JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PROCEEDINGS
April 7, 2025

At 8:30 A.M., Chair Dimmitt called the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order. The meeting was held in the First Floor meeting room of the Jefferson County Courthouse.

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

It was moved by Ledger, seconded by Drish that the minutes for the March 31st, 2025 meeting be approved. All "Ayes". Motion carried.

Supervisors met with County Engineer.

The board discussed and considered the 2026 Secondary Roads Budget and Five Year Program for IDOT submission. Drish motioned to approve the budget, Ledger seconded. All "Ayes". Motion carried.

Supervisors discussed and considered resolution for 2025 Noxious Weed Notice.

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF ALL PROPERTY OWNERS
RESOLUTION FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF NOXIOUS WEEDS

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of Jefferson County:

That pursuant to the provision of Chapter 317, 2025 Code of Iowa, it is hereby ordered:

That each owner and each person in the possession or control of any lands in Jefferson County, shall cut, burn or otherwise destroy all noxious weeds thereon, as defined in this chapter, at such times in each year and in such manner as shall be prescribed by the Board of Supervisors. Each owner and each person in the possession or control of any lands in Jefferson County shall also and shall keep said lands free from such growth of any *other* weeds as shall render the streets and highways adjoining said lands unsafe for public travel. Noxious weeds shall be cut or otherwise destroyed on or before the following date and as often as it is necessary to prevent seed production.

May 15, 2025, for immediate eradication of Palmer Amaranth for control of, Leafy Spurge, Canada Thistle, Bull Thistle, Teasel, Multiflora Rose, Field Bindweed, All other species of thistles belonging to the genus of Carduus and Water Hemp.

That each owner and each person in the possession or control of any lands in Jefferson County infested with noxious weeds including the immediate eradication of Palmer Amaranth and the control of Leafy Spurge, Canada Thistle, Bull Thistle, Teasel, Multiflora Rose, Field Bindweed, All other species of thistles belonging to the genus of Carduus and Water Hemp shall adopt a program of weed destruction, described by the Weed Commissioner which in five years may be expected to destroy and will immediately keep under control such infestation of said noxious weeds.

That if the owners or person in possession or control of any land in Jefferson County fail to comply with the foregoing orders the Weed Commissioner shall cause this to be done and the expense of said work, including costs of serving notice and other costs, if any, to be assessed against the land and the owners thereof.

That the County Auditor be and she is hereby directed to cause notice of the making and entering of the foregoing order by one publication in the official newspapers of the County.

Ledger motioned to approve, Drish seconded. All "Ayes". Motion carried.

Resolution passed on this 7th day of April, 2025.

AYES:	NAYS:
Lee Dimmit	None
Susie Drish	
Joe Ledger	

ATTEST:

Christy Conner
County Auditor

For more information and a description of the weeds go to www.jeffersoncountyiowa.gov and go to the Weed Commissioner's page.

The board discussed re-dust proofing detour route on Indigo blvd. Engineer's office has plans to do this with warmer temperatures.

Supervisors met with Grant from Citizens Mutal to discuss and consider the use of county right of way for utilities. Dimmitt asked to have County Engineer make decisions on road use for their project. Ledger also agreed to have Engineer make the decision.

The board discussed county resident with water back up problem.

The board met with the Ambulance Director.

Supervisors discussed and considered the resolution approving the transfer of ownership of the Maasdam Barns to Jefferson County Conservation Board.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF THE MASDAAM BARN PROPERTY TO THE JEFFERSON COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD AND INCORPORATING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE PARTIES

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors (hereinafter referred to as the COUNTY) is the current owner of the Masdaam Barn Property, a historically significant site located in Jefferson County, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, the Masdaam Barn Property is recognized as a valuable public asset for historical preservation, education, and tourism within the community; and

WHEREAS, under Iowa Code Chapter 350, the Jefferson County Conservation Board (JCCB) is authorized to acquire, maintain, and manage county properties for conservation, recreation, and historical purposes; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY and JCCB have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), attached hereto and incorporated by reference, which outlines the duties and responsibilities of both parties regarding the management, maintenance, and operation of the Masdaam Barn Property; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors finds it in the best interest of the County to transfer ownership of the Masdaam Barn Property to the JCCB to ensure its long-term preservation and management;

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

1. Approval of Transfer

The Jefferson County Board of Supervisors hereby transfers ownership and jurisdiction of the Masdaam Barn Property to the JCCB for the continued operation of the property as a public museum and historical site, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the MOU.

2. Incorporation of Memorandum of Understanding

The MOU between the COUNTY and JCCB, which establishes the responsibilities, financial support, and cooperative agreements related to the Masdaam Barn Property, is hereby incorporated by reference and made part of this resolution as if fully set forth herein.

3. Assumption of Management

Upon passage of this resolution and the execution of the transfer:

- The JCCB shall assume full responsibility for the management, maintenance, and operation of the Masdaam Barn Property pursuant to Iowa Code § 350.4.
- The COUNTY shall continue to collaborate with the Masdaam Barn Preservation Committee and provide financial assistance, as outlined in the MOU, to ensure the continued public use and preservation of the property.

4. Superseding Provisions

In the event of a conflict between JCCB regulations and policies related to the management, maintenance, and operation of Masdaam Barns and the ordinances or policies of the City of Fairfield, the JCCB's regulations and policies shall take precedence, as outlined in the MOU.

6. Effective Date

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and recording. Transfer of the property shall not be final until the transfer is accepted by JCCB and is recorded with the Jefferson County Recorder's Office.

Ayes	Nays
Lee Dimmit	None
Susie Drish	
Joe Ledger	

Passed and approved this 7th day of April, 2025. Dimmitt motioned to approve the transfer of ownership of Maasdam Barns to Conservation Board. Ledger seconded. All "Ayes". Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Christy Conner

Jefferson County Auditor

The board discussed and considered the one year probation policy on raises in the handbook. Dimmitt motioned that since each department has budgeted for all employees to receive compensation, they will be receiving the raise on their anniversary date. This is for employees hired less than one year from compensation date. Ledger seconded the motion. All "Ayes". Motion carried.

Supervisors met with Brian Westphal to discuss property at 3029 136th St. Discussion was tabled for next week's meeting.

The board discussed and considered county burn ordinance. Ledger motioned to table topic for next week, Drish seconded. All "Ayes". Motion carried.

Committee Reports: Drish reports that SEMCO is still closing several days due to high winds. Extension office is working on scholarships, Maasdam Barns is getting ready for tours. Chamber dinner is April 24th. Ledger attended city tax levy hearing, DCAT meeting, and Resilient Action meeting at CoLab. Dimmitt attended Early Childhood meeting.

Public Comment: John Huff with MidAmerican Energy met to discuss solar ordinance for Jefferson County. Dominique Sherrod asked to leave information for Globe Life insurance for employees.

It was moved by Ledger, seconded by Dimmitt to allow the claims against the county in the amount of $173,133.56 and to direct the county auditor to issue checks against the various funds of the county in payment of the claims allowed. All "Ayes". Motion carried.

Supervisors held a budget work session.

It was moved by Dimmitt, seconded by Ledger to adjourn. All "Ayes". Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Christy L. Conner	Lee Dimmitt, Chairman
County Auditor	Board of Supervisors