JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PROCEEDINGS
August 31, 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 Ledger that the minutes for the August 24th and 26th, 2026 meetings be acknowledged. All "Aye". Motion carried.

Supervisors met with the Courthouse Maintenance Supervisor.

It was motioned by Dimmitt, seconded by Ledger to approve the purchase of a spray foam kit to seal up entry points for bats. All "Aye". Motion carried.

The Board discussed the purchase of a trailer for maintenance. Discussion was tabled.

Supervisors met with the County Engineer.

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

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors that the following wage rate and classification for Secondary Road Department full-time employees shown below be effective September 1, 2026.

Employee	Current Rate	Title	Pay Range	Step	Base Wage	Certs	Lgvty	Total Rate
Bryon Davis	$35.90	EO	15	F	$35.65	$0.25	$0.10	$36.00
Ben Dunkelberger	$34.47	EO	12	F	$34.22	$0.25	$0.10	$34.57
Jarrett Hellweg	$34.47	EO	12	F	$34.22	$0.25	$0.10	$34.57

Passing this 31st day of August 2026.

Ayes:
Susie Drish
Joe Ledger
Lee Dimmitt

Nays:
None

Attest:
Christy Conner, Jefferson County Auditor

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

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors that the following wage rate and classification for Secondary Road Department full-time employee shown below be effective September 1, 2026.

Employee	Current Rate	Title	Pay Range	Step	Base Wage	Certs	Lgvty	Total Rate
Rick Giberson	$32.89	MS1	14	B	$33.27	$0.10	$ -	$33.37

Passing this 31st day of August 2026.

Ayes:
Susie Drish
Joe Ledger
Lee Dimmitt

Nays:
None

Attest:
Christy Conner, Jefferson County Auditor

The Board discussed attrition in the Secondary Roads Department with an upcoming vacant position.

It was motioned by Dimmitt, seconded by Drish to approve changing the speed limit from 45 to 55 mph on Pleasant Plain Road from Fairfield City Limit to 167th Street. "Ayes": Dimmitt, Drish. "Nay": Ledger. Motion carried.

It was motioned by Dimmitt to enter into an agreement with Motorola for 5 years for replacement of radio console for $229,000, a payment of $54,633/year to finance it. Motion was seconded by Drish. All "Aye". Motion carried.

It was motioned by Dimmitt, seconded by Drish to not approve the abatement of property taxes at 703 S. Maple Street. All "Aye". Motion carried.

It was motioned by Dimmitt, seconded by Drish to approve the Intergovernmental 28E Agreement between the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and Jefferson County, Iowa. All "Aye". Motion carried.

It was motioned by Dimmitt, seconded by Drish to approve ICAP to pay settlement funds for case no. 4:25-cv-00183-SHL-SBJ. All "Aye". Motion carried.

Committee Reports: Dimmitt reported on Early Childhood and RPA. Drish reported on Extension Council. Ledger reported on Barnyard Bash meeting.

Public comments: Steve Burnett commented he wants to see Hackberry way fixed. Brent Adam is a tenant of a farm on Hackberry Way; wants it kept open. Jeff Toppel uses the dirt road for his farm equipment. Mike Blakely stated he uses the Hackberry Way all the time and does not need a real big culvert. Jerry Leonard discussed mileage reimbursement for Leonard Enterprises.

At 9:30 A.M., it was moved by Dimmitt, seconded by Ledger to open the public hearing on the option of closing Hackberry Way, replacing wooden box culvert, or installing a low water stream crossing. All "Aye". Motion carried.

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

At 9:31 A.M. it was motioned by Dimmitt to close the public hearing on Hackberry Way. Motion was seconded by Drish. All "Aye". Motion carried.

The Board discussed options for Hackberry Way. The County Engineer will get estimates and bring for discussion at the next meeting.

It was moved by Dimmitt, seconded by Ledger to allow the claims against the county in the amount of $177,185.63 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, seconded by Ledger to adjourn. All "Aye". Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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