

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

**April 19, 2022**

The Statutory Session of the Jackson County Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:00 A.M., on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at the Jackson County Courthouse in the County Board Room by Corporation Counsel, Sam Bach-Hanson.

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

District 1 – Adrian Swanson  
District 2 – Alton Staff  
District 3 – Hoyt Strandberg  
District 4 – Roger Stevens  
District 5 – Thomas Clark  
District 6 – Mike Kunes  
District 7 – Charles Jensen  
District 8 – Max Hart  
District 9 – Bill Laurent  
District 10 – Michelle Greendeer-Rave  
District 11 – Garth Rolbiecki  
District 12 – Ron Carney  
District 13 – Dale Hoff  
District 14 – John Higgins  
District 15 – Sarah Peloquin  
District 16 – Desiree Gearing-Lancaster  
District 17 – Jeff Amo  
District 18 – Jerry Schmidt  
District 19 – Ed Chamberlain

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Judge Diehn administered the Oath of Office to all of the elected Supervisors.

**ELECTIONS**

Corporation Counsel, Sam Bach-Hanson went over the voting process for elected offices. Supervisor Rolbiecki made a motion to open nominations. This was seconded by Supervisor Carney. Voice vote was taken with 19 present voting Aye.

**Chairman** – Supervisor Chamberlain nominated Jeff Amo. This was seconded by Supervisor Schmidt. Corporation Counsel, Sam Bach Hanson asked if there were any other nominations from the floor. Corporation Counsel, Sam Bach-Hanson closed the nominations. Ballots were cast with:

Jeff Amo – 19

Jeff Amo was declared the winner of the Chairman position.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chairman** - Supervisor Stevens nominated Ron Carney. This was seconded by Supervisor Schmidt. Supervisor Clark nominated Michelle Greendeer-Rave. Chairman Amo asked three times if there were any other nominations from the floor. Chairman Amo closed the nominations. Ballots were cast with:

Ron Carney – 17

Michelle Greendeer-Rave – 2

Ron Carney was declared the winner of the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chairman position.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chairman** – Supervisor Schmidt nominated Michelle Greendeer-Rave. This was seconded by Supervisor Higgins. Supervisor Stevens nominated Alton Staff. Chairman Amo asked three times if there were any other nominations from the floor. Chairman Amo closed the nominations. Ballots were cast with:

Michelle Greendeer-Rave – 11

Alton Staff – 8

Michelle Greendeer-Rave was declared the winner of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chairman position.

**Highway Committee - 5 members – 3 elected - 2 appointed**

For first elected position Supervisor Hart nominated Charles Jensen. Supervisor Higgins nominated Ed Chamberlain. Supervisor Greendeer-Rave nominated Alton Staff. Chairman Amo asked three times if there were any other nominations from the floor. Chairman Amo closed the nominations. Ballots were cast with:

Charles Jensen – 6

Ed Chamberlain – 9

Alton Staff – 3

There was no majority. Vote was taken again with ballots cast for:

Charles Jensen – 6

Ed Chamberlain – 9

Alton Staff – 4

There was no majority.

Supervisor Hart made a motion to re-open nominations to vote for all 3 positions on one ballot. This was seconded by Supervisor Peloquin. Voice vote was taken with 19 present voting Aye.

For the three elected Highway Committee positions Supervisor Hart nominated Charles Jensen. Supervisor Greendeer-Rave nominated Alton Staff. Supervisor Higgins nominated Ed Chamberlain. Chairman Amo closed the nominations. Ballots were cast with:

Charles Jensen – 19

Alton Staff – 17

Ed Chamberlain – 18

Charles Jensen, Alton Staff and Ed Chamberlain were declared the winners of the three elected Highway positions.

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 Rolbiecki. Supervisor Gearing-Lancaster asked that the minutes reflect that she was excused due to a work obligation. Voice vote was taken with 19 present voting Aye.

