JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PROCEEDINGS
May 4, 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 Dimmitt, seconded by Ledger that the minutes for the April 27th, 2026 meeting be acknowledged. All "Aye". Motion carried.

Supervisors met with the Courthouse Maintenance Supervisor.

Supervisors met with the County Engineer.

It was motioned by Ledger, seconded by Dimmitt to authorize the Engineer to utilize Farm to Market Funds for final design expenses for Stockport Road Bridge. All "Aye". Motion carried.

The Board met with the Ambulance Director.

The Board met with Jerry Leonard.

Supervisors met with John Rathbun to discuss access to 300 S. Maple from DHS parking lot. Dimmitt motioned to allow access, Drish seconded. All "Aye". Motion carried.

At 9:02 A.M., it was moved by Drish, seconded by Ledger to open the public hearing on the County budget amendment for FY26. All "Aye". Motion carried.

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

At 9:03 A.M. it was moved by Dimmitt, seconded by Ledger to close the public hearing on the County budget amendment. All "Aye". Motion carried.

It was moved by Dimmitt, seconded by Drish to adopt the following resolution amending the fiscal year 2026 county budget:

RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors that the 2025-2026 fiscal year county budget be amended as follows:

Expenditures:

Public Safety and Legal Services	6,612,506	to	6,689,889
Physical Health and Social Services	1,138,997	to	1,180,634
County Environment & Education	846,515	to	851,515
Roads and Transportation	4,565,000	to	5,025,000
Administration	1,725,764	to	1,760,764
Capital Projects	751,000	to	218,772

The amendment does not increase the taxes to be collected in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026. Be it further resolved, that the schedule of proposed expenditures by department be appropriated as follows to the various county departments for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026:

Department 01 Board of Supervisors	$40,000
Department 05 County Sheriff	$12,680
Department 20 County Engineer	-$237,228
Department 21 Veterans Affairs	$12,105
Department 22 Conservation	$165,000
Department 23 Public Health	$8,164
Department 27 Environmental Health	$8,404
Department 31 District Court	$11,464
Department 36 Ambulance	$64,703
Department 60 Mental Health	$1,500
	$86,792

The vote upon the final adoption of the amendment follows:

AYES:
Susie Drish
Joe Ledger
Lee Dimmitt

NAYS:
None

ATTEST:
Christy Conner
County Auditor

It was moved by Ledger, seconded by Drish to approve the following resolution:

STATE OF IOWA COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

A RESOLUTION OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A GIFT OF REAL ESTATE
FOR CONSERVATION PURPOSES

WHEREAS, Jefferson County, Iowa (the "County") is a political subdivision of the State of Iowa, authorized to accept gifts of real property for public purposes pursuant to Iowa Code§ 331.361 and other applicable law; and

WHEREAS, Phillip F Hughes (the "Donor" and Grantor), being the owner of certain real estate in Jefferson County, Iowa, legally described as follows:

A parcel of land located in the SE 1/4 SW 1/4, of Section 28, Township 71 North, Range 9 West of the 5th **P.M.,** Jefferson County, Iowa. Now known as Parcel "C" and more particularly described as follows:

Lot 1, Block 1, Fleener's Addition to Abingdon, Iowa.

AND

The South Half of the West half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 33, Township 73, Range 11 West, containing 10 acres, more or less. A certain piece in the Southwest part of Section 33, Township 73 North of Range 11 West described as follows: Beginning at John D. Flint's yard fence Southwest corner of the same on the State Road near that South end of Abingdon, running thence Southeast to the alley of Aaronsville, thence East to A. Vanness corner, thence North to said John D. Flint's line, thence with said Flint's line to the place of beginning, containing 3 acres more or less. Part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 33, Township 73 North of Range 11 West, and bounded as follows: Beginning at a stake on the North side of the main street at the Southeast end of the Town of Abingdon, thence South 19" East 9 1/16 poles to the Southeast post of Yager's yard, thence for a Division with Sperry North 71° East 8 poles to a stake North 59 - East 24 7 /8 poles to a stake on the east line of said forty Witness Trees Hickory south 58" East 32 links and

North 19" West 55 links, thence with said line North 29 1/2 poles to a stake, thence South 52 1/2 West 38 1/5 poles to the Town Plat and with it South 37 1/2 East 9 poles South 52 1/2 West 9 poles to the beginning, containing 4 3/4 acres, all in Jefferson County, Iowa. The foregoing property subject to a deed to Polk Township Trustees of Jefferson County, Iowa, for use of the Abingdon Cemetery tiled for record May 5, 1960.

