JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PROCEEDINGS
March 2, 2026

At 8:30 A.M., Chair Drish called the 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: Susie Drish, Chairman; Joe Ledger, Vice-Chairman; Lee Dimmitt, Supervisor.

It was moved by Ledger, seconded by Dimmitt that the minutes for the February 23rd, and February 24th, 2026 meetings be acknowledged. All "Aye". Motion carried.

Supervisors met with the County Engineer.

It was moved by Ledger, seconded by Dimmitt to approve the Road Maintenance Agreement for ITC Transmission Line Construction. All "Aye". Motion carried.

It was motioned by Dimmitt to award 2026 rock contract bid to Douds Stone. Ledger seconded. All "Aye". Motion carried.

Supervisors discussed Grasstree Bridge options. Discussion was tabled.

Supervisors discussed load embargo for 227th. Discussion tabled.

The Board met with Courthouse Maintenance Supervisor.

Supervisors discussed janitorial services. Discussion was tabled.

The Board met with the Ambulance Director.

RESOLUTION:

It is so moved by Dimmitt, seconded by Ledger that the Board of Supervisors of Jefferson County approve the hiring of Michaela Schmidt, a certified EMT, for a PRN position, pending completion of the pre-employment process, with an anticipated start date of March 6th, 2026, at the hourly rate of $18/hr. Motion carried.

Ayes:	Nays:
Susie Drish	None
Joe Ledger	
Lee Dimmitt	

Attestation:
Christy Conner, County Auditor

It was motioned by Dimmitt to leave the Board of Health at five seats. Drish seconded. All "Aye". Motion carried.

Supervisors discussed the removal of a Board of Health member. Discussion was tabled.

It was motioned by Dimmitt, seconded by Drish to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE **AREA 15 REGINAL 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 $.55 per capita, for a total amount equal to $2,615.25, to cover financial operating costs of the Area 15 Regional Planning Commission from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Jefferson County, IA has designated:
Lee Dimmitt, Official Representative
Joseph Ledger, Alternate

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

AGREED TO THIS 2ND DAY OF MARCH, 2026. All "Aye". Motion carried.

Susie Drish, Chairperson

ATTEST:
Christy Conner, County Auditor

It was motioned by Dimmitt, seconded by Ledger to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION
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 22nd, 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 **$2,824,000** in federal highway transportation grant funds for FY27 to be used for road improvements in RPA 15, of which **Jefferson County** estimated share is **$309,022**; and

WHEREAS, the IDOT requires Area 15 RPC to provide twenty percent (20%) local match toward the annual IDOT planning grant; and the FY27 local match requirement is an estimated $31,047 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 FY27 local match equals **$3,397**.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that **Jefferson County** has agreed to contribute **$3,397** to the Area 15 Regional Planning Commission to serve as FY27 local match.

AGREED TO THIS 2ND DAY OF MARCH, 2026. All "Aye". Motion carried.

Susie Drish, Chairperson of Board of Supervisors

Attest:
Christy Conner, County Auditor

At 10:20 A.M. Supervisors held a discussion about Board of Health and budget work session. Discussion was tabled.

The Board discussed setting up meeting for Open Meetings Laws review. Discussion tabled.

Committee Reports: Dimmitt had no reports. Drish reported on upcoming Chamber Dinner. Ledger reported on Grasstree Bridge and FFA Breakfast.

Public Comment: None

It was moved by Dimmitt, seconded by Ledger to allow the claims against the county in the amount of $37,599.84 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 by Dimmitt to adjourn. Ledger seconded. All "Aye". Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Christy L. Conner
County Auditor

Susie Drish, Chairman
Board of Supervisors