



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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June 2, 2026

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 Emergency Management – Jamey Robinson**
- a) Resolution Declaring Emergency Medical Services an Essential Service in Jasper County, Iowa, pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 422D
 - b) Full Scale Exercise Discussion
- Item 2 Engineer – Mike Frietsch**
- a) Approve signing Letter of Financial Commitment re RCE Grant Application
- Item 3 Community Development – Kevin Luetters**
- a) Set Public Hearing dates for the rezone of proposed parcel #13.23.300.018 / address: 5911 – Hwy S-74 S, Newton to Rural Residential (RR1) from Agricultural with recommended dates and times of June 16, June 23 and July 7, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. in the Jasper County Board of Supervisors room.
 - b) Set Public Hearing dates for the rezone of proposed parcel # 06.10.100.020 to Rural Residential Large Lot (RR5) from Agricultural with recommended dates and time of June 16, June 23 and July 7, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. in the Jasper County Board of Supervisors room.
- Item 4 Approval of Claims Paid through June 2, 2026**
- Item 5 Approval of Board of Supervisors Minutes for May 26, 2026**
- Item 6 Approval of Board of Supervisors Special Meeting Minutes for employee evaluation for May 26, 2026**
- Item 7 Board Appointments**

PUBLIC INPUT & COMMENTS

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AN
ESSENTIAL SERVICE IN JASPER COUNTY, IOWA, PURSUANT TO
IOWA CODE CHAPTER 422D**

WHEREAS

Jasper County, Iowa, is responsible for protecting the health, safety, and welfare of its residents;
and

WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) provide critical, time-sensitive medical
response to medical emergencies, traumatic injuries, cardiac events, and other incidents
throughout Jasper County; and

WHEREAS, EMS services in Jasper County are provided through a combination of volunteer
and limited paid personnel serving both municipal and rural areas; and

WHEREAS, Jasper County has identified ongoing challenges related to workforce availability,
training requirements, equipment costs, and maintaining reliable response coverage, including
gaps in Advanced Life Support (ALS) coverage during peak hours of limited volunteer
availability; and

WHEREAS, EMS systems across Iowa are experiencing increasing strain due to rising
operational costs and declining volunteer availability; and

WHEREAS, revenue generated through patient billing does not adequately support the full cost
of EMS readiness, training, equipment, and system sustainability; and

WHEREAS, EMS agencies and municipal leaders across Jasper County have expressed support
for evaluating and establishing a sustainable long-term approach to EMS services; and

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Chapter 422D authorizes counties to declare Emergency Medical
Services an essential service and, upon voter approval, to impose a property tax levy to support
such services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Jasper County, Iowa, as follows:

Section 1. Declaration of Essential Service

Emergency Medical Services are hereby declared to be an essential county service within Jasper County pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 422D.

Section 2. Purpose and Intent

The purpose of this designation is to:

- Ensure reliable Advanced Life Support (ALS) coverage throughout Jasper County
- Support long-term EMS system sustainability
- Assist in addressing workforce and volunteer shortages
- Support EMS planning, training, coordination, and system development
- Strengthen the countywide EMS system while preserving independent local services

It is the intent of the Board that this designation strengthen, not replace, independent EMS services operating within the county.

Section 3. EMS Trust Fund

If a funding mechanism is approved at a future date in accordance with Iowa Code Chapter 422D, all revenues generated pursuant to such funding shall be deposited into a separate Emergency Medical Services Trust Fund established by Jasper County.

Funds deposited into the Emergency Medical Services Trust Fund shall be used solely for purposes authorized under Iowa Code Chapter 422D and shall be maintained separately from the County General Fund.

Expenditures from the fund shall be made only for Emergency Medical Services purposes authorized by law and approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Section 4. Administration

The Jasper County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) is hereby designated as the responsible department for coordination and administration of EMS planning efforts associated with this designation, at the direction of the Jasper County Board of Supervisors.

Responsibilities shall include:

- Coordination of EMS system evaluation and planning
- Facilitation of stakeholder engagement
- Support in development of future recommendations for Board consideration
- Preparation of reports and updates to the Board of Supervisors
- Administration of any future EMS Trust Fund established pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 422D, if approved by the voters

All actions and expenditures shall remain subject to approval and oversight by the Jasper County Board of Supervisors.

