



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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November 4, 2025

9:30 a.m.

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Live Stream: <https://zoom.us/j/8123744948>

Meeting ID: 812 374 4948

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-Anyone that has an item on the agenda must appear in person for the Board to consider it.-

Pledge of Allegiance

Item 1 Community Development – Kevin Luetters

- a) Set Public Hearing for a Rezone Request from Agricultural (A) to Rural Residential (RR1) –
Parcel #: 02.15.300.017
(Recommended Dates and Times, November 18th, November 25th and December 2, 2025, at 9:30 am in the Jasper County Board of Supervisors Room)
- b) Set Public Hearing for a Rezone Request from Agricultural (A) to Rural Residential (RR1) –
Parcel #: 02.15.300.016
(Recommended Dates and Times, November 18th, November 25th and December 2, 2025, at 9:30 am in the Jasper County Board of Supervisors Room)
- c) Set Public Hearing for a Rezone Request from Agricultural (A) to Rural Residential (RR1) –
Parcel #: 14.08.300.010
(Recommended Dates and Times, November 18th, November 25th and December 2, 2025, at 9:30 am in the Jasper County Board of Supervisors Room)
- d) Set Public Hearing for a Rezone Request from Agricultural (A) to Rural Residential Large Lot (RR5) –
Parcel #: 02.07.376.001
(Recommended Dates and Times, November 18th, November 25th and December 2, 2025, at 9:30 am in the Jasper County Board of Supervisors Room)
- e) Set Public Hearing for Changes to the Jasper County Zoning Ordinance #04F (will change to #04G)
(Recommended Dates and Times, November 18th, November 25th and December 2, 2025, at 9:30 am in the Jasper County Board of Supervisors Room)

Item 2 Engineer – Mike Frietsch

- a) 2025 Weed Commissioner's Report

Item 3 Restructuring the Public Information Officer Position

Item 4 Approval of Claims paid through November 4, 2025

Item 5 Approval of Board of Supervisors Minutes from October 28, 2025

Item 6 Board Appointments

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Employee Evaluation:

Mike Frietsch, Jasper County Engineer

Possible Closed Session pursuant to 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.

After the Regular Meeting

Work Session

- 1) Capital Asset
- 2) Land Acquisition



2025 WEED COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

For the County of: Jasper

Submit to County Board of Supervisors by:

November 1, 2025

Return copy to the IDALS office by:

December 1, 2025

Weed Commissioner's Contact Information:

Name <u>Steve Hodnett</u>	Year Appointed <u>2022</u>
Address <u>910 W 11th Ave E</u>	Telephone <u>641-521-0134</u>
City, Zip Code <u>Newton IA 50208</u>	Alternate Telephone <u>641-792-5862</u>
Email Address <u>Shodnett@Jasperia.org</u>	Pesticide Certificate # <u>41060</u>

Which of the noxious weeds have you found in your county?

1 - Found, a problem in my county

2 - Found, but not a problem

3 - Not known in my county

? - If you cannot identify this plant

Primary Noxious Weeds	Answer	Secondary Noxious Weeds	Answer
Buckthorn	2	Buckhorn Plantain	2
Bull Thistle	2	Cocklebur	2
Canada Thistle	1	Curly Dock (Sour Dock)	2
Field Bindweed		Multiflora Rose	2
Hoary Cress (Perennial Pepper-grass)		Poison Hemlock	2
Horse Nettle	2	Puncturevine	3
Leafy Spurge	2	Red Sorrel (Sheep sorrel)	2
Musk Thistle	1	Shattercane	2
Palmer Amaranth	2	Smooth Dock	2
Perennial Sow Thistle	2	Teasel	1
Quackgrass	2	Velvetleaf (Butterprint)	2
Russian Knapweed	2	Wild Carrot	2
		Wild Mustard	2
		Wild Sunflower	3

<i>Invasive Prohibited Plants</i>	Answer		
Garlic Mustard	2		
Japanese Hop			
Japanese Knotweed	2		
Oriental Bittersweet	2		
Purple Loosestrife	2		

Please list any other plants which are a problem or a concern in your county:

As County Weed Commissioner, do your duties include roadside spraying?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Did your county publish a Notice of Program for weed control pursuant to the provisions of Title VIII Chapter 317 Section 317.14?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Did your county employ contract spraying during 2025?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, what percentage of your total spray program is contracted? _____%

If possible, please list the contract rates. \$/mile _____

Total contract cost \$ _____

In the past year how much did your county spend on purchasing herbicides?

\$ 26,000

How many times during 2025 was it necessary to serve a noxious weed notice?

Private (written) 6 Public (written) (DOT, DNR, CCB) _____

How many times did you contact individuals personally, rather than sending them a weed control notice?

Private (verbal) 3 Public (verbal) (DOT, DNR, CCB) _____

How many times did you actually enter private or public land, control weeds, and assess the cost to the owner?

0

How many months were you employed as weed commissioner in 2025?

