



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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March 18, 2025

9:30 a.m.

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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 Public Hearing – Key Cooperative

- a) Installing a 30,000-gallon and 26,000-gallon NH₃ Storage at Key Cooperative at 10683 Hwy F62, Sully, IA 50251. The 26,000-gallons will be moved from the existing location at 504 6th Ave, Sully, IA 50251.

Item 2 IMPACT – Brandon Pollard

- a) Update of the Work Done in the Community

Item 3 Auditor – Jenna Jennings

- a) Resolution Approving the Precinct Election Official Pay

Item 4 Set Public Hearing for the 2025-2026 Proposed Property Tax Levy

(Recommended Date and Time, April 1, 2025, at 8:30 am in the Jasper County Board of Supervisors Room)

Item 5 Approval of Minutes to the Grinnell-Newburg School Special Election Canvass held on March 10, 2025

Item 6 Approval of Board of Supervisors Minutes for March 11, 2025

Item 7 Board Appointments

PUBLIC INPUT & COMMENTS

Close Session requested by Brandon Talsma and Jeff Davidson in Accordance with Iowa Code 21.5(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.

Item 8 Employee Evaluation: Kelli Van Manen, Program Director Jasper County Senior Nutrition

After the Regular Meeting Work Session

March 18, 2025

Jasper County Board of Supervisors
PO Box 944
Newton, IA 50208



Dear Jasper County Board of Supervisors,

Greetings from IMPACT Community Action Partnership! Thank you for your continued support of IMPACT's work in Jasper County. We especially thank former Supervisor Denny Stevenson for serving IMPACT's board of directors. His insights and leadership were key to our shared mission of serving Jasper County. **We invite the Jasper County Board of Supervisors to recommend a board member for the IMPACT Board of Directors.**

Highlights from IMPACT's work in Jasper County in the past fiscal year include:

- 1,093 total Jasper County families served
- 2,484 total Jasper County residents served
- 901 total Jasper County children and teens (under age 18) served
- 7,242 total number of services provided to Jasper County households

We are proud of the work we have done, and this fiscal year we intend to do more! Though we served 2,484 Jasper County residents last year, there are approximately 9,155 Jasper County residents with an income below 185% of the Federal Poverty Line (source: US Census Bureau). **That means there are at least 6,671 Jasper County residents who could benefit from our services that we did not reach last year!**

Some of our efforts to reach more Jasper County residents this year include:

- Continuing home visits as an additional way families can request to access our services.
- Continuing pop-up events at partner organizations.
- We continue to seek additional funding sources to support our Jasper County programs.

We are requesting Jasper County's Supervisors support our work in the community in the following ways:

- Refer community members to us who can benefit from our services.
- Inform us of community needs you are hearing about from residents.
- Help us build connections with community groups, organizations, and businesses.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have questions, please feel free to reach out to my colleague, Brandon Pollard, our Grant & Donor Management Coordinator, by emailing bpollard@impactcap.org or by calling his direct phone line at 515-274-1343.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Anne Bacon".

Anne Bacon, CEO



Jasper County

Client Characteristics Report

Fiscal Year 2024 (October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024)

Individual and Household Counts	
1,093	# Total households served
2,484	# Total individuals served
Individual Demographics	
240	Age 0-5
447	Age 6-13
214	Age 14-17
155	Age 18-24
572	Age 25-44
242	Age 45-54
128	Age 55-59
146	Age 60-64
219	Age 65-74
121	Age 75+
300	# Total individuals with a disabling condition served
83	# Veterans and active military served
Household Housing Status	
621	# of renter households served
460	# of home owner households served
2	# of households in other permanent housing served
1	# of households experiencing homelessness served
9	# of households in other housing situations served
Households by Income Level (% of Federal Poverty Line)	
232	Up to 50% (\$13,875 annually / family of four)
126	51% - 75% (\$20,813 annually / family of four)
209	76% - 100% (\$27,750 annually / family of four)
175	101% - 125% (\$34,688 annually / family of four)
142	126% - 150% (\$41,625 annually / family of four)
113	151%-175% (\$48,563 annually / family of four)
73	176% - 200% (\$55,500 annually / family of four)
13	201% - 250% (\$69,375 annually / family of four)
10	250% or over
0	Unknown / not reported