Section 5. Advisory Oversight

At the discretion of the Board of Supervisors, an EMS Advisory Team shall be established to assist in the evaluation and planning process.

The Advisory Team may include:

- The Jasper County EMA Director (or designee)
- The County Medical Director (or designee)
- Representatives from EMS agencies within Jasper County selected by the Board
- One member of the Board of Supervisors (or designee)

The Advisory Team shall serve in an advisory capacity only. Final authority shall remain with the Board of Supervisors.

Section 6. Future Consideration

Following designation of Emergency Medical Services as an essential service, the Board of Supervisors may, at a future date, consider the development of a funding proposal in accordance with Iowa Code Chapter 422D.

Any proposed property tax levy to support EMS shall require:

- Development of a recommended funding structure
- Public engagement and stakeholder input
- Approval by the Board of Supervisors
- Approval by at least sixty percent (60%) of voters at a duly called election

No property tax levy is established by this resolution.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2026.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JASPER COUNTY, IOWA

Chairperson

ATTEST:

County Auditor

JASPER COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE

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June 2nd, 2026

The Honorable Sean Duffy
U.S. Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Duffy,

Jasper County is pleased to submit this Letter of Financial Commitment in support of the T-38 Railroad Grade Separation for the FY25-26 Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Program. This financial commitment reflects our dedication to advancing rail safety, reliability, and connectivity in Jasper County.

Jasper County is committed to providing financial resources to ensure this project is successful. Our county can commit \$1,200,000 in non-federal matching funds for the project, should it be selected for FY25-26 Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Program funds. This project is supported by the Jasper County Board of Supervisors (BOS), as shown by their funding approval of the feasibility study process on August 19th, 2025, and the grant application process on May 5, 2026.

Moreover, T-38 roadway improvements from I-80 to US-6 E, location of railroad crossing, are included in the County Five Year Program (CFYP). Current version of the CFYP was approved by the county BOS on April 28th, 2026. Project is programmed for a FFY2028 letting and includes \$700,000 in non-federal funding. Given the county's current annual allocation of \$1,831,696 in Farm-to-Market funds and positive cash balance in that fund, I do not foresee issues with increasing the amount of non-federal matching funds from Jasper County from \$700,000 to \$1,200,000 with the County FY2028 CFYP.

Thank you in advance for giving Jasper County's T-38 Railroad Grade Separation grant application your thoughtful and serious consideration. As a project of local, regional, and national significance, your support will help deliver real, lasting improvements that Jasper County's economy will feel for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Frietsch, P.E., FMP
County Engineer



JASPER COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

CONSISTING OF:

Planning & Zoning Division | Environmental Health Division | Animal Control Division
315 W 3rd St N - #150 Newton, IA 50208 ph: 641-792-3084

Rezone Request

Case File: R-2026-005

Date: 6/2/2026

Set public hearing dates for the rezone of proposed parcel # 13.23.300.018 /
address: 5911 – Hwy S-74 S, Newton to Rural Residential (RR1) from Agricultural.

Suggested Dates: 06/16/2026, 6/23/2026 and 7/7/2026

Kevin Luetters
Jasper County Community Development



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CONSISTING OF:

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Rezone Request

Case File: R-2026-006

Date: 6/2/2026

Set public hearing dates for the rezone of proposed parcel # 06.10.100.020 to Rural Residential Large Lot (RR5) from Agricultural.

Suggested Dates: 6/16/2026, 6/23/2026 and 7/7/2026

Kevin Luetters
Jasper County Community Development

May 26, 2026

Tuesday, May 26, 2026, the Jasper County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:30 a.m. with Supervisors Cupples, Talsma, and Nearmyer present and accounted for, Chairman Nearmyer presiding.