12 months

Are your duties as weed commissioner incorporated into another county job?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If Yes, what? Roadside Vegetation Management

Weed Comm. Duties 40 % IRVM Duties 20 %

Other County Duties 40 %

How does the overall county weed situation compare with last year?

Improved ☒ Unchanged ☐ Worse ☐

Comments? _____

Is brush control included in your weed commissioner duties?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, what method(s) do you use? (Circle all that apply):

Spraying ☒ Cutting ☒ Stump treatment ☒ Basal bark ☐

Other, explain _____

What are your suggestions and/or recommendations which may improve your county weed and brush infestations?

In a perfect world would be to have a drone

What herbicides did your county use in your weed control program? Be specific, please list brand name and quantity of each. Please do not list surfactants or adjuvants. If the spray program is contracted in your county, ask your contractor for this information. Add another page if necessary.

Herbicide usage table:

CHEMICAL/BRAND	RATE USED	QUANTITY USED	TO CONTROL?
(Example) Milestone	4 fluid ounces per acre	3.32 gallons	Thistle and teasel on roadside
Plateau	40 gallon/acre 32 oz / acre	300 gallons 240 oz	Growth inhibitor on bridge guardrail
Terravue	40 gallon/acre 5.7 oz / acre	5,100 gallons 726.75 oz	Thistle and Teasel control on roadside
Method	40 gallon/acre 8.0 oz / acre	6,320 gallons 1264 oz	Brush Control on roadside
Escort	40 gallon/acre 1 oz / acre	6,300 gallons 157.5 oz	Brush control on Roadside
Round up	40 gallon/acre	20 gallons	weed control around county yards
0ust	40 gallon/acre 4 oz / acre	40 gallons 4 oz	Weed control around county yards

The above report is true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature _____
County Weed Commissioner

10-29-25
Date

Signature _____
Chairman, County Board of Supervisors

Date

Please return a copy to:

Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship
Attn: State Weed Commissioner
2230 S Ankeny Blvd
Ankeny, IA 50023-9093

October 28, 2025

Tuesday, October 28, 2025, the Jasper County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:30 a.m. with Supervisors Talsma, Nearmyer, and Cupples present and accounted for Chairman Talsma presiding.

Jasper County Recorder, Denise Allen presented quotes to purchase a new copier for the office. There were three quotes presented:

Forbes Office Solutions	\$4,295.00
Marco	\$4,032.38
Infomax Office Systems	\$6,568.00

Motion by Nearmyer, seconded by Cupples to approve the quote from Forbes Office Solutions in the amount of \$4,295.00 for the purchase of a new copier.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

JEDCO Director, Jeff Davidson, presented the JEDCO Small Grant Program with a list of the projects that were completed in 2025. The projects consisted of a comprehensive plan in the City of Sully and City of Baxter and the Station Street Bicycle Shop in the City of Mingo. The Board has budgeted \$25,000 to be spent in FY2026 to continue with the JEDCO Small Grant Program.

No action was taken.

Engineer, Mike Frietsch, presented bids for material and hauling for Project L-C050(K15)—73-50 also known as Bridge K15 located over Sugar Creek on S. 36th Ave E. There were two bids presented:

Bruening Rock Products, Inc.	\$11,112.50
Martin Marietta	\$12,000.00

Motion by Nearmyer, seconded by Cupples to approve the bid from Bruening Rock Products, Inc. in the amount of \$11,112.50 to haul Revetment, Class E to Project L-C050(K15)—73-50.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

Motion by Nearmyer, seconded by Cupples to approve the Board of Supervisors minutes from October 21, 2025.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

There were no Board Appointments.

Citizens located by the Iowa Street Bridge addressed the Board concerning the Feasibility Study being done at cost shared between the County and the residents to have the study done.

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

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

Mike Frietsch and Jason Lowry discussed the right-of-way issues in Newburg with the Board. Due to the 20 feet sitting inside what was once in the City of Newburg, Jason is asking the Board to look at this situation in a different perspective. Jason Lowry is not willing to survey and put his stamp on the plat of

survey if the Board wishes to continue with splitting the 20 feet in half and dividing it between landowners. Adam Sparks spoke with the Board concerning the key fob system at the Administration Building and explained three different scenarios the Board can do, and the costs associated with all three options. Adam is proposing putting a new key fob system in the Administration Building to get away from licensing fees and we would then own the system for \$25,000.00. There is room in the budget with the electrical panels not being updated this year. The Board would like Adam to put a bid on the agenda to bring in a new key fob system. Adam would like to purchase a new trailer with sides and divvy the two current trailers to other departments. Conservation and the Engineer are willing to take the 2 older trailers. The Board is okay with transferring the old trailers out and purchasing the new heavy-duty trailer.

Motion by Nearmyer, seconded by Cupples to adjourn the Tuesday, October 28, 2025, meeting of the Jasper County Board of Supervisors.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

Jenna Jennings, Auditor

Brandon Talsma, Chairman