Jasper County Poverty Data Attachment

Jasper County Data Point	Source
<p>9,155 (25.39%) Jasper County residents had an income below 185% of the Federal Poverty Line (an annual income less than \$47,767 for a household of three).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2,484: Jasper County residents served by IMPACT • 6,671: Jasper County residents who could benefit from our services that were not reached last year 	US Census Bureau, 2019-23 American Community Survey
Only 3.53% of Jasper County households (520 households) receive public assistance (general assistance or TANF).	US Census Bureau, 2019-23 American Community Survey
58.7% of Jasper County households with an income below 100% of the Federal Poverty Line (an annual income less than \$25,820 for a household of three) are led by a female head of household.	US Census Bureau, 2019-23 American Community Survey
41.8% of Jasper County students qualify for free or reduced price lunch.	National Center for Education Statistics, NCES - Common Core of Data, 2022-2023
10.27% of Jasper County children live in households with an income below 100% of the Federal Poverty Line (an annual income less than \$31,200 for a household of four) and 36.57% live in households with an income below 200% of the Federal Poverty Line (an annual income less than \$62,400 for a household of four).	US Census Bureau, 2019-23 American Community Survey
6.2% of Jasper County seniors (age 65 and up) live in households with an income below 100% of the Federal Poverty Line (an annual income less than \$15,060 for a household of one). This breaks down to 6.38% of male seniors and 6.06% of female seniors.	US Census Bureau, 2019-23 American Community Survey



Jasper County Housing Data Attachment

Jasper County Data Point	Source
20.76% of Jasper County households (3,062 households) are cost-burdened (housing costs 30% or more of household income) and 6.64% (979 households) are severely cost-burdened (housing costs 50% or more of household income).	US Census Bureau, 2019-23 American Community Survey
The HUD Fair Market Rent (FMR) for a two-bedroom unit in Jasper County is \$920. In order to afford a unit at this rate and not be cost-burdened a household would need to earn at least \$36,800 per year (or \$17.69 per hour).	US Department of Housing and Urban Development, FY25 Fair Market Rent

Who benefits from housing assistance programs?

- Households able to stay in their homes:
 - When families are able to stay in their home, education and behavior outcomes are better for children and health outcomes are better for all members of the family when compared to families that have to move frequently.
- Landlords:
 - Landlords benefit because their tenants are able to pay their rent, which allows landlords to use those funds for all the things they rely upon that rent for including rental unit maintenance, property taxes, and personal income.
- The broader community:
 - Rental assistance programs enable families and landlords who depend on rent for income to better be able to afford other household needs resulting in additional money being spent in local economies.
 - Friends and relatives who may provide a place for a family to stay benefit from avoiding overcrowding.
 - Rental assistance also reduces overcrowding in shelters.
 - Rental assistance programs have been shown to improve housing market stability in communities where they operate.

Sources: US Department of Housing and Urban Development and Harvard Joint Center for Housing Studies



Jasper County History Attachment

IMPACT Community Action Partnership and its previous incarnations have a long history of serving the people of Jasper County, and the county has had a long history of supporting our work. An abbreviated timeline is included below.

- 1964: Congress passes the Economic Opportunity Act, which creates community action agencies as part of the War on Poverty.
- 1965: 36 Iowa counties, including Jasper, establish CAP Committees. Regionalization efforts took shape in 1967.
- 1968 - 1976: Greater Opportunities is designated as a Community Action Agency serving Polk, Warren, Jasper, and Marion Counties.
- 1976: Red Rock Community Action Partnership is founded to serve Marion, Warren, Jasper, Boone, and Polk (excluding the City of Des Moines) Counties.
- 2015: Red Rock and City of Des Moines Community Action merge to better serve Central Iowa as IMPACT Community Action Partnership.
- Before 2020: Jasper County provides office space to IMPACT as an in-kind contribution

Resolution 25-_____

PRECINCT ELECTION OFFICIAL PAY

WHEREAS, the responsibilities and duties of precinct election workers has increased significantly over the years.

WHEREAS, election officials are asked to put in a 16 hour day when working at the polls on Election Day.

WHEREAS, the current rate of pay is \$12.00 per hour for a precinct election official and \$12.50 per hour for the precinct election chairperson.

THEREFORE: the rate of pay for the precinct election officials shall be set at \$15.00 per hour. The precinct election chairperson shall be paid at \$15.50 per hour.

Resolution adopted this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Brandon Talsma, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

Attest:

Jenna Jennings, Auditor

March 10, 2025

CANVASS of the GRINNELL-NEWBURG SCHOOL SPECIAL ELECTION
Held March 4, 2025, for the Adoption of the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL)

Tuesday, March 10, 2025, the Jasper County Board of Supervisors Talsma, Nearmyer, and Cupples along with Auditor Jennings and Deputy Auditor Carley canvassed the Grinnell-Newburg School Special Election. The results of the canvass confirmed the results from election night:

Grinnell-Newburg School Public Measure A: YES 179, NO 80

259 Total Votes

Jenna Jennings, Auditor

Brandon Talsma, Supervisor Chairman

Kristin Carley, Deputy Auditor

Thad Nearmyer, Supervisor

Doug Cupples, Supervisor

March 11, 2025

Tuesday, March 11, 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.

