

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

November 10, 2025

The Annual Session of the Jackson County Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:00 A.M., on Monday, November 10, 2025, at the Jackson County Courthouse in the County Board Room by Chairman Amo.

County Clerk, Cindy Altman, took roll call with all 19 members present.

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 Cooper. Voice vote was taken with 19 present voting Aye.

Chairman Amo called the Budget Public Hearing to order at 9:02 a.m. No public comment. Hearing closed at 9:03 a.m.

Norman Barrientos from Barrientos Design & Consulting and Jason Plante from Market & Johnson were present and gave a presentation regarding the Highway Facility. Discussion took place.

RESOLUTION 41-11-2025

BE IT RESOLVED by the Jackson County Board of Supervisors that there be and is hereby levied as assessed upon the several districts and upon the taxable property of Jackson County the following taxes for the year 2025 the same to be apportioned by the County Clerk by law provided, and in accordance with the report on equalization and further that no part of this levy be duplicated.

General Fund	5,393,563
Economic Support	133,667
Public Health Nurse Fund	374,949
Child Support	0
Children and Family Fund	1,870,508
Behavioral Health	178,122
Commission on Aging Fund	263,292
Animal Control Fund	122,000
Winding Rivers Fund	1,500
Principal on Debt Service Fund	2,645,000
Interest on Debt Service Fund	122,362
County Conservation Cost Share Fund	20,000
County Conservation Aid	1,000

Co Building Repair & Remodeling Fund	66,808
Highway Commission Fund	2,471,804
Communication Replacement	100,000
Family Mediation Fund	5,000

NET TAX LEVY 13,769,575

State Tax	0
Illegal Real Estate Charge Back	0
Special Charges	212.53

GRAND TOTAL OF ALL TAXES \$13,769,787.53

Respectfully Submitted:

Executive, Finance & Personnel Committee:

s/John Higgins	s/Jeff Amo
s/Ed Chamberlain	s/Mike Kunes
s/Sarah Peloquin	
s/Garth Rolbiecki	

Supervisor Peloquin made a motion to adopt this resolution. This was seconded by Supervisor Kunes. Roll call vote was taken with 19 present voting Aye.

RESOLUTION 42-11-2025

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the expenditures in the Funds of the County of Jackson will amount to approximately \$42,017,234 and the revenues in the Funds of the County of Jackson will amount to approximately \$23,423,396 and a net of \$4,824,263 of fund balance will be applied as outlined below,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Jackson County that the sum of \$13,769,575 be and the same is hereby levied upon all taxable property of the County as equalized for the year 2025 for the purpose of allotting to each Department of the County the amounts specified below, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any unexpended balance at the end of the year shall revert to the fund balance of that respective fund unless otherwise stated.

GENERAL FUND	
County Board	152,137
Clerk of Courts	557,533
Probate – Judge	576,790
Jury & Witness	23,500
Law Library	0
Medical Examiner	104,875
Specialty Court	60,409

District Attorney	297,714
Victim Witness	104,453
Family Court Commissioner	20,000
CJCC	28,156
TAD Grant	123,307
Economic Development	137,005
County Clerk	421,406
Human Resources	275,671
Elections	58,850
Computer	997,492
Central Telephone	30,000
Central Duplicating	20,500
Postage	10,000
Corporation Counsel	135,000
Independent Accounting	50,000
County Treasurer	208,270
GIS Coordinator	261,450
Tax Deed Expense	750
Cost Allocation	3,900
Courthouse	437,216
Jail Maintenance	173,700
Register of Deeds	183,832
County Surveyor	216,728
Property & Liability	170,000
Non-Departmental Expense	0
Fire Expense	1,000
LE Contracted Services	86,300
School Resource Officer	123,654
Recreation Law Enforcement	76,116
State Tribal Law Grant	76,009
Sheriff	2,661,981
Traffic	660,180
Communication/Radio	950,467
Teletype	10,344
Canine Program	1,000
Electronic Monitoring	26,000
Emergency Government	155,398
Emergency Mgmt Grants	10,000
Bailiff	291,269
Jail	1,901,052
Emergency Medical Jail	308,250
Airport	12,500
Recycling Grant	176,856
Veterans Service	208,876
Veterans Relief	1,000
Care of Veterans Graves	1,000

