

Tuesday, December 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 set a Public Hearing date for a County owned property sale for parcel # 08.32.201.007 with a recommended date and time of January 6th, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. in the Jasper County Board of Supervisors Room.

YEA: NEARMYER, CUPPLES, TALSMA

Colfax Economic Development Co presented to the Board on the new Colfax Daycare Center. There is currently a shortage of childcare and CEDCO recognized the demand. CEDCO applied for a grant and was awarded \$1.7 million as a 1 to 1 match. The current short fall in funding is \$900,000 and they are asking for \$500,000 paid over several years. The Board will take some time to think about the formal request. No action was taken.

Maintenance Director, Adam Sparks received quotes for moving an a/c unit from the roof of the Jasper County Sheriff's Office to the basement. There was a total of 2 quotes presented:

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| The Waldinger Corporation | \$8,245.00 |
| Reeves Heating & Cooling | \$8,068.00 |

Motion by Nearmyer, seconded by Cupples to approve the bid from The Waldinger Corporation in the amount of \$8,245.00 to move an a/c unit from the roof of the Jasper County Sheriff's Office to the basement.

YEA: NEARMYER, CUPPLES, TALSMA

Veterans Affairs Director, Ray Maxey spoke with the Board on possibly using an open office at the Administration Building for the Veteran Center Counselor's visits 2 times per month to allow for more of a personal setting. The Board is fine with the utilization of the open office unless there becomes a need to fill that space in the future. No action was taken.

Motion by Nearmyer, seconded by Cupples to approve an agreement between Mercy Medical Center-Newton d/b/a MercyOne Newton Medical Center and Jasper County Sheriff's Office for legal blood draw/specimen collection effective December 11, 2025.

YEA: NEARMYER, CUPPLES, TALSMA

IT Director, Ryan Eaton, spoke with the Board about purchasing computer equipment for the County Attorney's Office. The cost to purchase two servers would be \$2,899.00 per server. The Board was okay with the purchase and no action was taken.

Motion by Nearmyer, seconded by Cupples to approve a liquor license for Westwood Golf Course.

YEA: NEARMYER, CUPPLES, TALSMA

Motion by Nearmyer, seconded by Cupples to approve claims paid through December 16, 2025.

YEA: NEARMYER, CUPPLES, TALSMA

Motion by Cupples, seconded by Nearmyer to approve the Board of Supervisors minutes from December 9, 2025.

YEA: NEARMYER, CUPPLES, TALSMA

There were no Board Appointments.

Motion by Nearmyer, seconded by Cupples to enter into Closed Session requested by Ryan Eaton in accordance with Iowa Code Section 22.7(50) to discuss information and records concerning physical infrastructure, cyber security, critical infrastructure, security procedures, or emergency preparedness developed, maintained, or held by a government body for the protection of life or property, if disclosure could reasonably be expected to jeopardize such life or property.

YEA: NEARMYER, CUPPLES, TALSMA

ROLL CALL: NEARMYER, CUPPLES, TALSMA

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

YEA: NEARMYER, CUPPLES, TALSMA

Motion by Nearmyer, seconded by Cupples to approve the amount for the contract renewal discussed in closed session.

YEA: NEARMYER, CUPPLES, TALSMA

Motion by Nearmyer, seconded by Cupples to enter into Closed Session requested by Dennis Simon in accordance with Iowa Code Section 21.9 to discuss employment conditions. A meeting of a governmental body to discuss strategy in matters relating to employment conditions of employees of the governmental body who are not covered by a collective bargaining agreement under chapter 20 is exempt from this chapter. For the purpose of this section, "employment conditions" mean areas included in the scope of negotiations listed in section 20.9. [81 Acts, ch 30, §1] C83, §28A.9 C85, §21.9 21.10 Information to be provided; Non-bargaining employee pay plans.

YEA: NEARMYER, CUPPLES, TALSMA

ROLL CALL: NEARMYER, CUPPLES, TALSMA

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

YEA: NEARMYER, CUPPLES, TALSMA

Motion by Nearmyer, seconded by Cupples to enter into closed session requested by Dennis Simon in accordance with Iowa Code Section 20.17(3). Negotiating sessions, strategy meetings of public employers, mediation, and the deliberative process of arbitrators shall be exempt from the provisions of chapter 21. However, the employee organization shall present its initial bargaining position to the public employer at the first bargaining session. The public employer shall present its initial bargaining position to the employee organization at the second bargaining session, which shall be held no later than two weeks following the first bargaining session. Both sessions shall be open to the public and subject to the provisions of chapter 21. Parties who by agreement are utilizing a cooperative alternative bargaining process may

exchange their respective initial interest statements in lieu of initial bargaining positions at these open sessions. Hearing conducted by arbitrators shall be open to the public.

YEA: NEARMYER, CUPPLES, TALSMA

ROLL CALL: NEARMYER, CUPPLES, TALSMA

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

YEA: NEARMYER, CUPPLES, TALSMA

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

YEA: NEARMYER, CUPPLES, TALSMA

The Board discussed the quote for the Sheriff's Office training center that is coming back at \$588,000. The Board borrowed roughly \$500,000 in July 2025 to complete this project. Due to there being a shortfall between the two amounts the Board would be fine with moving forward with the current quote and using LOST funds to help cover the difference. Sheriff Shutts spoke with the Board regarding the renewal of an Axon Contract. The quote consisted of a 10-year contract vs. 5-year contract and bundling the packages together for additional cost savings. A budget timeline was discussed for FY26-27. The Board would also like to move forward with placing language on the General Election ballot to implement a hotel/motel tax for the County.

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

YEA: NEARMYER, CUPPLES, TALSMA

Jenna Jennings, Auditor

Brandon Talsma, Chairman