Nicholas Pietrack spoke on behalf of Crisis Canines regarding training in the Courthouse on March 15, 2025 using 3-5 dogs from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Motion by Cupples, seconded by Nearmyer to approve Crisis Canines to use the Courthouse on March 15, 2025, for training from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

Motion by Nearmyer, seconded by Cupples to approve the appointment of Sergeant Corey Van Kooten to be effective February 28, 2025, to December 31, 2028.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

Motion by Nearmyer, seconded by Cupples to approve the eligible applicants Neal Cooley and Zachary Dickenson, as certified by the Jasper County Civil Service Commission.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

Motion by Cupples, seconded by Nearmyer to approve Resolution 25-30, a hiring resolution certifying the following appointments to the Auditor for payroll implementation:

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>PAY RATE</u>	<u>RANGE/STEP</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Veterans Affairs	Director of Veterans Affairs	Ramon Maxey Jr	\$61,000 Annually	Standard	3/17/25

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 Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy Program (RISE) Grant Agreement with the Iowa DOT to extend the existing PCC paving on S. 128th Ave. E. approximately 150 feet.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

Motion by Nearmyer, seconded by Cupples to approve the Professional Service Agreement with Garden and Associates LTD to complete final design of PCC paving extension on S. 128th Ave. E. (also known as Cordova Ave) for a total amount not to exceed \$15,000.00.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

Motion by Nearmyer, seconded by Cupples to approve a Permanent Easement for parcel # 02.05.300.004 in the amount of \$436.91 to Trent and Mickolyn Clapper.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

Motion by Nearmyer, seconded by Cupples to approve a Permanent Easement for parcel # 02.08.100.006 in the amount of \$368.95 to Trent and Mickolyn Clapper.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

Motion by Nearmyer, seconded by Cupples to approve a Permanent Easement for parcel # 02.08.100.001 in the amount of \$937.36 to Trent and Mickolyn Clapper.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

Motion by Nearmyer, seconded by Cupples to approve the Funding Agreement with Iowa DOT for Jasper County project no. STP-S-C050(154)—5E-50.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

Motion by Nearmyer, seconded by Cupples to approve the subdivision plat name of Whispering Pines Estates in Newton.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

Motion by Nearmyer, seconded by Cupples to approve Resolution 25-31 approving transfer order 1543 in the amount of \$229,555.00 from Legacy Plaza Capital Projects to Legacy Plaza Debt Service.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

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

Motion by Nearmyer, seconded by Cupples to approve claims paid through March 11, 2025.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

Motion by Cupples, seconded by Nearmyer to approve the Board of Supervisors minutes for March 4, 2025.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

Motion by Nearmyer, seconded by Cupples to approve the Engineer's 5-year Program minutes for March 4, 2025.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

There were no Board Appointments.

Motion by Nearmyer, seconded by Cupples to enter into closed session requested by Dennis Simon and Mike Frietsch in accordance with Iowa Code Section 21.5 (c) to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in the litigation.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

ROLL CALL YEA: NEARMYER, CUPPLES, TALSMA

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

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

Motion by Nearmyer, seconded by Cupples to authorize Dennis Simon to send an MOU discussed in closed session to Brent Hinders at Hopkins & Huebner, P.C. to review.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

Motion by Nearmyer, seconded by Cupples to enter into a closed session requested by Brandon Talsma and Jeff Davidson in accordance with Iowa Code Section 21.5(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.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

ROLL CALL YEA: NEARMYER, CUPPLES, TALSMA

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

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

Motion by Cupples, seconded by Talsma to appoint Jenna Jennings, Thad Nearmyer, and Jeff Davidson to the negotiating committee to work with the City of Newton.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

Motion by Talsma, seconded by Nearmyer to table the employee evaluation until 3:00 p.m. with Community Development Director, Kevin Luetters.

YEA: NEARMYER & TALSMA

Conservation Director, Keri Van Zante and Lynnville Historical Society Vice-President, Brad Van Zante addressed the Board concerning the Wagaman Mill Bridge. Lynnville Historical Society is willing to take ownership of the bridge. The Board suggested working with the County Attorney to draft an agreement to move ownership to Lynnville Historical Society.

Motion by Nearmyer, seconded by Cupples to recess until 3:00 p.m.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

Motion by Nearmyer, seconded by Cupples to come out of recess.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

Motion by Cupples, seconded by Nearmyer to enter into closed session for Community Development Director, Kevin Luetters, in accordance with Iowa Code Section 21.5(i) to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharged is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a close session.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

ROLL CALL YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

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

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

Motion by Nearmyer, seconded by Cupples to adjourn the Tuesday, March 11, 2025, meeting of the Jasper County Board of Supervisors.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA