JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PROCEEDINGS
October 5, 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 September 28th , 2026 meeting be acknowledged. All "Aye". Motion carried.

The Board met with Terry Baker to get updates on Visit Fairfield and tourism.

Supervisors met with the Courthouse Maintenance Supervisor.

It was motioned by Dimmitt to have Kyle Larson utilize a road department vehicle to plow county parking lots and other routes in the county. Ledger seconded. All "Aye". Motion carried.

Supervisors met with the County Engineer.

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

RESOLUTION

SUNRISE TRAIL SUBDIVISION – RURAL SUBDIVISION CONSIDERATION

WHEREAS, Jefferson County Board of Supervisors, as part of an Urban Renewal and Revitalization plan for development of land referenced as Sunrise Trail Subdivision, which Plan appears as part of recorded Image Record 2025-0666 wherein Jefferson County Jointly agreed to the intended development (see attached Joint Agreement) and dated February 24, 2024.

WHEREAS, Subdivision within an area adjacent to the City of Fairfield, but not yet annexed into the City, may be found to be within the "urbanized area" or "extraterritorial subdivision area" subject to review and approval of such subdivision by the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors, consistent with Section 19.08 and 19.12 of the Fairfield Municipal Code, and

WHEREAS, the subdivision laying adjacent to the City of Fairfield, which is not yet annexed, has made Application to the City for Subdivision approval March 14, 2025, and has been determined by the City to meet all requirements of the City for subdivision within the urbanized area as confirmed by the Fairfield City Engineer, and the subdivision application was administratively approved March 19, 2025. Thereafter the subdivision Final Plat was approved March 24, 2025 by City Council Resolution 4346 while not yet completed with Annexation proceedings, and

WHEREAS, the City approved subdivision, not yet annexed and laying within a County extraterritorial two-mile urbanized area, remaining, while Annexation is pending, subject to the applicable ordinance and standards of the adapted County Home Rule Subdivisions Ordinance, and consequently necessitating either County Waiver of Subdivision considerations or, County approval of the subdivision occurring in the urbanized area, and

WHEREAS, it appears that the development's annexation is inevitable and that the orderly development of the land being subdivided already has been previously agreed to by the County in its Joint Approval to the Plan filed at, Image Record 2025-0666, and

WHEREAS, it appears that County approval will not be in Conflict with the County Ordinance, the Jointly agreed plan, or the City filings and the purpose of the same, and that the standards and requirements of the County, as subject to Engineering review are parallel and equivalent to the City's review and finding to such extent and degree that a County finding can be made concerning conformance and acceptance, and NOW, therefore BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Board of Supervisors of Jefferson County, Iowa DO FIND that Sunrise Trail Subdivision is found to conform to the ordinances and standard of the County and DO APPROVE and adopt the final plat and authorize the entry of the County approval to be entered on the Plat being filed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Jefferson, Iowa:

Approve the final plat and cause its approval to be entered on the plat.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 5th day of October, 2026.

AYES: NAYS: None

Susie Drish, Supervisor

Joe Ledger, Supervisor

Lee Dimmitt, Supervisor

Concurring:	Concurring:
Michael Campbell	DeWayne Heintz
County Attorney (Assistant)	County Engineer

ATTEST:
Christy Conner
County Auditor

The Board discussed options for Grasstree Avenue Bridge. It was motioned by Ledger to approve a low water stream crossing. Drish seconded. All "Aye". Motion carried.

The Board met with the Ambulance Director.

It was moved by Dimmitt, seconded by Drish to approve the disposal system contractor's license for Michael Gearheart. All "Aye". Motion carried.

It was motioned by Ledger, seconded by Dimmitt to approve the appointment of Elizabeth Beers as a Medical Examiner Investigator. All "Aye". Motion carried.

It was moved by Ledger, seconded by Dimmitt that the Board of Supervisors of Jefferson County enter into closed session by reason of Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(j) "To discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property. The minutes and the audio recording of a session closed under this paragraph shall be available for public examination when the transaction discussed is completed." Roll was then called: Drish "Aye". Ledger "Aye". Dimmitt "Aye". Motion carried.

It was moved by Ledger, seconded by Drish that the Board of Supervisors of Jefferson County move out of closed session. Roll was then called: Dimmitt "Aye". Ledger "Aye". Drish "Aye". Motion carried.

Committee Reports: Dimmitt reported on touring the DHS building and an interview with KCII. Ledger reported on FRAN meeting, Grow FF meeting, tour of DHS building, interview with KTVO, Board of Health work session, Traction Thursday, and Tour of Upstairs Downtown. Drish reported on the Art Walk and Board of Health work session.

Public comments: None.

It was moved by Ledger, seconded by Dimmitt to allow the claims against the county in the amount of $121,821.48 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