

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

March 17, 2025

The Regular Session of the Jackson County Board of Supervisors was called to order at 5:30 P.M., on Monday, March 17, 2025, at the Jackson County Courthouse in the County Board Room by Chairman Amo.

County Clerk, Cindy Altman, took roll call with 18 members present and 1 excused (Supervisor Hoff).

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 18 present voting Aye.

Women In History Proclamation

Whereas American women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways;

Whereas American women have played and continue to play critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of the life of the Nation by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home;

Whereas American women have served our country courageously in the military;

Whereas American women have played a unique role throughout the history of the Nation by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force of the Nation;

Whereas American women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, humanitarian, and cultural institutions in our Nation;

Whereas American women have served as leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and other movements, especially the peace movement, which create a more fair and just society for all;

We celebrate women's historic achievements in Jackson County, their strength our inspiration.

"From the first settlers who came to our shores, from the first American Indian families who befriended them, men and women have worked together to build this nation. Too often the women were unsung and sometimes their contributions went unnoticed. But the achievements, leadership, courage, strength and love of the women who built America was as vital as that of the men whose names we know so well."

- President Jimmy Carter

Now, therefore I, Jeffrey Amo, Chairman of Jackson County Board of Supervisors do hereby commemorate and proclaim March 2025 as Women in History Month throughout Jackson County.

s/Jeff Amo
Jackson County Board Chairman

Attest to: s/Cindy Altman
Jackson County Clerk

Supervisor Peloquin made a motion to adopt this resolution. This was seconded by Supervisor Gearing-Lancaster. Voice vote was taken with 18 present voting Aye.

**Jackson County Board Proclamation
Child Abuse Prevention Month
April 2025
By the Jackson County Board of Supervisors**

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect are complex and ongoing problems across society, affecting families in Jackson County; and,

WHEREAS, the Jackson County Department of Health & Human Services Children & Families Division received 448 reports of child abuse or neglect in the year 2024; and,

WHEREAS, Jackson County has dedicated individuals and organizations who work to counter the problems caused by child abuse and to help families obtain the assistance that they need to raise their children in a safe and nurturing environment; and,

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among non-profit agencies, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and,

WHEREAS, Jackson County will become a stronger and healthier community if everyone is aware of the signs and symptoms of child abuse and work together to help parents raise their children in safe nurturing environments; and,

WHEREAS, proclaiming April 2025 as Child Abuse Prevention Month will allow the Children & Families Division at the Department of Health & Human Services to raise awareness about child abuse prevention.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jackson County Board of Supervisors urges all citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools in Jackson County to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of the signs of child abuse and neglect, to provide assistance when able, and to help parents raise our community's children in safe nurturing environments; and,

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED the Jackson County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim April 2025 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Jackson County.

DHHS Committee

s/Ron Carney, Chairman

s/Ellen Moldenhauer

s/Desiree Gearing-Lancaster

s/Max Hart

v/Sarah Peloquin

Executive, Finance, & Personnel Committee

s/Jeff Amo, Chairman

s/John Higgins

s/Ed Chamberlain

s/Ron Carney

s/Garth Rolbiecki

s/Mike Kunes

Supervisor Gearing-Lancaster made a motion to adopt this resolution. This was seconded by Supervisor Rolbiecki. Jenny Dormady, Children and Family Services Manager was present for questions. Discussion took place. Voice vote was taken with 18 present voting Aye.

RESOLUTION 05-03-2025

TO: The Honorable Jackson County Board of Supervisors

RE: Addition of a Children and Families Supervisor within Jackson County Children and Families

WHEREAS, Jackson County Children and Families has expanded and grown their services and staff over the last several years; and

WHEREAS, there is currently one Supervisor who oversees five staff and the Manager who oversees an additional eight staff, while overseeing all programming, the Children and Families Budget, grants, and services within the Children and Families Division, as well as providing supervision as required by statute; and

WHEREAS, duties for the requested Children and Families Supervisor position would include oversight of case management services, to include youth justice, access, and initial assessment, and would create more support for staff, oversight of required program changes, and oversight of needed program expansion; and

WHEREAS, the Children and Families Supervisor will provide leadership and serve on community coalitions, work groups and action groups, research and implement evidence-based strategies to improve community well-being; and

WHEREAS, this change would create additional resources to serve client and staff needs, would allow for expansion of services, increase opportunity for the Children and Families Manager to meet the programmatic and administrative needs of the department and assist in assuring county, state, and federal requirements are met; and

WHEREAS, the financial analysis for this resolution is attached and funding is currently budgeted and approved for 2025; and

WHEREAS, Jackson County Children and Families' mission is to lead in the protection of children and promote safety in our community; advocate for youth and families; and provide support to our families using compassion, empathy and grace; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Jackson County DHHS Director, Jackson County Children and Families Manager, Jackson County Human Resources Director with approval from Carlson Dettman Consulting that the Children and Families Supervisor will be placed on the Jackson County Wage Scale pay within Grade 15; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jackson County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the addition of a Children and Families within the Children and Families division of DHHS and places this position within the Jackson County Wage Scale at Grade 15; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the resolution will become effective the first full pay period after passage by the Jackson County Board of Supervisors.

