commission from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Jefferson County, IA has designated:

Lee Dimmitt, Official Representative  
Dee Sandquist, Alternate

to serve on the Area 15 Regional Planning Board of Directors.

**AGREED TO THIS 2nd DAY OF January 2024.**

Dee Sandquist  
Chairperson

ATTEST:  
Scott Reneker  
County Auditor

It was moved by Dimmitt, seconded by Sandquist to approve payment of the A+ plumbing bill in the amount of \$970.44. All "Aye". Motion carried.

Public comments: None.

It was moved by Dimmitt, seconded by Drish to allow the claims against the county in the amount of \$107,173.28 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.

It was moved Drish, seconded by Sandquist to adjourn. All "Aye". Motion carried.

ATTEST:  
Scott D. Reneker  
County Auditor

Dee Sandquist, Chairman  
Board of Supervisors