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August 25, 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 Public Hearing 3rd Reading – Emergency Management – Jamey Robinson**
a) A Resolution Declaring Emergency Medical Services an Essential Service in Jasper County, Iowa, Pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 422D
- Item 2 Public Hearing 1st Reading – Engineer – Mike Frietsch**
a) Vacation of the North South Alley Parallel and East of Main Street between Rippey Avenue and North Street
- Item 3 Engineer – Mike Frietsch**
a) Approve Resolution Authorizing the Closure and Removal of Bridge E14 on N 95th Ave W over Indian Creek
- Item 4 Approval of Claims Paid through August 25, 2026**
- Item 5 Approval of Board of Supervisors Minutes for August 18, 2026**
- Item 6 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

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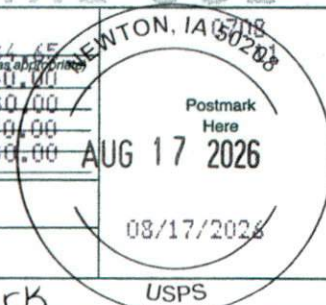
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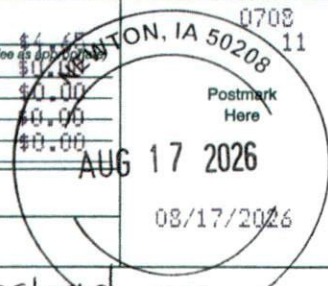
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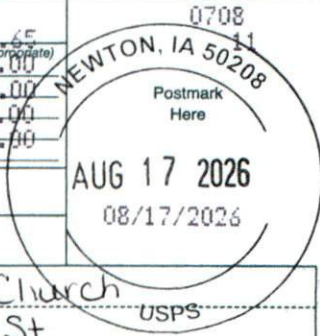
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JASPER COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE

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Michael J. Frietsch, P.E, FMP
County Engineer
mfrietsch@jasperia.org

August 11, 2026

To: Property Owners Adjoining Bridge E14 in Jasper County

Re: Bridge Closure and Removal

To Whom it May Concern:

The bridge carrying N 95th Ave W over Indian Creek west of W 148th St N was closed in 2025 after the bridge inspection noted a cracking and spalling deck, exposed reinforcement bar, timber pile decay, and concrete abutment and pier deterioration, and truss corrosion. Given this is a fracture critical bridge, failure of one component can lead to a chain reaction failure of the entire bridge, the 3rd party bridge inspection company recommended closure and subsequent removal of the bridge.

After the closure of the bridge, contact was made with Polk County, about jointly funding a replacement structure. However, Polk County declined, they simply could not justify the expenditure for the low volume of traffic experienced by the existing bridge; traffic count was not high enough. Additionally, N 95th Ave W is an Area Service/Local road, so Farm-to-Market (FM) funds are unavailable for its replacement. Highway Bridge Program (HBP) funds, federal funds, could be used for the replacement. Unfortunately, these funds are presently allocated fully for at least the next 5 years on the replacement of bridges on paved FM routes.

Hence, the most likely funding option for a replacement bridge is our Local Secondary Roads Fund. A replacement bridge that would be longer, wider, and at a higher elevation than the existing structure leading to a total cost of \$2.5 million dollars or about 20% of the Local Secondary Roads budget. In turn resulting in significant reductions or loss of contract surfacing rock, paved road maintenance, and the in-house bridge replacement program for at least a year. Further, these deferred or reduced maintenance and construction activities could in turn lead to increased maintenance requirements for the years following to restore the system back to its condition prior to the bridge replacement. Lastly, our replacement equipment needs, and the costs associated with maintaining existing equipment, to ensure operational readiness, efficiency and effectiveness further hinders our ability to use local funds to replace this bridge.

Given the current condition of the bridge and funding availability our department is recommending the removal of the current bridge and leaving it unreplaced until such time that funds become available. Please feel free to reach out to me with additional questions or concerns and I will try to respond as time allows.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mike Frietsch', is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

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

Cc: Board Chairman

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**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLOSURE AND REMOVAL OF A
BRIDGE IN JASPER COUNTY, IOWA**

Moved by _____, seconded by _____

WHEREAS, a bridge is defined by Iowa Code 309.1 as a structure or multiple pipes that support a highway or railway over a depression or obstruction and said structure has an opening greater than 20 feet; and

WHEREAS, the Jasper County Secondary Roads department (COUNTY) through a 3rd Party bridge inspection firm completed the inspection of the bridge over the Indian Creek on N 95th Ave W known as Bridge E14 by the County and as 199630 by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and

WHEREAS, the latest inspection revealed a cracking and spalling deck with exposed reinforcement bar, timber pile decay and concrete abutment and pier deterioration, truss corrosion, and

WHEREAS, to resolve the issues with the abutments and pier would require the removal of the deck, truss support structure, and abutments and pier then complete replacement of the abutments and pier, and

