

**REGULAR SESSION  
of the  
JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**January 20, 2025**

The Regular Session of the Jackson County Board of Supervisors was called to order at 5:30 P.M., on Monday, January 20, 2025, at the Jackson County Courthouse in the County Board Room by Chairman Amo.

County Clerk, Cindy Altman, took roll call with 17 members present and 2 absent (Supervisor Cooper and Supervisor Schmidt).

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Chairman Amo asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the previous meeting. Supervisor Peloquin made a motion to approve the minutes. This was seconded by Supervisor Rolbiecki. Voice vote was taken with 17 present voting Aye.

Chairman Amo stated that employees were recognized this morning at the All-County Training Day held at Castle Hill. Chairman Amo and County Clerk, Cindy Altman recognized County Board Members who have given 10 and 20 years of service to the County by presenting them with certificates and plaques.

RESOLUTION NO. 01-01-2025

**RE: TO HONOR JAY BOREK FOR HIS SERVICE TO JACKSON COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Jackson County Board of Supervisors have come together on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord 2025, and

WHEREAS, the Jackson County Board of Supervisors acknowledge and honor the nearly 40 years of distinguished service from Jay Borek, the last 7 years as the Jackson County Highway Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, it is acknowledged by those who worked with Jay Borek, that he served the citizens of Jackson County with a consistent level of honor and distinction for the duration of his employment.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jackson County Board of Supervisors hereby extend its deepest thanks for the nearly 40 years of dedicated service that Jay Borek has given to the citizens of Jackson County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Jackson County Board of Supervisors does extend a collective hand of thanks to Jay Borek for the dedication and service he gave to Jackson County and wish him happiness and good health in his retirement years.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

**JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

s/Jeff Amo  
s/Hoyt Strandberg  
s/Mike Kunes  
s/Tom Cooper  
s/Bill Laurent  
s/Dale Hoff  
s/Garth Rolbiecki

s/Brian Bethke  
s/Daryl Boe  
s/Russell Anderson  
s/Sarah Peloquin  
s/John Higgins  
s/Jerry Schmidt

s/David Holen  
s/Michael Beck  
s/Max Hart  
s/Ron Carney  
s/Desiree Gearing-Lancaster  
s/Ed Chamberlain

Supervisor Chamberlain made a motion to adopt this resolution. This was seconded by Supervisor Peloquin. County Board Chairman Amo and Highway Committee Chairman Chamberlain presented a plaque to Jay Borek. Voice vote was taken with 17 present voting Aye.

Chairman Amo stated that the Airport presentation will be postponed. The presenters could not be here tonight.

Resolution 02-01-2025

RE: Endorsement of the Application of Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services for BEAD Funding with Match Funding from ARPA

WHEREAS Broadband, Equity, Access, and Deployment program (BEAD) has been established to provide significant funding to expand high-speed internet access across the United States and funding is available for unserved and underserved households and businesses within Jackson County; and

WHEREAS the purpose of BEAD funding includes promoting economic growth, improving educational opportunities, and enhancing healthcare services through better internet access; and

WHEREAS Jackson County Board of Supervisors recognize that broadband connectivity and reliability is critical infrastructure for health, safety, and quality of life for all community residents to participate in the full benefits of our society and economy, including access to telemedicine, educational, and economic opportunities; and

WHEREAS Jackson County, along with local government, school and business partners, established a work group in 2021, conducting a countywide survey of broadband needs and issues, among other things; and

WHEREAS Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services is seeking BEAD funding for all eligible unserved and underserved project units throughout Jackson County; and

WHEREAS Jackson County Board of Supervisors, by Resolution 02-01-2022, set aside \$1 million of American Rescue Plan Act funds to be used as grant match funds, \$100,000 per municipality for each \$1 million project; and

WHEREAS Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services has discussed their plans at a Broadband Work Group meeting on November 21<sup>st</sup>, at several other meetings with County leadership on August 8, September 12 and December 5, 2024, and with County leadership and Ho-Chunk Nation representatives on January 10, 2025; and

