

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

**April 18, 2023**

The Statutory Session of the Jackson County Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:00 A.M., on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at the Jackson County Courthouse in the County Board Room by Chairman Amo.

County Clerk, Cindy Altman, took roll call with 17 members present, 1 absent (Supervisor Hart) and 1 excused (Supervisor Kunes).

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Chairman Amo asked for a moment of reflection for the 2 officers from Barron County killed during a traffic stop on April 8, 2023. Chetek Police Officer Emily Breidenbach, 32, and Cameron Police Officer Hunter Scheel, 23.

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

Supervisor Hart arrived at 9:03 A.M.

At this time Chairman Amo, and County Clerk, Cindy Altman recognized employees who have given 5, 10, and 15 years of service to the County by presenting them with certificates. Those who have 20, 25, 30, and 35 years were awarded plaques recognizing their service.

**Jackson County Board Proclamation  
Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Month**

*WHEREAS*, like all Wisconsin citizens, older adults and people with disabilities desire to live with dignity and security, and to achieve maximum independence and quality of life; and

*WHEREAS*, the growth of the aging population, the rising cost of health and long-term care, and the limited nature of government resources make it imperative to make efficient and effective use of both personal and public resources; and

*WHEREAS*, Aging and Disability Resource Centers are welcoming and accessible places where older people and people with disabilities can obtain reliable and objective information, advice, and streamlined access to needed services and supports; and

*WHEREAS*, by helping people understand and evaluate the various options available to them, make informed decisions, and find resources in their communities, aging and disability resource centers assist people to conserve their personal resources, maintain self-sufficiency, and delay or prevent the need for public assistance and potentially expensive long-term care; and

*WHEREAS*, Wisconsin was the first state to develop aging and disability resource centers, beginning in 1998, and provided the model for a nationwide initiative that began in 2003; and

*WHEREAS*, the Jackson County Department of Health and Aging and Disability Services Division is partnering with other community agencies to host an open house that will provide education and create awareness around aging and disability services available to Jackson County residents; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Jackson County Board of Supervisors, call upon the citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools in Jackson County to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of aging and disability services, the steps our citizens can take to protect their immediate and long-term care needs, and the need for appropriate and accessible services for people of all abilities.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED the Jackson County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim May, annually, as Aging and Disability Resource Center Month in Jackson County.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, in the City of Black River Falls, 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 proclamation. This was seconded by Supervisor Higgins. Chris Hovell, DHHS Director spoke and was present for questions. Voice vote was taken with 18 present voting Aye.

**Jackson County Board Proclamation  
Older Americans Month**

*WHEREAS*, established in 1963, Older Americans Month (OAM) is celebrated every May; and

*WHEREAS*, OAM is led by the Administration for Community Living; and

*WHEREAS*, OAM is a time for us to acknowledge the contributions and achievements of older Americans, highlight important trends, and strengthen our commitment to honoring our older citizens; and

*WHEREAS*, the state of Wisconsin affirms that living safely in one's community among friends and family preserves peace of mind and quality of life, and remains committed to helping all individuals live longer, healthier lives in the communities of their choice, while dismantling systems and barriers that create a disproportionately poorer quality of life for members of marginalized communities; and

*WHEREAS*, we strive to build strong and vibrant communities that encourage, engage, and support aging and older Wisconsinites in pursuing personal interests and social activities that promote vitality, independence, and aging with dignity, choice and respect; and

*WHEREAS*, the Jackson County Department of Health and Human Services and Aging and Disability Services Division continues to partner with other community agencies to host events, training and opportunities that will provide education and create awareness around aging services available to Jackson County residents; and

*WHEREAS*, this month, the Jackson County joins the state of Wisconsin to celebrate older adults across our state for their vision, wisdom, advocacy, hard work, and volunteerism, and we reaffirm our commitment to assisting our aging and older adults in managing their health by supporting them and those who care for them, and increase awareness of family caregiving issues; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Jackson County Board of Supervisors, call upon the citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools in Jackson County to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of aging, the steps our citizens can take to protect their immediate and long-term care needs, and the need for appropriate and accessible services for people of all abilities.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED the Jackson County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim May, annually, as Older Americans Month in Jackson County.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, in the City of Black River Falls, Jackson County.

s/Jeff Amo  
Jackson County Board Chairman

Attest to: s/Cindy Altman  
Jackson County Clerk

Supervisor Higgins made a motion to adopt this proclamation. This was seconded by Supervisor Greendeer-Rave. Chris Hovell, DHHS Director spoke and was present for questions. Voice vote was taken with 18 present voting Aye.