WHEREAS, the replacement of abutments and pier, truss, and deck could not be in-kind since it would need to meet current bridge loading requirements to avoid load posting immediately after completion, and

WHEREAS, a replacement not in-kind would be a construction project and in-turn subject to programming with the Iowa DOT and subsequent review and/or permitting with the United States Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and

WHEREAS, this would result in a replacement bridge that is longer, wider, and at a higher elevation and in turn necessitating the need for additional permanent easement for public highway (right-of-way) and the allocation of approximately \$2,500,000 in funding, and

WHEREAS, the County Highway Bridge Program (HBP) funding is allocated to the replacement of bridges on paved Farm-to-Market (FM) routes, this route and bridge are not part of the FM system and therefore ineligible for funding, and insufficient funds are currently available in the Local Secondary Roads Budget (Local Funds), and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Jasper County, Iowa, that the County hereby authorizes the removal of this bridge and the subsequent programing of a replacement for said bridge only when a source of funding is successfully awarded and/or budgeted and in turn approved by the Board of Supervisors of Jasper County, Iowa:

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2026

Thad Nearmyer

Brandon Talsma

Doug Cupples

ATTEST: _____ Jenna Jennings
Jasper County Auditor

August 18, 2026

Tuesday, August 18, 2026, the Jasper County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:30 a.m. with Supervisors Nearmyer, Talsma, and Cupples present and accounted for; Chairman Nearmyer presiding.

Motion by Cupples, seconded by Talsma to open the 2nd reading of the Public Hearing for a resolution declaring 422D.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

There were no public comments.

Motion by Talsma, seconded by Cupples to close the Public Hearing.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

Motion by Talsma, seconded by Cupples to approve a Property Use and Training Facility Agreement between Jasper County, Iowa and Indian Hills College.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

Motion by Talsma, seconded by Cupples to approve a 5-year 28E Agreement with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and the Jasper County Board of Supervisors for the designated county private water well permitting entity.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

Motion by Talsma, seconded by Cupples to approve the Veteran Affairs quarterly report for the 3rd quarter of FY2026 effective January 1, 2026, to March 31, 2026.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

Motion by Talsma, seconded by Cupples to approve the Veteran Affairs quarterly report for the 4th quarter of FY2026 effective April 1, 2026, to June 30, 2026.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

Motion by Talsma, seconded by Cupples to approve the Veteran Affairs annual report for FY2026.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

Maintenance Superintendent, Randy Freese presented quotes for FY2027 rock salt supply and delivery. There was a total of 3 quotes presented:

Central Salt	\$120,120.00
BlackStrap, Inc.	\$116,985.00
The Andersons	\$187,500.00

Motion by Talsma, seconded by Cupples to approve a contract for BlackStrap, Inc. in the amount of \$116,985.00 for FY2027 rock salt supply and delivery.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

Motion by Talsma, seconded by Cupples to adopt Resolution 26-56 determining the necessity and setting dates of a consultation and a Public Hearing on a proposed Co-Line Phase 2 Urban Renewal Plan for a proposed Urban Renewal Area in Jasper County, State of Iowa with recommended date and time for

the consultation meeting of August 25, 2026, at 1:00 P.M. in the large conference room in the Jasper County Administration Building and recommended date and time for the Public Hearing of September 22, 2026, at 9:30 A.M. in the Jasper County Board of Supervisors room.

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 temporary liquor license for 2nd Ave Social LLC @ Country View Barn, 7198 E. 36th St. S., Newton, IA, on September 25, 2026.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

Motion by Talsma, seconded by Cupples to approve a temporary liquor license for 2nd Ave Social LLC @ Country View Barn, 7198 E. 36th St. S., Newton, IA, on October 9, 2026.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

Motion by Talsma, seconded by Cupples to adopt Resolution 26-57 approving transfer order #1595 in the amount of \$1,200.00 from Rail Park Capital Project Fund to Various Funds.

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 26-58 approving transfer order #1596 in the amount of \$1,753,958.17 from Various Funds to Rail Park Capital Projects 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 August 11, 2026.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

There were no Board Appointments.

Fred Rhodes lives off the Reasnor road and spoke against the rumble strips that were placed on the road entering the curve.

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

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

Supervisor Talsma would like to create a planning committee including the key teams that would need to be included in the various capital projects throughout the County. The idea is to have IT, Maintenance, Community Development, one Supervisor to navigate capital projects throughout the County. This would ensure all the key players are involved and the projects are budgeted for properly. The Board would also like to form a public information committee that would include the PIO, IT, and one Supervisor.

Motion by Talsma, seconded by Cupples to adjourn the Tuesday, August 18, 2026, meeting of the Jasper County Board of Supervisors.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

Jenna Jennings, Auditor

Thad Nearmyer, Chairman