Winding Rivers Library	10,818
Library	351,071
Fair & Exhibits	4,000
Cooperative Extension	169,341
Wildlife Damage	64,000
Land Conservation	315,041
Zoning	397,148
Planning Development	0
Paying Agent	1,425
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	14,892,740

ECONOMIC SUPPORT FUND	558,862
WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT FUND	11,000
STATE AIDED FORESTRY FUND	81,000
PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE FUND	1,156,850
CHILD SUPPORT AGENCY FUND	641,049
CHILDREN AND FAMILY FUND	3,830,376
FORESTRY & PARKS FUND	2,268,907
LAND ACQUISITION FUND	5,000
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	5,085,692
COMMISSION ON AGING FUND	1,730,414
ANIMAL CONTROL FUND	194,500
CONSERVATION AID	50,000
WINDING RIVER VEHICLE FUND	1,500
JAIL ASSESSMENT FUND	50,000
PRINCIPAL ON DEBT SERVICE FUND	2,645,000
INTEREST ON DEBT SERVICE FUND	122,362
COUNTY CONSERVATION COST SHARE	20,000
MULTI DISCHARGE VARIANCE	60,000
CO BUILDINGS REPAIR FUND	248,241
JC PROJECTS	66,800
OPIOID LITIGATION	102,579
COUNTY RENTAL PROPERTIES	28,397
COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND	8,023,665
COMMUNICATION REPLACEMENT	100,000
RECERTIFICATION TRAINING	24,800
FAMILY MEDIATION	10,000
DOG LICENSE	7,500
SECTION 125 EXPENSE	0

TOTAL EXPENDITURES IN ALL FUNDS 42,017,234

LESS REVENUES

GENERAL FUND 6,050,920

COUNTY SALES TAX	2,045,000
ECONOMIC SUPPORT	425,195
PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE FUND	546,279
CHILD SUPPORT AGENCY FUND	569,678
CHILDREN AND FAMILY FUND	1,602,591
WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT FUND	11,000
STATE AIDED FORESTRY FUND	81,000
FORESTRY & COUNTY PARKS FUND	2,268,907
LAND ACQUISITION	5,000
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	4,403,314
COMMISSION ON AGING FUND	1,325,858
ANIMAL CONTROL FUND	63,500
WATERSHED PROJECT	49,000
JAIL ASSESSMENT FUND	20,000
COUNTY BUILDINGS	135,000
JC LAND & WATER RES	66,800
COUNTY RENTAL PROPERTY	5,477
MULTI-DISCHARGER VARIANCE PROG	60,000
OPIOID ABATEMENT	45,000
COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND	3,606,577
RECERTIFICATION TRAINING	24,800
DOG LICENSE	7,500
FAMILY MEDIATION	5,000

TOTAL REVENUES IN ALL FUNDS **23,423,396**

NET EXPENDITURES OVER REVENUES 18,593,838

LESS FUND BALANCES APPLIED OR EXCESS REVENUES ADDED ()

GENERAL FUND	1,403,257
ECONOMIC SUPPORT	0
WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT	0
PUBLIC HEALTH	235,622
CHILD SUPPORT	71,371
CHILDREN AND FAMILY	357,277
STATE AID FORESTRY	0
FORESTRY & COUNTY PARKS	0
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	504,256
COMM ON AGING	141,264
ANIMAL CONTROL	9,000
JAIL ASSESSMENT	30,000
OPIOID ABATEMENT	57,579
COUNTY BUILDINGS	46,433
COUNTY RENTAL PROPERTIES	22,920
HIGHWAY	1,945,284

FAMILY MEDIATION
SECTION 125

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NET COUNTY TAX LEVY **13,769,575**

Respectfully Submitted:

Executive, Finance & Personnel Committee:

s/John Higgins

s/Jeff Amo

s/Ed Chamberlain

s/Mike Kunes

s/Sarah Peloquin

s/Garth Rolbiecki

Supervisor Peloquin made a motion to adopt this resolution. This was seconded by Supervisor Kunes. Discussion took place. Roll call vote was taken with 19 present voting Aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 43-11-2025

RE: Approval to Transfer DHHS Fund Balance to General Fund 10

WHEREAS the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Fund Balances are made up of restricted and unrestricted funds; and

WHEREAS, DHHS has healthy fund balances and has been asked to transfer \$500,000 of unrestricted fund balance to General Fund 10; and

WHEREAS it is the recommendation of the Department of Health and Human Services Director and the Fiscal and Clerical Services Manager to transfer \$500,000 in the following manner:

Fund 20	Public Health	\$150,000
Fund 22	Children & Families	\$150,000
Fund 27	Behavioral Health	\$200,000

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Jackson County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the Fund Balance transfer to General Fund 10 the manner described above.