**Jackson County Board Proclamation  
Mental Health Month  
May, 2023  
By the Jackson County Board of Supervisors**

WHEREAS, mental health is essential to everyone's overall health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, all Americans experience times of difficulty and stress in their lives that can impact their mental health; and

WHEREAS, prevention is an effective way to reduce the burden of mental health conditions; and

WHEREAS, mental health conditions are real and prevalent in our nation; and

WHEREAS, with effective treatment, those individuals with mental health conditions can recover and lead full, productive lives; and

WHEREAS, each business, school, government agency, healthcare provider, organization and citizen share the burden of mental health problems and has a responsibility to promote mental wellness and support prevention efforts.

WHEREAS, the Jackson County Department of Health and Human Services Behavioral Health Division, in partnership with Jackson County Public Health and the Birth to Three program, is collaborating with other community agencies to provide a Wellness Extravaganza event for Jackson County residents to participate in interactive and informative exhibits focusing on the importance of mental health and physical health, in addition to other activities bringing awareness to mental health; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Jackson County Board of Supervisors, call upon the citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools in Jackson County to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental health, the steps our citizens can take to protect their mental health, and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental health conditions.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED the Jackson County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim May 2023 as Mental Health Month in Jackson County.

DHHS Committee  
s/Ron Carney, Chairman  
s/Lori Chown  
s/Michelle Clark-Forsting  
s/Beth Smetana  
s/Tom Clark  
s/Daryl Boe  
s/Max Hart  
s/Desiree Gearing-Lancaster

Executive and Finance Committee  
s/Jeff Amo, Chairman  
s/Ron Carney  
s/Alton Staff  
s/Michelle Greendeer-Rave  
s/John Higgins

Supervisor Chamberlain made a motion to adopt this proclamation. This was seconded by Supervisor Carney. Jessica Stinson, Behavioral Health Manager spoke and was present for questions. Voice vote was taken with 18 present voting Aye.

RESOLUTION 15-04-2023

TO: The Honorable Jackson County Board of Supervisors

**RE: Jackson County Department of Health and Human Services 2023  
Humanitarian Award**

WHEREAS, Humanitarian work is defined as, “being responsible, conscious of the circumstances of other people’s lives, and helping them on the basis of need, without discrimination” and;

WHEREAS, a Humanitarian is “one who has lived a life of honesty, integrity, and responsibility, with a demonstrated commitment to the welfare of the greater community” and;

WHEREAS, Ron Carney has fully embodied this definition through his unprecedented service to Jackson County, the State of Wisconsin, the United States and beyond and;

WHEREAS, Jackson County Department of Health and Human Services would like to recognize Mr. Carney with a 2023 Humanitarian Award and;

WHEREAS, Mr. Carney has demonstrated his humanitarianism through his role on the Jackson County Board of Supervisors, as Chair of the Jackson County Department of Health and Human Services Board, and through his endless support of wildlife and his membership and leadership in a myriad of Conservation and Wildlife organizations, and;

WHEREAS, Mr. Carney’s service includes years of leadership spent on Inclusa’s Long Term Care Board and;

WHEREAS, he has made many contributions to the health and well-being of persons all over the world through his development and patents of lifesaving antibiotics and medication in his role at Abbott Laboratories and;

WHEREAS, through Mr. Carney’s willingness to give back to the community, serve as a role model and mentor for Jackson County citizens, including youth, and through Mr. Carney’s evident compassion and dedication to community and the world and;

WHEREAS, it is with sincere thanks that the Jackson County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Board, the County Board of Supervisors, and so many others, do hereby express a heartfelt thank you with respect and appreciation to Ron Carney for his years of dedication, time and commitment to Jackson County and beyond and want him to know that his humanitarian work has been recognized as making a difference,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this 2023 Humanitarian Award be presented to Ron Carney this 18<sup>th</sup> Day of April 2023.

s/Jeff Amo, County Board Chair

s/Christine Hovell, DHHS Director

DHHS Committee

s/Tom Clark

s/Daryl Boe

s/Desiree Gearing-Lancaster

s/Max Hart

s/Sarah Peloquin

s/Lori Chown

Supervisor Rolbiecki made a motion to adopt this resolution. This was seconded by Supervisor Higgins. Chris Hovell, DHHS Director spoke and presented the Award to Supervisor Carney. Voice vote was taken with 18 present voting Aye.