Chairman Amo stated that we have hired Jack Wortman as the Emergency Management Coordinator but need a motion from the board to appoint him to the position. Supervisor Hart made a motion to appoint Jack Wortman as the Emergency Management Coordinator. This was seconded by Supervisor Jensen. Voice vote was taken with 19 present voting Aye.

**Jackson County Board Proclamation  
Mental Health Month  
May, 2022  
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 is partnering with other community agencies to provide a wide array of events that will provide education and create awareness around 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 2022 as Mental Health Month in Jackson County.

DHHS Committee  
s/Ron Carney, Chairman  
s/Desiree Gearing-Lancaster  
s/John Higgins  
s/Lori Chown  
s/Roger Stevens  
Tom Clark-verbal  
Michelle Clark Forsting-verbal

Executive & Finance Committee  
s/Ray Ransom, Chairman  
s/Ron Carney  
s/Jeff Amo  
s/Karen Thayer

Supervisor Carney made a motion to adopt this proclamation. This was seconded by Supervisor Higgins. Behavioral Health Manager, Jessica Stinson and Social Workers, Stephanie Kennedy and Dana Johnson spoke on the history and activities associated with this proclamation. Voice vote was taken with 19 present voting Aye.

RESOLUTION 08-04-2022

TO: **HONORABLE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

RE: **Resolution to Request American Rescue Fund Act Funding for Employee Wellness Visits**

**WHEREAS**, the Jackson County Sheriff's Office recognizes the stress and strains put upon staff while receiving emergency calls, handling emergency calls and protecting those placed in our care. The Sheriff's Office values the wellbeing of each staff member and their mental health wellness which can be carried home with them and affect not only themselves but their families.

**WHEREAS**, the Sheriff's Office understands that the 2021 Act 29 modified Wisconsin's workers compensation for certain mental health injuries and benefits for public safety officers who are suffering from work related PTSD.

**WHEREAS**, the Sheriff's Office during the Covid Pandemic has seen the increased cost of employee retention and recruitment and the competition for educated and trained public safety workers.

**WHEREAS**, the Sheriff's Office has worked with REALiving to provide 30-minute Wellness Visits annually for each staff member where assistance can be given to navigate the stress and trauma that can be experienced in the public safety profession. REALiving will provide education on self-care and other resources.

**WHEREAS**, the Sheriff's Office does not have funds budgeted for this employee wellness program but believes that it is important to retain and keep employees successful and healthy. The Sheriff's Office believes that this employee wellness would fall under the guidelines of the American Rescue Plan Act

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Honorable Jackson County Board of Supervisors authorizes that funds from the American Rescue Plan Act be utilized for the cost to implement Wellness Visits for all Sheriff's Office employees not to exceed \$5000.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jackson County Law  
Enforcement Committee  
s/Chuck Jensen  
s/Ray Ransom  
s/Ron Carney  
s/Jeff Amo  
s/Garth Rolbiecki

Jackson County Executive and  
Finance Committee  
s/Ray Ransom  
s/Ron Carney  
s/Jeff Amo  
s/Karen Thayer

Supervisor Greendeer-Rave made a motion to adopt this resolution. This was seconded by Supervisor Rolbiecki. Adam Olson, Chief Deputy was present for questions. Voice vote was taken with 19 present voting Aye.

**RESOLUTION 09-04-2022**

**TO:** The Honorable Jackson County Board of Supervisors

**RE: Addition of one (1.0) FTE Children and Families Social Worker I,II**

WHEREAS, the Children and Families Services (CFS) Division of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has recognized a need to expand case management services in order to safely manage increased caseloads within the CFS Division in Jackson County and prevent increased out-of-home placements, and;

WHEREAS, there has been a 300% increase in Children in Need of Protection & Services (CHIPS) cases from 24 CHIPS court cases filed in 2020 to 72 CHIPS court cases filed in 2021, and;