Respectfully Submitted:

Executive & Finance

DHHS Committee

s/John Higgins

s/Ron Carney

s/Ed Chamberlain

s/Ellen Moldenhauer

s/Sarah Peloquin

s/Max Hart

s/Jeff Amo

s/Tom Cooper

s/Garth Rolbiecki

s/Tracy Thundercloud

s/Mike Kunes

s/Daryl Boe

s/Desiree Gearing-Lancaster
s/Sarah Peloquin

Supervisor Hart made a motion to adopt this resolution. This was seconded by Supervisor Peloquin. Discussion took place. Voice vote was taken with 19 present voting Aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 44-11-2025

TO: **HONORABLE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

RE: Economic Development & Tourism Director

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Committee has determined the need for a position dedicated to Jackson County's economic development and tourism initiatives; and

WHEREAS, during the 2024 strategic planning process, practical long-term solutions were identified where Jackson County can focus efforts on supporting local businesses, partnering with local employers, developing the tourism industry to promote the County's attractions, and investing in infrastructure to make the County more appealing to current and future residents; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development & Tourism position will Lead and manage Jackson County's strategic initiatives in business growth, tourism, broadband, and community development.

WHEREAS, this position will also serve as the central point of contact for economic development inquiries, promote local assets, and build collaborative partnerships; and

WHEREAS, the position will be responsible for securing and managing grants to advance Jackson County's economic priorities and operate with significant autonomy while coordinating with County leadership as well as local, state, and regional stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Jackson County Human Resources Director in collaboration with Cottingham & Butler Consulting that the Economic Development & Tourism Director be placed on the Jackson County Wage Scale in Grade 15,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Honorable Jackson County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the creation of one (1) full-time Economic Development & Tourism Director; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, recruitment for this position will be effective upon final approval of the Jackson County Board of Supervisors with a start date after January 1, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Economic Development Committee

s/Tom Cooper
s/Jordan Powell
s/Laine Musser
s/William Laurent
s/Max Hart

Executive, Finance & Personnel Committee

s/John Higin
s/Ed Chamberlain
s/Sarah Peloquin
s/Jeff Amo
s/Garth Rolbiecki
s/Mike Kunes

Supervisor Cooper made a motion to adopt this resolution. This was seconded by Supervisor Hart. Discussion took place. Voice vote was taken with 17 present voting Aye and 2 voting No. Roll call vote was taken with 17 voting Aye and 2 voting No (Supervisor Bethke and Supervisor Kunes).

RESOLUTION # 45-11-2025

RE: UW-Madison Division of Extension Jackson County 136 Contract

TO: The Honorable Jackson County Board of Supervisors

WHEREAS: Jackson County and the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System on behalf of the UW-Madison Division of Extension Jackson County enter into a contract for Extension programs; and

WHEREAS: these programs are conducted in agriculture; positive youth development; 4-H; and health and well-being; and

WHEREAS: under this contract the county agrees to pay to Extension the county's share of salary and fringe benefits for each Extension educator for the fiscal period; and

WHEREAS: this contract is signed annually; and

WHEREAS: for the fiscal period of this contract, January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026 the county agrees to pay Extension not more than \$150,992 in two installments.

Now therefore be it resolved by the Jackson County Board of Supervisors that Jackson County support the contract account #JACK2026A between Jackson County and the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System.3

Dated this 9th day of October 2025.

