

Tuesday, September 16, 2025, the Jasper County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:30 a.m. with Supervisors Talsma, Cupples, and Nearmyer present and accounted for Chairman Talsma presiding.

Motion by Nearmyer, seconded by Cupples to adopt Resolution 25-139, authorizing and approving the acceptance of digital signatures pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 554D.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

A complete copy of the resolution is on file in the Office of the Jasper County Auditor.

Motion by Cupples, seconded by Nearmyer to approve the Blood Profile Contract amended with Jasper County on the contract for 2025 with MercyOne Newton Medical Center Laboratory.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

Mandatory Training for Newly Elected and Appointed Officials went into effect July 1, 2025. The Board feels that any Newly Elected and Appointed Officials prior to July 1 should receive the training.

There was no action taken on Item 3b Union Contract Negotiations: Legal Representation.

Motion by Cupples, seconded by Nearmyer to approve the Revised Jasper County Policy Handbook noting the change for Deputies overtime pay to become effective after an 8-hour shift rather than a 9-hour shift.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

Conservation Director, Keri Van Zante presented bids for new office furniture at the Nature Center.

There is a total of three bids:

Forbes \$11,959.00

All Makes \$12,143.48

Workspace \$15,288.28

Motion by Cupples, seconded by Nearmyer to approve the bid from Forbes in the amount of \$11,959.00 to finish equipping the Nature Center with new furniture.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

Motion by Nearmyer, seconded by Cupples to approve a Service Agreement with Election Systems & Software LLC for Ballot on Demand system in the Auditor's Office.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

Motion by Nearmyer, seconded by Cupples to set a Public Hearing to discuss the draft version of the feasibility study for a bridge carrying T-38 N over IAIS Railroad with recommended date and time of October 7, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors room.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

Motion by Nearmyer, seconded by Cupples to approve final plans for the replacement of bridge H08 located on N. 35th Ave. W. over small stream 0.3 miles east of W. 28th St. S.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

Motion by Nearmyer, seconded by Cupples to approve the lease between Jasper County and Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency (HIRTA) effective October 1, 2025, to September 30, 2028.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

Motion by Nearmyer, seconded by Cupples to approve Board of Supervisors minutes for September 9, 2025.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

Motion by Nearmyer, seconded by Cupples to appoint Alida Anderson to the Central Iowa Housing Trust Fund.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

Motion by Nearmyer, seconded by Cupples to enter into closed session requested by Jasper County Community Development Director, Kevin Luetters in accordance with Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(i) to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a close session and Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(a) to review or discuss records which are required or authorized by state or federal law to be kept confidential or to be kept confidential as a condition for that governmental body's possession or continued receipt of federal funds.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

ROLL CALL YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

Motion by Talsma, seconded by Nearmyer to come out of closed session.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

Motion by Cupples, seconded by Nearmyer to adjourn from the regular meeting and enter into the work session.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

The Board discussed implementing a hotel/motel tax which would go on the November ballot for 2026 and be implemented in June of 2027. This could also be an alternative funding source. The tax distribution is currently on Beacon for citizens to view. The Board would like to tweak this a little more and show how the County's portion of taxes are being distributed amongst the County services specific to the parcel.

The Iowa DOT will contribute \$15,000 and the IAIS Railroad will contribute \$15,000 for Jasper County to perform the work to vacate and obliterate approach roadways on S. 28th Ave. W. The Board would like Mike to present the paperwork on the next agenda.

Mike is not recommending the replacement of the IAIS railroad bridge over S. 32nd Ave. W. (replacing the tunnel) due to the cost being \$1 million. The Board would like to look at vacating the crossing and closing access. The Board will continue to discuss it in the future.

Farm-to-Market system modifications were reviewed.

Motion by Cupples, seconded by Nearmyer to adjourn the Tuesday, September 16, 2025, meeting of the Jasper County Board of Supervisors.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

Jenna Jennings, Auditor

Brandon Talsma, Chairman