Respectfully Submitted,
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
s/Beth Smetana
s/Ellen Moldenhauer
s/Ron Carney
s/Daryl Boe
s/Max Hart
v/Sarah Peloquin

EXECUTIVE, FINANCE, & PERSONNEL
s/John Higgins
s/Ed Chamberlain
s/Sarah Peloquin
s/Ron Carney
s/Jeff Amo
s/Garth Rolbiecki
s/Mike Kunes

Supervisor Carney made a motion to adopt this resolution. This was seconded by Supervisor Boe. Jenny Dormady, Children and Family Services Manager was present for questions. Discussion took place. Voice vote was taken with 18 present voting Aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-03-2025

Resolution Urging Governor Evers and the Wisconsin Legislature to Support the County Courts

WHEREAS, in 2023, the total cost to Wisconsin Counties for running all Circuit Courts was \$237 million. At the same time, the Court Support funding from the state to counties was \$28 million, 12 percent of the actual cost to run the local courts; and,

WHEREAS, the total cost in 2023 for Jackson County Circuit Courts was \$809,485.00 after the subtraction of revenue and court state aid received. In 2022, the amount was \$701,137.00. In 2021, the amount was \$559,373.00. In 2020, the amount was \$558,238.00.

WHEREAS, the Circuit Court system is intended to be a state-county partnership; and

WHEREAS, the state's fiscal responsibilities include Judges, Court reporters, CCAP equipment, and the Circuit Court Cost Appropriation; and,

WHEREAS, the Counties are fiscally responsible for the majority of other functions of the court, including, but not limited to the following: bailiffs and court security officers, courthouse building maintenance, phones and utilities, Clerk of Court and Register in Probate, staff salaries and benefits, jury costs, psychological exams, guardians ad litem and court-appointed attorneys, expert witnesses, interpreters and translation fees, court commissioners, law libraries, corporation counsel, courtroom technology and audio visuals, copying machines and other non-CCAP office technology, office supplies, furniture, recruitment and training, financial collection efforts, mail fees, printing costs, exhibit and file storage, access to state data, insurance, service of court documents, judicial staff attorneys, and equipment repair; and,

WHEREAS, over the last 10 years, the increase in the county portion of cost to run the courts is nearly six times higher than the increase in Circuit Court Cost Appropriations provided to cover these costs, and counties now pay almost \$150,000,000 more than the state in unbalanced Circuit Court costs.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Jackson County Board of Supervisors that Jackson County joins the Wisconsin Clerks of Circuit Court Association (WCCCA) and the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) in their efforts to increase the Circuit Court Cost Appropriation by \$70 million payable to Wisconsin Counties in the 2025/27 Wisconsin State Budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be effective upon its passage and publication and a copy be sent to Governor Evers and all Wisconsin State Legislators representing Jackson County.

s/Jeff Amo, Chairperson
s/Mike Kunes
s/Garth Rolbiecki
s/Edward Chamberlain

s/Ron Carney
s/John Higgins
s/Sarah Peloquin

Supervisor Cooper made a motion to adopt this resolution. This was seconded by Supervisor Hart. Clerk of Court, Jean Sahr was present for questions. Discussion took place. Voice vote was taken with 18 present voting Aye.

RESOLUTION # 07-03-2025

Re: Extension Summer Intern Funding

To The Honorable Jackson County Board of Supervisors:

WHEREAS, UW-Madison Division of Extension Jackson County had significant salary savings because of an opening in our positions; and

WHEREAS, a number of our educator positions have been reduced to half time; and

WHEREAS, monies were originally budgeted to support educational programs for the benefit of Jackson County residents; and

WHEREAS, this money was put in the county's general fund at the end of the year according to county policy; and

WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to invest this money in on-going Extension programs; and

WHEREAS, the funds are proposed to pay for the following efforts to expand Extension programming in Jackson County;

- Promote, market, and deliver day camp programming.
- Assist the 4-H educator in youth camp.
- Work with local educators on needs assessment including data entry and analysis.
- Other projects identified by local educators and oversight committee members.

Now therefore be it resolved by the Jackson County Board of Supervisors, that the Jackson County Board approves using \$9,000.00 of the 2024 budget savings to hire an intern with an hourly rate of between \$14.00 - \$16.00 per hour to assist in these programs; and

Be it further resolved by the Jackson County Board of Supervisors, that the Jackson County Board authorizes the County Clerk to make appropriate budget entries to transfer the salary savings to the 2025 UW-Extension budget.

Dated this 13th day of February 2025.