Respectfully submitted:

Extension Education Committee

s/Max Hart
s/Desiree Gearing-Lancaster
s/Daryl Boe

Executive and Finance Committee

s/John Higgins
s/Ed Chamberlain
s/Sarah Peloquin

s/Hoyt Strandberg

s/Jeff Amo
s/Garth Rolbiecki
s/Mike Kunes

Supervisor Hart made a motion to adopt this resolution. This was seconded by Supervisor Rolbiecki. Discussion took place. Voice vote was taken with 19 present voting Aye.

Resolution 46-11-2025

TO: HONORABLE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RE: Cooperative Purchasing Agreement

WHEREAS, The stated purpose of Chapter 16 of the Wisconsin Statutes is to “conserve the state’s resources by coordinating management services and providing effective aid to agencies of the state government; ... to present clearly defined alternatives and objectives of state programs and policies so that the state’s agencies ... may plan cooperatively and finance the services which will provide for its citizens; ... [and] to help the state’s agencies furnish the agreed upon services as efficiently and effectively as possible”

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. § 16.73 authorizes the County to enter into agreements with other municipalities, departments, or agencies, as defined under Wis. Stats. §§ 16.002(2) and 16.70, under which any of the parties may agree to participate in, administer, sponsor or conduct purchasing transactions under a joint contract for the purchase of materials, supplies, equipment, permanent personal property, miscellaneous capital or contractual services, except for those construction contracts subject to Wis. Stats. §§ 16.855 or 66.0901.

WHEREAS, Chippewa Valley Technical College has agreed to serve as lead agency initiating a cooperative purchasing program on behalf of other Wisconsin municipalities with Market & Johnson (“Contractor”) for the period from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2026, subject to the terms and conditions listed therein;

WHEREAS, the County has determined its voluntary participation in the agreement will expedite the purchase of materials, supplies, equipment, permanent personal property, miscellaneous capital or contractual services, excepting construction contract subject to Wis. Stats. §§ 16.855 or 66.0901.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that the Jackson County Board of Supervisors approves the attached Cooperative Purchasing Agreement and becomes effective upon publication.

Executive, Finance & Personnel Committee
s/Jeff Amo

Highway Committee
s/Ed Chamberlain

s/Garth Rolbiecki
s/Ed Chamberlain
s/Mike Kunes
s/John Higgins
s/Sarah Peloquin

s/Mike Kunes
s/Michael J. Beck
s/David Holen
s/John Higgins

Supervisor Chamberlain made a motion to adopt this resolution. This was seconded by Supervisor Cooper. Discussion took place. Voice vote was taken with 19 present voting Aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 47-11-2025

TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RE: Full Time Employee (FTE) Land Conservation Technician I/II

WHEREAS, a major role of the Land Conservation Department has been to provide the services of an experienced conservation engineering specialist position to utilize throughout Jackson County; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson County Land Conservation and Agriculture Committee has prioritized the continuation of providing conservation engineering services that will deal with resolving a wide array of conservation issues and problems; and

WHEREAS, some of the best job training and work experiences for an employee can be gained by learning and working with a current staff member with high levels of job approval authority for a wide variety of conservation practices that are utilized in Jackson County; and

WHEREAS, the work provided by the Land Conservation Technician position will help provide environmental protection and improvement for Jackson County's natural resources; and

WHEREAS, funding from the State of Wisconsin and staff time reimbursement from the Multi-Discharger Variance Program is available to reimburse the County for the Conservation Technician position; and

WHEREAS, it was determined in 2020 by the Jackson County Board of Supervisors that the addition of (1.0) FTE Land Conservation Technician position I/II was appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the Human Resources Department's placement procedure set the Conservation Technician I at the Grade 10 level and the Conservation Technician II at the Grade 11 level; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jackson County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the hiring of 1.0 FTE Land Conservation Technician I/II after June 30, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution becomes effective January 1, 2026, and is subject to the recruitment process in the County's Personnel Policy – Chapter 4.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Jackson County Land Conservation
and Agriculture Committee
s/Ron Carney, Chair
s/Mike Kunes, Vice-Chair
s/Hoyt Strandberg
Brian Bethke
Jerrold Schmidt
s/Nathan Kling

Jackson County Executive,
Finance and Personnel Committee
s/Jeff Amo, Chair
Ron Carney 1st Vice-Chair
s/John Higgins, 2nd Vice-Chair
s/Sarah Peloquin
s/Ed Chamberlain
s/Mike Kunes
s/Garth Rolbiecki

Supervisor Peloquin made a motion to adopt this resolution. This was seconded by Supervisor Carney. Gaylord Olson II, County Conservationist was present for questions. Discussion took place. Roll call vote was taken with 13 present voting Aye and 6 voting No (Supervisor, Bethke, Supervisor Holen, Supervisor Anderson, Supervisor Laurent, Supervisor Cooper, and Supervisor Peloquin).