Motion by Talsma, seconded by Cupples to adopt Resolution 26-31, 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>
Conservation Department	Seasonal Park Maint. Tech	Collin Buchli	\$15.75	Standard Rate	6/2/26

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

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

Motion by Talsma, seconded by Cupples to approve a quote from SCI Communications in the amount of \$11,427.95 to add 3 doors at the jail to the current key fob system.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

Maintenance Director, Adam Sparks presented bids for remodeling the jail booking area and basement evidence room at the Law Center. There was a total of three bids presented:

	Booking Area	Evidence Room
Giardino Construction	\$64,960.00	\$57,100.00
Ball Team, LLC	\$76,193.00	\$67,496.00
GTG Construction, LLC	\$72,900.00	\$80,500.00

Motion by Talsma, seconded by Cupples to approve the bid from Giardino Construction in the amount \$64,960.00 to remodel the booking area and \$57,100.00 to add an addition to the evidence room at the Jasper County Law Center for a total of \$122,060.00.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

Motion by Talsma, seconded by Cupples to adopt Resolution 26-32 approving transfer order #1571 in the amount of \$414,848.00 from Amended 28E Sub fund TPI Fund to 2015 (2007) TPI Refunded Fund.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

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

Motion by Talsma, seconded by Cupples to adopt Resolution 26-33 approving transfer order #1572 in the amount of \$57,134.21 from Legacy Plaza Economic Development Fund to 2005 – (2023) Legacy Plaza Debt Service Fund.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

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

Motion by Talsma, seconded by Cupples to adopt Resolution 26-34 approving transfer order #1573 in the amount of \$5,700.55 from General Basic Fund to 2040-Admin Building Debt Service Fund.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

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

Motion by Talsma, seconded by Cupples to approve the Board of Supervisors minutes from May 19, 2026.

YEA: NEARMYER, TALSMA, CUPPLES

There were no Board Appointments.

Motion by Talsma, seconded by Cupples to enter into closed session requested by Dennis Simon in accordance with 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 and Iowa Code Section 21.5(1) 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: NEARMYER, TALSMA, CUPPLES

ROLL CALL YEA: NEARMYER, TALSMA, CUPPLES

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

YEA: NEARMYER, TALSMA, CUPPLES

Motion by Talsma, seconded by Cupples to approve the settlement agreement.

YEA: NEARMYER, TALSMA, CUPPLES

Motion by Talsma, seconded by Cupples to enter into closed session requested by Scott Nicholson and Adam Sparks 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: NEARMYER, TALSMA, CUPPLES

ROLL CALL YEA: NEARMYER, TALSMA, CUPPLES

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

YEA: NEARMYER, TALSMA, CUPPLES

Motion by Talsma, seconded by Cupples to enter into closed session requested by Scott Nicholson 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: NEARMYER, TALSMA, CUPPLES

ROLL CALL YEA: NEARMYER, TALSMA, CUPPLES

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

YEA: NEARMYER, TALSMA, CUPPLES

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

YEA: NEARMYER, TALSMA, CUPPLES

Adam Sparks presented a drawing from BBS showing the renovation of the task force room in the law center basement as well as expanding the garage door in the basement to possibly park the ambulance in. BBS quoted the project would be around \$465,000 total. The Board discussed possibly shifting the bonded money from the training center to the lower-level basement project for the law center. Mike Frietsch reviewed the grant application for the T-38 bridge of the railroad tracks.

Motion by Talsma, seconded by Cupples to adjourn the Tuesday, May 26, 2026, meeting of the Jasper County Board of Supervisors.

YEA: NEARMYER, TALSMA, CUPPLES

Jenna Jennings, Auditor

Thad Nearmyer, Chairman

May 26, 2026

Tuesday, May 26, 2026, the Jasper County Board of Supervisors met in special session at 1:00 p.m. for an employee evaluation with Supervisors Cupples, Talsma, and Nearmyer present and accounted for, Chairman Nearmyer presiding.

Motion by Talsma, seconded by Cupples to enter into Closed Session at the request of Public Information Officer, Jenn Cross for an employee evaluation 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.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

ROLL CALL YEA: NEARMYER, TALSMA, CUPPLES

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

YEA: NEARMYER & TALSMA

Motion by Cupples, seconded by Talsma to adjourn the Tuesday, May 26, 2026, special meeting of the Jasper County Board of Supervisors.

YEA: NEARMYER & TALSMA

Jenna Jennings, Auditor

Thad Nearmyer, Chairman