Respectfully submitted:

Extension Education Committee

s/Max Hart, Chairperson

s/Mike Kunes

Daryl Boe

Hoyt Strandberg

s/Desiree Gearing-Lancaster

Executive, Finance & Personnel Committee:

s/Jeff Amo, Chairperson

s/Ron Carney

s/John Higgins

s/Sarah Peloquin

s/Garth Rolbiecki

s/Edward Chamberlain

s/Mike Kunes

Supervisor Hart made a motion to adopt this resolution. This was seconded by Supervisor Peloquin. Sarah Torbert, UW Extension Area Director was present for questions. Voice vote was taken with 18 present voting Aye.

Supervisor Carney made a motion to read the following zone petition changes only one time. This was seconded by Supervisor Strandberg. Voice vote was taken with 18 present voting Aye.

**PETITION #2025-04
TOWN OF BROCKWAY**

REPORT OF THE ZONING COMMITTEE

TO THE JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

The Jackson County Zoning Committee, having considered Petition #2025-04 to amend the Jackson County Zoning Ordinance filed by Joseph and Julie Gendrich on the 10th day of January, 2025 to change 5.0 Acres of the Official Zoning Map from the A2 (Forestry and Limited Agriculture) District to the R2 (Residential) District on the following described lands:

On property known as NW1/4-SW1/4, Section 18, T21N, R03W, Town of Brockway, Jackson County, WI. The request is to change 5.0 acres of the A2 (Forestry and Limited Agriculture) District to the R2 (Residential) District for the construction of a multi-family unit (duplex).

Located in the Town of Brockway, 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.

Dated this 17th day of February 2025.

JACKSON COUNTY ZONING COMMITTEE
BY: s/Hoyt Strandberg, Chairman

Supervisor Peloquin made a motion to accept this zone change. This was seconded by Supervisor Bethke. Voice Vote was taken with 18 present voting Aye.

**PETITION #2025-06
TOWN OF MANCHESTER**

REPORT OF THE ZONING COMMITTEE

TO THE JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

The Jackson County Zoning Committee, having considered Petition #2025-06 to amend the Jackson County Zoning Ordinance filed by Marcus Stetzer on the 29th day of January, 2025 to change 3.00 Acres of the Official Zoning Map from the A1 (Agriculture) District to the R2 (Residential) District on the following described lands:

On property located in the NW1/4-SE1/4, Section 15, T20N, R04W, Town of Manchester, Jackson County, WI. The request is to change 3.0 acres of the Official Zoning Map from the A1 (Agriculture) District to the R2 (Residential) District to construct a single-family home.

Located in the Town of Manchester, 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.

Dated this 17th day of March 2025.

JACKSON COUNTY ZONING COMMITTEE
BY: s/Hoyt Strandberg, Chairman

Supervisor Chamberlain made a motion to accept this zone change. This was seconded by Supervisor Peloquin. Voice Vote was taken with 18 present voting Aye.

**PETITION #2025-07
TOWN OF NORTH BEND**

REPORT OF THE ZONING COMMITTEE

TO THE JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

The Jackson County Zoning Committee, having considered Petition #2025-07 to amend the Jackson County Zoning Ordinance filed by Bruce and Karla Arenz on the 7th day of February, 2025 to change 5.00 Acres of the Official Zoning Map from the A2 (Forestry and Limited Agriculture) District to the R6 (Residential-Rural Ag) District on the following described lands:

On property known as part of the SE1/4-SW1/4, Section 34, T19N, R06W, Town of North Bend, Jackson County, WI. The request is to change 5.0 acres of the A2 (Forestry and Limited Agriculture) District to the R6 (Residential-Rural Ag) to construct a single-family home with the ability to have animals.

Located in the Town of North Bend, 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 and provided access from the street is obtained.

Dated this 17th day of March 2025.

JACKSON COUNTY ZONING COMMITTEE
BY: s/Hoyt Strandberg, Chairman

Supervisor Peloquin made a motion to accept this zone change. This was seconded by Supervisor Hart. Discussion took place. Voice Vote was taken with 18 present voting Aye.

Zone Change Petition #2025-07 Karen & Bruce Arenz – March 17, 2025

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

- 1 – No livestock and/or animals can be placed on the property until authorization and approval has been granted by the Land Conservation Department.
- 2 – 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.

- 3 – A description of the manure management plan will be provided to the Land Conservation Department and included as part of the documentation if approved.
- 4 – Manure should be spread on cropland fields according to current Nutrient Management Plan guidelines. Composting may be an option depending on site conditions.
- 5 – All State and County environmental standards for preventing manure and soil runoff pollution must be met and maintained.
- 6 – 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.
- 7 – All setbacks for livestock structures and/or feedlots from property lines (100 feet minimum), streams (300 feet minimum), and roads must be met.
- 8 – 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 County Clerk and Medical Examiner 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 Higgins made a motion to adjourn. This was seconded by Supervisor Peloquin. All present voted Aye by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 P.M.