RESOLUTION NO. 48-11-2025

TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RE: Appropriation of Funds for County Conservation Structure – Trout Run Structure No. 1

WHEREAS, Jackson County owns and is responsible for the four Public Law-566 Trout Run Creek conservation structures; and,

WHEREAS, Trout Run Structure No. 1 is an erosion control structure and serves as the County Road H bridge over Trout Run Creek; and

WHEREAS, Trout Run Structure No. 1 currently has erosion and maintenance concerns around the concrete head wall and the normal stream flow inlet pipe; and

WHEREAS, the Land Conservation and Agriculture Committee has recommended that a study, design and repairs be investigated and, if feasible, proceed in 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Land Conservation Department will apply for a grant to fund 50% of the estimated \$100,000. cost; and,

WHEREAS, there is \$25,000 available in the county erosion control structure maintenance account, there are \$26,378 in American Transmission Corporation Environmental Impact Fee Funds and possibly County Highway Department funds available to dedicate to the maintenance of Trout Run Structure No. 1; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jackson County Land Conservation and Agriculture Committee requests that the Jackson County Board of Supervisors authorize the use of \$26,378 from ATC Environmental Impact Fees and other funding sources listed to address the maintenance concerns that currently exist with Trout Run Structure No. 1.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Jackson County Land Conservation
& Agriculture Committee
s/Ron Carney, Chair
s/Mike Kunes, Vice-Chair
Jerrold Schmidt
s/Hoyt Strandberg
Brian Bethke
s/Nathan Kling

Jackson County Executive,
Finance & Personnel Com.
s/Jeff Amo, Chair
Ron Carney, 1st Vice-Chair
s/John Higgins, 2nd Vice-Chair
s/Garth Rolbiecki
s/Sarah Peloquin
s/Mike Kunes
s/Ed Chamberlain

Jackson County
Highway Committee
s/Ed Chamberlain, Chair
s/Mike Kunes, Vice-Chair
s/John Higgins
s/David Holen
s/Michael J. Beck

Supervisor Hart made a motion to adopt this resolution. This was seconded by Supervisor Chamberlain. Gaylord Olson II, County Conservationist was present for questions. Voice vote was taken with 19 present voting Aye.

RESOLUTION 49-11-2025

TO: The Honorable Jackson County Board of Supervisors

RE: Reclassification of Zoning Assistant to Zoning Office Manager

WHEREAS reviews of job descriptions are conducted periodically to ensure accuracy of the role and responsibility as the work evolves and;

WHEREAS many factors contribute to the evolution of positions within the County, some of which include but are not limited to: changes in statutes, legal requirements, technology, and the needs of the community and;

WHEREAS reviews of the County's wage scale are occurring regarding the internal and external equity, as well as, what market is driving and;

WHEREAS after a thorough review of the Jackson County Zoning & Land Information Administrative Assistant job description, the Human Resources Director and Carlson Dettmann have determined the need to reclassify said position to the Zoning Office Manager from Grade 8 to Grade 10 of the wage scale and;

WHEREAS it has been determined with the recommendation by the Human Resources Director that the Zoning Office Manager will be placed into step 1 of grade 10 with the fiscal impact attached to this resolution and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Jackson County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the reclassification of the Zoning Office Manager position and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the resolution would become effective the first full pay period of 2026, upon passage by the Jackson County Board of Supervisors.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Jackson County Zoning and
Land Information Committee
s/Hoyt Strandberg, Chairman
s/Ed Chamberlain, Vice Chairman
s/Jerry Schmidt
s/Dale Hoff
s/Brian Bethke

Jackson County Executive, Finance &
Personnel Committee
s/Jeff Amo, Chairman
Ron Carney, Vice Chairman
s/John Higgins, 2nd Vice Chairman
s/Garth Rolbiecki
s/Sarah Peloquin
s/Ed Chamberlain
s/Mike Kunes