Supervisor Strandberg made a motion to read the following ordinance change and zone petitions only one time. This was seconded by Supervisor Peloquin. Voice vote was taken with 18 present voting Aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-04-2023

TO: **HONORABLE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

RE: **Ordinance Revision to Chapter 4 Personnel Policy**

**WHEREAS**, language in Chapter 4 needs to be amended to accommodate the necessary changes to Chapter 4 (see attachment); and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Honorable Jackson County Board of Supervisors approves the changes to Chapter 4 (see attachment); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** this ordinance change will become effective upon publication.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jackson County Personnel &  
Bargaining Committee  
s/Jeff Amo

Jackson County Executive and  
Finance Committee  
s/Jeff Amo

s/Garth Rolbiecki  
s/Alton Staff  
s/Ed Chamberlain  
s/Chuck Jensen  
s/John Higgins  
s/Ron Carney

s/Ron Carney  
s/Michelle Greendeer-Rave  
s/Alton Staff  
s/John Higgins

Chapter 4 Edits:

- 4.04 (B) Life Insurance – removal of 6-month waiting period for qualifying services.
- 4.04 (C) Income Continuation Insurance (ICI) – Disability -- removal of 6-month waiting period for qualifying services.
- 4.05 (1) Sick Leave – Sick leave may only be used for, and is defined as, absence due to an illness, disability, or preventative care (such as doctor’s appointments) of the employee or family member. Definition of employee or family member consists of the following: the employee’s child, spouse, parent or person the employee provides day-to-day responsibilities and/or financial support to.
- 4.05 (2) Charitable Donations – An employee may donate vacation or sick leave to fellow employees who have exhausted all of their own accumulated benefits. A monetary value will be placed on the hours donated based upon the donor’s current rate of pay; the monetary value will then be converted into donated hours based on the recipient’s current rate of pay. Employee may donate up to 40 hours of vacation and/or sick leave per year.

Supervisor Chamberlain made a motion to adopt this resolution. This was seconded by Supervisor Peloquin. Susie Meinerz, Human Resources Director was present for questions. Discussion took place. Voice vote was taken with 18 present voting Aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-04-2023

TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RE: Support of DOI Secretarial Order 3404 declaring “squaw” a derogatory term and executing procedures under Chapter 6.14(5)d of the Jackson County Code of Ordinance to remove the word from County usage, including road names.

WHEREAS, the federal government, the Derogatory Geographic Names Task Force and the Board on Geographic Names have declared “squaw” a derogatory term; and

WHEREAS, other derogatory words, including the N-word and a pejorative for “Japanese,” have been identified by past DOI secretaries or the federal Board of Geographic Names and eliminated their use; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson County Land Information Department regards and recognizes the word "squaw" as derogatory.

WHEREAS, no road name in Jackson County shall conflict with federal, state or local naming standards or be identified by the Jackson County Land Information Committee as derogatory.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jackson County Zoning and Land Information Committee hereby declares the word "squaw" derogatory and shall exercise its authority under Chapter 6.14(5)d to remove the word from county usage and exclude any such reference from official signage.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Jackson County Zoning and  
Land Information Committee  
s/Hoyt Strandberg, Chairman  
Edward Chamberlain  
s/Adrian Swanson  
s/Alton Staff  
Jerrold Schmidt

Jackson County Executive and  
Finance Committee  
s/Jeff Amo, Chairman  
s/Ron Carney  
s/Michelle Greendeer-Rave  
s/Alton Staff  
s/John Higgins

Supervisor Greendeer-Rave made a motion to adopt this resolution. This was seconded by Supervisor Rolbiecki. Joe Pilkington, GIS Coordinator/911 and April Schoolcraft, Property Lister/GIS were both present for questions. Discussion took place. Roll call vote was taken with 16 present voting Aye and 2 present voting No (Supervisor Laurent and Supervisor Peloquin).

RESOLUTION 18-04-2023

TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO CLOSE 2022 BOOKS

TO THE HONORABLE JACKSON CO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**WHEREAS**, the following accounts for the year 2022 are in need of funds:

|                  |             |
|------------------|-------------|
| Probate Judge    | \$22,460.90 |
| Medical Examiner | \$28,669.81 |
| Human Resources  | \$ 7,724.65 |
| Veterans         | \$ 4,552.11 |
| TOTAL:           | \$63,407.47 |



**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Jackson County Board of Supervisors that \$63,407.47 be transferred from Contingency fund balance to the various accounts.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Executive and Finance Committee  
s/Jeff Amo  
s/Alton Staff  
s/Michelle Greendeer-Rave  
s/John Higgins  
s/Ron Carney

Supervisor Staff made a motion to adopt this resolution. This was seconded by Supervisor Carney. Voice vote was taken with 18 present voting Aye.