AND

Beginning at a point 101 feet West of the Southwest corner of the boundaries of the Abingdon Cemetery, thence proceeding West 183 feet, thence North 132 feet, thence East 183 feet, thence South 132 feet to the place of beginning, all in Jefferson County, Iowa, being a part of Section 33, Township 73, Range 11.

(hereinafter the "Property")

Phillip F Hughes has offered to donate the Property to Jefferson County, Iowa at no cost to the County, for conservation and related public purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Property as described consists of

a) an indeterminant amount of acres located in Jefferson County, Iowa, in Townships 71 North, Range 9 West, Section 28 in the town of Abingdon, consisting of Lot 1, Block 1 of Fleener's Addition; and

b) approximately 10 acres located in Jefferson County, Iowa, in Township 73 North,
Range 11 West, Section 33; and

c) approximately 3 acres more or less located in Jefferson County, Iowa, in Township 00 North, Range West, Section; and

d) approximately 4 3/4 acres located in Jefferson County, Iowa, in Township 00 North,
Range West, Section ; and

e) approximately .56 acres located in Jefferson County, Iowa, in Township 73 North, Range 11 West, Section 33.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has determined that acceptance of the Property will serve important public interests, including but not limited to: the preservation of natural lands, protection of water quality and watersheds, conservation of wildlife habitat, provision of outdoor recreational opportunities for citizens of Jefferson County, and enhancement of the County's conservation goals as set forth in the County's land use and conservation plans; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of this gift is consistent with the County's authority under Iowa Code§§ 331.301, 331.361, and other applicable provisions of the Iowa Code; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has reviewed the legal description of the Property, has considered the potential costs and benefits of accepting said Property, and has determined that acceptance of the Property is in the best interests of Jefferson County and its residents; and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney has reviewed this Resolution and the proposed gift transaction and has advised that acceptance of the Property is legally authorized and appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the Donor has represented that all of his right title and interest in the Property shall be conveyed to the County free and clear of all known liens, mortgages, encumbrances, and unpaid taxes, except as may otherwise be disclosed and agreed upon in writing;

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

Section 1. Acceptance of Gift.
The Jefferson County Board of Supervisors hereby accepts the gift of real estate described herein from the Donor, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Resolution and any deed or gift agreement executed in connection therewith.

Section 2. Conservation Purpose.
The Property shall be held, managed, and maintained by Jefferson County for conservation purposes, which may include wildlife habitat preservation, natural area protection, passive recreation, and related public uses consistent with sound conservation practices. The County shall manage the Property in a manner consistent with the intent of the Donor's gift and applicable state law.

Section 3. Authorization of Officials.
The Chairperson of the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors, the Jefferson County Auditor, and the Jefferson County Attorney are each hereby authorized and directed to

execute any and all documents necessary or appropriate to complete the transfer of title of the Property to Jefferson County, Iowa, including but not limited to any deed, gift agreement, transfer documents, and closing statements.

Section 4. Title Review.
Prior to acceptance of the deed conveying the Property, the County Attorney or designee shall review title to the Property and confirm that the County is receiving marketable title, and shall report any title defects or encumbrances to the Board of Supervisors for further consideration.

Section 5. Costs and Expenses.
Any recording fees, title examination fees, or other reasonable closing costs incurred by the County in connection with acceptance of this gift may be paid from County funds as authorized by the Board of Supervisors. The Donor shall be responsible for any costs as may be agreed upon between the parties in writing.

Section 6. Gratitude.
The Jefferson County Board of Supervisors hereby expresses its sincere appreciation to the Donor for this generous gift to the citizens of Jefferson County, and recognizes the Donor's commitment to land conservation and the preservation of natural resources for the benefit of present and future generations.

Section 7. Effective Date.
This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors.

ADOPTED by the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors
this 4th day of May,2026.

VOTE:

Ayes:	Nays:
Susie Drish	None
Lee Dimmitt	
Joe Ledger	

Attest:
Christy Conner, County Auditor

Reviewed and Approved as to Form:
Chauncey Moulding, Jefferson County Attorney

The Board met with Taylor Ross to answer her questions on zoning and potential of investors building on an industrial scale.

Committee Reports: Dimmitt attended Ed Kelly's retirement party and was in the dunk tank at the Rotary Club Fundraiser. Drish attended the retirement party and EMS Advisory Council. Ledger attended EMS Advisory Council, retirement party, and helped out at the Rotary Fundraiser.

Public comments: None.

It was moved by Ledger, seconded by Dimmitt to allow the claims against the county in the amount of $53,614.83 except Environmental Health education travel claim for $266.00 totaling $53,348.83 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 Drish, seconded by Ledger to adjourn. All "Aye". Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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