WHEREAS, there has been a significant increase in the number of children in out of home care, from 55 total children placed in care in 2020 to 75 total children placed in care in 2021, and;

WHEREAS, the WCHSA recommended caseload size for Ongoing Workers is 10 families with no more than 15 children in out of home care and in 2021 Jackson County Ongoing Social Workers have surpassed these recommended caseloads and;

WHEREAS, 2021 Senate Bill 491 passed through Wi State Legislature to provide State reimbursement for Subsidized Guardianships, allowing for approximately \$165,000 of budgeted sub-care costs to be utilized to fund this position, and;

WHEREAS, the financial analysis for this resolution is attached, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jackson County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the addition of one (1.0) FTE Children and Families Social Worker I,II and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the resolution will become effective upon passage by the Jackson County Board of Supervisors and is subject to the recruitment process outlined in the County's Personnel Policy – Chapter 4.

Respectfully Submitted,

DHHS Committee	Personnel/Bargaining Committee	Executive/Finance Committee
s/Ron Carney, Chairman	s/Ray Ransom, Chairman	s/Ray Ransom, Chairman
s/Desiree Gearing Lancaster	s/Ron Carney	s/Ron Carney
s/John Higgins	s/Jeff Amo	s/Jeff Amo
s/Lori Chown	s/Karen Thayer	s/Karen Thayer
s/Roger Stevens	s/Roger Stevens	
Tom Clark-verbal	s/Alton Staff	
Michelle Clark-Forsting-verbal	s/Chuck Jensen	

Supervisor Carney made a motion to adopt this resolution. This was seconded by Supervisor Gearing-Lancaster. Daina Dobbs, Children and Families Manager was present for questions. Discussion took place. Voice vote was taken with 19 present voting Aye.

#### Resolution 10-04-2022

RE: Request American Transmission Company (ATC) funds for Land Conservation projects

WHEREAS, Jackson County has \$2,240.09 of unrestricted funds remaining from the American Transmission Company (ATC) allocation; and

WHEREAS, Jackson County Land Conservation could use said funds to continue with their conservation efforts in Jackson County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Jackson County Board allocates the remaining unrestricted American Transmission Company funds in the amount of \$2,240.09 to the Land Conservation Department to assist with future land conservation projects.

Executive and Finance Committee  
s/Ray Ransom  
s/Ron Carney  
s/Jeff Amo  
s/Karen Thayer

Land Conservation and Agriculture Committee  
s/Ron Carney  
s/Hoyt Strandberg  
s/Steven Kling  
s/Larry Blaken  
s/Jerry Schmidt  
Tom Clark-verbal

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

Supervisor Strandberg made a motion to read the following zone petitions only one time. This was seconded by Supervisor Carney. Voice vote was taken with 19 present voting Aye.

**PETITION #2022-07  
TOWN OF GARDEN VALLEY**

**REPORT OF THE ZONING COMMITTEE**

TO THE JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

The Jackson County Zoning Committee, having considered Petition #2022-07 to amend the Jackson County Zoning Ordinance filed by Jeff and Ann Klieforth on the day of March 3, 2022 to change the Official Zoning Map from the A-1 (Agriculture) District to the R-2 (Residential) District on the following described lands:

On property known as part of Lot 3 of CSM 4313 located in the SW1/4-SE1/4, Section 16, T23N, R5W, Town of Garden Valley, Jackson County, WI. The request is to change 2.0 acres of the Official Zoning Map from the A-1 (Agriculture) District to the R-2 (Residential) District for the construction of a single-family home.

Located in the Town of Garden Valley, 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of April 2022.

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

Supervisor Chamberlain made a motion to accept this zone change. This was seconded by Supervisor Staff. Voice Vote was taken with 19 present voting Aye.

Chairman Amo stated that Zone Petitions 2022-08 2022-09 were both tabled to May.

Supervisor Jensen made a motion to adjourn. This was seconded by Supervisor Hart. All present voted Aye by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 10:20 A.M.