**PETITION #2023-10  
TOWN OF BEAR BLUFF**

**REPORT OF THE ZONING COMMITTEE**

TO THE JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

The Jackson County Zoning Committee, having considered Petition #2023-10 to amend the Jackson County Zoning Ordinance filed by Dennis Dyon on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023 to change 5 Acres of the Official Zoning Map from the A-2 (Forestry & Limited Agriculture) District to the R-2 (Residential) District on the following described lands:

On property located in the NW1/4-SE1/4, Section 32, T20N, R1E, Town of Bear Bluff, Jackson County, WI. The request is to change 5 acres of the A-2 (Forestry and Limited Agriculture) District to the R-2 (Residential) District for the construction of a single-family cabin home.

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 pending town approval.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.

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

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

**PETITION #2023-11  
TOWN OF KOMENSKY**

**REPORT OF THE ZONING COMMITTEE**

TO THE JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

The Jackson County Zoning Committee, having considered Petition #2023-11 to amend the Jackson County Zoning Ordinance filed by Robert Birmingham on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023 to change 2 Acres of the Official Zoning Map from the A-2 (Forestry and Limited Agriculture) District to the R-2 (Residential) District on the following described lands:

On property known as Lot 11 located in the NW1/4-NW1/4, Section 15, T22N, R2W, Town of Komensky, Jackson County, WI. The request is to change 5 acres of the A-2 (Forestry & Limited Agriculture) District to the R-2 (Residential) District for the construction of a single-family cabin home.

Located in the Town of Komensky, 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 pending town approval.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.

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

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

Chairman Amo stated that the annual report for Land Conservation was included in the packets. Gaylord Olson II, County Conservationist was present and gave a power point presentation showing some of the various Land Conservation projects they have completed.

Chairman Amo asked for committee reports. Chairpersons of the various committees reported on the activities in their committees.

Supervisor Hart made a motion to adjourn. This was seconded by Supervisor Jensen. All present voted Aye by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 10:28 A.M.

STATE OF WISCONSIN)  
   )ss  
 COUNTY OF JACKSON)

I, Cindy Altman, County Clerk of said County, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and complete summary of the proceedings of the County Board of Supervisors of Jackson County, Wisconsin, at its Statutory Session held on April 18, 2023.

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Cindy Altman, County Clerk  
 Jackson County, Wisconsin

**PER DIEM AND MILEAGE**

| DISTRICT MEMBER               | PER DIEM       | MILEAGE        | TOTAL          |
|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. Adrian Swanson             | \$65.00        | \$34.06        | \$99.06        |
| 2. Alton Staff                | \$65.00        | \$28.17        | \$93.17        |
| 3. Hoyt Strandberg            | \$65.00        | \$15.72        | \$80.72        |
| 4. Daryl Boe                  | \$65.00        | \$19.65        | \$84.65        |
| 5. Thomas Clark               | \$65.00        | \$26.20        | \$91.20        |
| 6. Mike Kunes                 | \$             | \$             | \$             |
| 7. Charles Jensen             | \$65.00        | \$11.79        | \$76.79        |
| 8. Max Hart                   | \$65.00        | \$ 9.17        | \$74.17        |
| 9. Bill Laurent               | \$65.00        | \$14.41        | \$79.41        |
| 10. Michelle Greendeer-Rave   | \$65.00        | \$ .66         | \$65.66        |
| 11. Garth Rolbiecki           | \$65.00        | \$32.75        | \$97.75        |
| 12. Ron Carney                | \$65.00        | \$26.53        | \$91.53        |
| 13. Dale Hoff                 | \$65.00        | \$ 1.97        | \$66.97        |
| 14. John Higgins              | \$65.00        | \$ 2.62        | \$67.62        |
| 15. Sarah Peloquin            | \$65.00        | \$ .39         | \$65.39        |
| 16. Desiree Gearing-Lancaster | \$65.00        | \$ .66         | \$65.66        |
| 17. Jeff Amo                  | \$65.00        | \$ 1.31        | \$66.31        |
| 18. Jerrold Schmidt           | \$65.00        | \$12.36        | \$77.36        |
| 19. Ed Chamberlain            | <u>\$65.00</u> | <u>\$12.45</u> | <u>\$77.45</u> |
|                               | \$1170.00      | \$250.87       | \$1420.87      |

STATE OF WISCONSIN)  
  )ss  
COUNTY OF JACKSON)

I, Cindy Altman, County Clerk of Jackson County, Wisconsin, do hereby certify that the above is a true and accurate claim for per diem and mileage of the County Board members, and further certify that the above members were present and the record of their presence may be found in the roll call of the proceedings of the Statutory Session of the County Board of Supervisors held on April 18, 2023.

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Cindy Altman, County Clerk  
Jackson County, Wisconsin

Approved by:

Committee on Approval of Journal

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Jeff Amo

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Ron Carney

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Michelle Greendeer-Rave

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John Higgins

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Alton Staff