JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PROCEEDINGS
April 13, 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 Drish, seconded by Dimmitt that the minutes for the April 6th, 2026 meetings be acknowledged. All "Aye". Motion carried.

Supervisors met with the County Engineer.

The Board discussed Kale Blvd load embargo 10-ton weight limit.

Supervisors discussed need for 155th street repair.

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

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, 2026 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, 2026, 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 he 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.

Resolution passed on this 13th day of April, 2026.

AYES:	NAYS:
Susie Drish	None
Joe Ledger	
Lee Dimmitt	

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.

Supervisors met with Jefferson County Ambulance Service Medical Director, Dr. Doug Lyssy.

The Board met with the Ambulance Director.

It was motioned by Dimmitt, seconded by Drish to set the budget amendment public hearing for May 4th, 2026 at 9:00 A.M. All “Aye”. Motion carried.

At 9:00 A.M., Dimmitt motioned, Ledger seconded that the public hearing on Fiscal Year 2027 County Budget be opened. All "Aye". Motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Compensation Board meets annually to recommend a compensation schedule for elected officials for the fiscal year immediately following, in accordance with Iowa Code Chapters 331.905 and 331.907, and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Compensation Board met on December 5, 2025, and made the following salary recommendations for the following elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026:

Elected Official	Current Salary	Proposed Increase	Recommended Salary
Auditor	$80,634.13	5%	$84,666.15
County Attorney	$130,675.89	5%	$137,208.75
Recorder	$80,134.44	5%	$84,141.16
Sheriff	$115,898.12	5%	$121,692.54
Supervisors	$41,316.96	5%	$43,382.81
Treasurer	$80,216.83	5%	$84,227.72

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors approves the following salary adjustments for the following elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026:

Elected Official	Approved Increase	Approved Salary
Auditor	5%	$84,666.15
County Attorney	5%	$137,208.75
Recorder	5%	$84,141.16
Sheriff	5%	$121,692.54
Supervisors	0%	$41,316.96
Treasurer	5%	$84,227.72

Approved this 13th day of April, 2026.

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Susie Drish, Chairman
Joe Ledger, Supervisor
Lee Dimmitt, Supervisor

ATTEST:

Christy Conner, Auditor

Chair Drish called for public comments. Public comments were as follows: None.

Drish motioned, Dimmitt seconded to close the public hearing. All "Aye". Motion carried.

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors that the 2026 – 2027 Fiscal Year county budget and Certification of Taxes be adopted with maximum expenditures set out as follows:

Public Safety and Legal Services	$ 7,091,676
Physical Health and Social Services	$ 1,224,901
County Environment and Education	$ 920,845
Roads & Transportation	$ 5,005,000
Government Services to Residents	$ 987,150
Administration	$ 1,326,633
Nonprogram Current	$ 0
Debt Service	$ 489,488
Capital Projects	$ 440,000
TOTAL	$17,485,693

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AYES:
Susie Drish
Joe Ledger
Lee Dimmitt

NAYS:
None

ATTEST:
Christy Conner
County Auditor

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors that the schedule of proposed expenditures be appropriated as follows to the various county departments for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.

Board of Supervisors	$ 1,112,479
Auditor	$ 618,241
Treasurer	$ 565,614
Attorney	$ 617,551
Sheriff	$ 4,484,522
Recorder	$ 341,064
County Engineer	$ 5,005,000
Veteran's Affairs	$ 68,732
Conservation Board	$ 1,079,205
Health Board	$ 502,536
Weed Commission	$ 13,000
Social Services	$ 48,525
Environmental Health	$ 99,985
Medical Examiner	$ 51,000
District Court	$ 134,750
Ambulance	$ 1,784,298
General Relief	$ 83,500
Rocky Branch	$ 14,213
Mental Health Administration	$ 39,000
Nondepartmental	$ 822,478
TOTAL	$17,485,693

Passed April 13, 2026.

AYES:
Susie Drish
Lee Dimmitt
Joe Ledger

NAYS:
None

ATTEST:
Christy Conner, County Auditor

Drish motioned, Dimmitt seconded that the Auditor's Office will have control of the old VA/GA office space. All "Aye". Motion carried.

Committee Reports: Dimmitt reported on RUSS and Early Childhood. Ledger reported on DCAT, Leadership class, and Jefferson County Preparedness meeting. Drish had no reports.

Public comments: None.

It was moved by Ledger, seconded by Dimmitt to allow the claims against the county in the amount of $325,416.51 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 motioned by Dimmitt, seconded by Ledger to adjourn. All "Aye". Motion carried.

At 9:30 A.M., Supervisors held a budget work session to discuss budget amendment.

Supervisors met with the Courthouse Maintenance Supervisor.

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

ATTEST:

Christy L. Conner	Susie Drish, Chairman
County Auditor	Board of Supervisors