Supervisor Carney made a motion to adopt this resolution. This was seconded by Supervisor Schmidt. Jon Hemp, Zoning Administrator was present for questions. Voice vote was taken with 19 present voting Aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 50-11-2025

TO: **HONORABLE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

RE: **Jackson County Tribal Law Enforcement Grant**

WHEREAS, Jackson County has annually applied for funding from the State of Wisconsin to be used to partially assist with Tribal Law Enforcement; and,

WHEREAS, Jackson County has a population of about 21,145 residents with about 1,276 Ho-Chunk members residing within the boundaries of the county; and,

WHEREAS, Ho-Chunk Nation lands in Jackson County consist of approximately 2377.5 acres of Federal trust and 1270.4 acres of owned in fee land; and,

WHEREAS, in 1953, with the passage of Public Law 280, the federal government granted criminal jurisdiction over Ho-Chunk Nation members who commit major crimes on Ho-Chunk Nation lands to the State of Wisconsin, consequently leading Jackson County to assume a key law enforcement role on Ho-Chunk Nation trust land; and,

WHEREAS, the Jackson County Sheriff's Office's intent is to continue to enhance the provision of all necessary law enforcement and emergency services to the Ho-Chunk Nation, and to work with the Ho-Chunk community and Police Department to preserve the peace, prevent and detect crime, and arrest violators of the law; and,

WHEREAS, in order to receive these funds, it is necessary for the Jackson County Board of Supervisors to officially request the funding from the State of Wisconsin by passage of a formal resolution; and,

WHEREAS, the Ho-Chunk Nation must also formally pass a resolution supporting this grant as required also by the State of Wisconsin,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Honorable County Board of Supervisors hereby request a Tribal Law Enforcement Grant for the calendar year of 2026 to be used to partially assist with Tribal Law Enforcement in conjunction with the Ho-Chunk Nation.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Jackson County Law Enforcement
Committee
s/Garth Rolbiecki
s/Russell Anderson
s/Ron Carney
s/William Laurent
s/Max Hart

Jackson County Executive and
Finance Committee
s/John Higgins
s/Ed Chamberlain
s/Sarah Peloquin
s/Jeff Amo
s/Garth Rolbiecki
s/Mike Kunes

Supervisor Cooper made a motion to adopt this resolution. This was seconded by Supervisor Peloquin. Sheriff Waldera was present for questions. Voice vote was taken with 19 present voting Aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 51-11-2025

JACKSON COUNTY FOREST LAND PURCHASE OF 1189 Acre Addition

WHEREAS, Jackson County has lands enrolled as County Forest pursuant to s. 28.11 of the Wisconsin statutes; and

WHEREAS, the County Board has the authority to acquire properties for the purpose of establishing County Forest land pursuant to ss. 28.10, Wis. Stats and as outlined in Chapter 400 of the Jackson County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan; and

WHEREAS, acquisition of said properties would perpetually provide forest products to our local economy, revenues to the County, outdoor recreation opportunities to the public, and improve property administration on the County Forest; and

WHEREAS, there are 29 parcels totaling 1189-acres located in the SWNE, SENE, NENE, NWNE, NENW, NWNW, SENW, SWSE, SESE, NWSE, NESE, NWSW, NESW, SWSW, SESW of Section 08 and the NENE, NWNE, SENE, NESE, SWSE, SESE, SESW of Section 07 and the Govt Lot 8, Govt Lot 1, NESE, SESE of Section 05 and the NWSW, SWSW, SESW of Section 04 all in T20N-R1E, Township of Bear Bluff, Jackson County, Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, The Nature Conservancy (TNC), a not-for-profit global conservation organization, has been working with the current property owner to purchase this property to ensure its permanent protection; and

WHEREAS, TNC attended the September and October meetings of the Jackson County Forestry and Parks Committee to propose that the County should ultimately own and manage the property and enroll it in the County Forest Program to ensure its permanent protection; and

WHEREAS, TNC has agreed to partner with Jackson County to apply for and secure Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant funding from the State of Wisconsin for the eligible portion of the property; and in addition, TNC expects to cover the required matching funds; and