WHEREAS members of the Broadband Work Group met with residents and municipal officials of Jackson County at four town hall meetings on July 15, 16, 17 and August 27, 2024, at the Jackson County Town's Association meeting on April 18, 2024, and at various Town/Village Board meetings on November 11, 13, 19, December 4, 9, 10, 11, and 12, 2024 to discuss BEAD funding and to request municipal support; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Jackson County Board of Supervisors endorses the application of Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services for BEAD funding to support their broadband infrastructure projects in Jackson County in support of all unserved and underserved residents and hereby provides match funds of \$1 million of ARPA funds previously set aside;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Jackson County Board of Supervisors directs its clerk to draft and provide a letter to the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin and the applicant outlining this endorsement and verifying the applicant and geographic location affected, which shall include the minutes from this meeting.

Respectfully Submitted:

Executive and Finance Committee:

s/Jeff Amo

s/Garth Rolbiecki

s/Mike Kunes

s/Ed Chamberlain

s/Sarah Peloquin

s/Ron Carney

s/John Higgins

Supervisor Carney made a motion to adopt this resolution. This was seconded by Supervisor Peloquin. Discussion took place. Voice vote was taken with 17 present voting Aye.

**RESOLUTION # 03-01-2025**

**RESOLUTION TO REQUEST AMERICAN TRANSMISSION FUNDS  
FOR FACILITY STUDY**

WHEREAS, it has been recognized that the Jackson County Jail is in need of expanding and modernizing its' facilities; and

WHEREAS, a Jail ad hoc committee was formed to address the needs of the jail; and

WHEREAS, the Jail ad hoc committee and Law Enforcement committee sent out a request for proposals to several vendors to obtain proposals for a facility needs study; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the four proposals presented, it is the recommendation of the Jail ad hoc committee and Law Enforcement committee to work with Market & Johnson, along with Wold Architects & Engineers, to study long-term facility planning with options for future jail solutions; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jackson County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Jail ad hoc committee and Law Enforcement committee work with Market & Johnson and Wold Architects & Engineers to create future jail solutions and that the cost of said planning shall not exceed \$50,000, and that said funds be paid from American Transmission funds.

Law Enforcement Committee  
s/Garth Rolbiecki  
s/Russell Anderson  
s/Bill Laurent  
s/Ron Carney

Executive, Finance & Personnel Committee  
s/Jeff Amo  
s/Garth Rolbiecki  
s/Mike Kunes  
s/Ed Chamberlain  
s/Sarah Peloquin  
s/Ron Carney  
s/John Higgins

Property Committee  
s/John Higgins  
s/Daryl Boe  
s/Desiree Gearing-Lancaster  
s/Garth Rolbiecki  
s/Dale Hoff

Supervisor Rolbiecki made a motion to adopt this resolution. This was seconded by Supervisor Hoff. Discussion took place. Voice vote was taken with 17 present voting Aye.

Resolution 04-01-2025

### **Resolution to Approve Strategic Plan and Mission Statement**

WHEREAS Jackson County partnered with UW-Madison Department of Planning & Landscape Architecture and UniverCity Alliance to develop a strategic plan ; and

WHEREAS Jackson County representatives met with UW Madison students virtually, as well as in person for the development of said strategic plan, which is attached; and

WHEREAS the strategic plan attached is meant to provide direction in long and short term planning for the County Board and employees and should be a working document, to be updated as needs shift; and

WHEREAS through the development of the strategic plan, it was determined that Jackson County's mission statement should be updated; and

WHEREAS the current mission statement reads: "Jackson County is committed to providing those necessary and essential services that protect and enhance the quality of life for our residents and visitors through efficient and cost effective coordination and cooperation with local, state, federal and private agencies. We recognize and promote the diversity of our natural, human, environmental, economic, and public resources for the health, safety, and well-being of our citizens;" and

WHEREAS it is recommended the mission statement be updated to read: "Jackson County is committed to protecting and enhancing the quality of life for our residents and visitors by providing the services that empower the community through efficient and fiscally responsible collaboration" with the addition of a vision statement that reads: "Jackson County ensures that current and future generations are empowered to be strong, healthy, and live in safe communities;" and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Jackson County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the strategic plan as presented, as well as the updates to the Jackson County mission statement and addition of the vision statement.