WHEREAS, Jackson County will apply for a Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant from the State of Wisconsin (the Grant) for the eligible portion of the property; and

WHEREAS, in the event that TNC successfully purchases the property. TNC plans to sell the property in its entirety to Jackson County for a value equivalent to the funds Jackson County secures through the Grant; and

WHEREAS, as part of the transaction, TNC intends to transfer the portion of the property comprised of ditches (25 acres) that is not eligible for the Grant to Jackson County at no cost; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Jackson County Board of Supervisors approves Jackson County working with The Nature Conservancy to apply for the Grant and use the monies received from the Grant to purchase the 1189-acre property from TNC;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board of Supervisors of the County of Jackson does hereby ordain and resolve that the County request grant funding available from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources under the "Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Land Acquisition Grant Program";

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board of Supervisors of the County of Jackson does hereby authorize the proper County officials to act on behalf of Jackson County to submit an application to the State of Wisconsin for land acquisition grant funding;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Jackson County recognizes and acknowledges that if financial assistance is made available by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources the County will comply with State rules for the program and meet the financial obligations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the eligible acres will be entered into the Jackson County Forest upon the completion of the sale;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Jackson County Clerk has the authority to sign documents to complete the transactions on behalf of Jackson County.

Dated this 10th day of November 2025.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:
**Jackson County Executive, Finance
and Personnel Committee**

s/Jeff Amo, Chairman

Ron Carney

s/John Higgins

s/Garth Rolbiecki

Sarah Peloquin

s/Ed Chamberlain

s/Mike Kunes

Supervisor Rolbiecki made a motion to adopt this resolution. This was seconded by Supervisor Schmidt. Jim Zahasky, Forestry and Parks Administrator and Hannah Butkiewicz from The Nature Conservancy were present for questions. Discussion took place. Roll call vote was taken with 16 present voting Aye and 3 voting No (Supervisor Laurent, Supervisor Cooper, and Supervisor Peloquin).

Supervisor Peloquin made a motion to read the following ordinance change only one time. This was seconded by Supervisor Cooper. Voice vote was taken with 19 present voting Aye.

Resolution 52-11-2025

Resolution Designating Jackson County as Self Organized

WHEREAS, Jackson County desires to achieve the maximum amount of flexibility relating to its local administrative affairs and governance by becoming a self-organized county pursuant to Section 59.10, Wis. Stats., and;

WHEREAS, Section 59.10 Wis. Stats. Provides that Jackson County may become self-organized by adopting an ordinance electing to become self-organized and filing a certified copy of the ordinance with the Secretary of State; and;

WHEREAS, a county which has elected to become self-organizing may adopt its own policies limited to compensation for County Board Supervisors, filling vacancies for County Board Supervisors and creating staggered terms for County Board Supervisors.

THE JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS does hereby ordain to create County Officials Section 1.09 of the Jackson County Code of Ordinances as follows:

1.09 DESIGNATION AS A SELF-ORGANIZED COUNTY. Pursuant to the authority granted by Section 59.10(1), Wisconsin Statutes, Jackson County shall hereby become a "self-organized" County, with all the power and authority that is conferred upon the County by such statutory designation.

(2) Elections for Supervisors. The term of office of Supervisors is 2 years with terms running concurrently.

(3) Compensation for Supervisors. The method of compensation for Supervisors shall be determined by the Board and is subject to change; however any change to compensation shall not take effect until the succeeding term of office.

(4) Vacancies. The Board may determine the procedure for filling a vacancy on the County Board and any established procedures shall be included within the Rules of the County Board.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication, and a certified copy of this Ordinance shall be filed by the Jackson County Clerk thereafter with the Wisconsin Secretary of State.

Respectfully Submitted:

Executive, Finance & Personnel Committee:

s/John Higgins

s/Jeff Amo

s/Ed Chamberlain

s/Mike Kunes

s/Sarah Peloquin

s/Garth Rolbiecki

Supervisor Peloquin made a motion to adopt this resolution. This was seconded by Supervisor Rolbiecki. Discussion took place. Voice vote was taken with 19 present voting Aye.

Supervisor Peloquin made a motion to adjourn. This was seconded by Supervisor Higgins. All present voted Aye by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 11:03 A.M.