Executive and Finance Committee:

s/Jeff Amo

s/Garth Rolbiecki

s/Mike Kunes

s/Ed Chamberlain

s/Sarah Peloquin

s/Ron Carney

s/John Higgins

Supervisor Hart made a motion to adopt this resolution. This was seconded by Supervisor Rolbiecki. Discussion took place. Voice vote was taken with 17 present voting Aye.

Chairman Amo stated that the City wanted an easement to access the Foundation Trail. Supervisor Hart made a motion to adopt the Easement Agreement with the City for the Foundation Trail. This was seconded by Supervisor Peloquin. Discussion took place. Voice vote was taken with 17 present voting Aye.

Supervisor Peloquin made a motion to read the following zone petition change only one time. This was seconded by Supervisor Strandberg. Voice vote was taken with 17 present voting Aye.

**PETITION #2024-42  
TOWN OF BEAR BLUFF**

**REPORT OF THE ZONING COMMITTEE**

TO THE JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

The Jackson County Zoning Committee, having considered Petition #2024-42 to amend the Jackson County Zoning Ordinance filed by Donald Cleaver on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024 to change 4.5 Acres of the Official Zoning Map from the A2 (Agriculture) District to the R6 (Residential-Rural Ag) District on the following described lands:

On property known as the SE1/4-NE1/4, Section 35, T20N, R01E, Town of Bear Bluff, Jackson County, WI. The request is to change 4.5 acres of the A2 (Agriculture) District to the R6 (Residential-Rural Ag) District for the construction of a single-family home and the ability to have animals.

Located in the Town of Bear Bluff, and having held public hearing thereon pursuant to Sec. 59.97(5)(e), Wis. Stats., notice thereof having been sent as provided by law, and being duly informed of the facts pertinent to the changes proposed, and duly advised of the wishes of the people in the area affected, hereby recommends as follows:

That the zone change be Approved with Land Conservation conditions.

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January 2025.

JACKSON COUNTY ZONING COMMITTEE  
BY: s/Ed Chamberlain, Vice Chairman

Supervisor Chamberlain made a motion to accept this zone change. This was seconded by Supervisor Carney. Voice Vote was taken with 17 present voting Aye.

**Zone Change Petition #2024-42 Cleaver – January 6, 2025**

If the Zoning and Land Information Committee decides to approve the Cleaver Zone Change Petition application the Land Conservation Department requests that the following conditions and explanations be attached to the approval:

- No livestock and/or animals can be placed on the property until authorization and approval has been granted by the Land Conservation Department.
- If an agreement for the number and type of livestock and/or animals can't be reached by the property owner and the Land Conservation Department the Zoning

and Land Information Committee will become involved in determining the proper numbers and types.

- A description of the manure management plan will be provided to the Land Conservation Department and included as part of the documentation if approved.
- Manure should be spread on cropland fields according to current Nutrient Management Plan guidelines. Composting may be an option depending on site conditions.
- All State and County environmental standards for preventing manure and soil runoff pollution must be met and maintained.
- All livestock and animal fencing installation and its maintenance for the R-6 parcel is the responsibility of the R-6 rezoned parcel property owner.
- All setbacks for livestock structures and/or feedlots from property lines (100 feet minimum), streams (300 feet minimum), and roads must be met.
- An order for livestock and/or animal removal may be a possibility if the R-6 zone change conditions for approval are not maintained

Chairman Amo notified the Board that the Treasurer and Register of Deeds annual reports were included in the packet.

Chairman Amo asked for committee reports. Chairpersons and/or Board Representatives of the various committees reported on the activities in their committees.

Supervisor Hart made a motion to adjourn. This was seconded by Supervisor Peloquin. All present voted Aye by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:08 P.M.



