

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

**August 16, 2021**

The Regular Session of the Jackson County Board of Supervisors was called to order at 5:30 P.M., on Monday, August 16, 2021, at the Jackson County Courthouse in the County Board Room by Chairman Ransom.

County Clerk, Cindy Altman, took roll call with 18 members present and 1 member absent (Supervisor Funmaker).

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Chairman Ransom asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes from the June and July meetings. Supervisor Staff made a motion to approve the June 2021 minutes. This was seconded by Supervisor Chamberlain. Supervisor Amo made a motion to approve the July 2021 minutes. This was seconded by Supervisor Chamberlain. Voice vote was taken with 18 present voting Aye for both motions.

Chairman Ransom introduced Chris Hovell, DHHS Director, who was present to give an update on COVID-19.

**RESOLUTION NO. 41-08-2021**

**RE:** Compensation for the Family Court Commissioner Position

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

WHEREAS, the Family Court Commissioner serves a very important function of the court system serving our citizens in divorce cases, paternity matters, child support matters, contempt actions, referrals for mediation, child placement disputes, and advising pro se litigants on scheduling issues; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson County Board of Supervisors approves the compensation for the Family Court Commissioner position; and

WHEREAS, the current compensation for the Family Court Commissioner is \$42,127.54 per annum; and

WHEREAS, the creation of Jackson County's second Judicial Branch will allow the Circuit Court Judges to preside over some matters previously presided over by the Family Court Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, the Family Court Commissioner position will be paid as a vendor in the county financial system.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Jackson County Board of Supervisors approves a salary of \$20,000 with no expense reimbursement for the Family Court Commissioner effective August 1, 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Family Court Commissioner's salary shall be increased annually on August 1<sup>st</sup> based on the annual wage scale adjustment for County employees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Jackson County Board recognizes and appreciates the dedication and service that Family Court Commissioner Margaret Rewald has given to our Jackson County citizens.

Executive & Finance Committee  
s/Ray Ransom  
s/Ron Carney  
s/Jeff Amo  
s/Karen Thayer  
s/Roger Stevens

Personnel & Bargaining Committee  
s/Ray Ransom  
s/Ron Carney  
s/Jeff Amo  
s/Karen Thayer  
s/Roger Stevens  
s/Alton Staff  
s/Chuck Jensen

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

RESOLUTION NO. 42-08-2021

TO: **HONORABLE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

RE: **Resolution to Request American Rescue Fund Act for Remaining Funding for Body Security Scanner and Thermal Reader**

**WHEREAS**, during the 2020 Covid Pandemic, essential workers, such as law enforcement officers, discovered more than ever the need for technology and discovered failures in the operations of our current jail procedures.

**WHEREAS**, Chief Deputy Olson applied for and received \$150,000 in grant funding from the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding to purchase a TEK 84 Body Scanner with thermal options. This device will assist in monitoring subjects entering the jail by conducting a thorough search of the subject including temperature reading before the subject is allowed into the facility. This procedure will assist with limiting any potential exposure of illness or contraband into the jail, protecting our staff, and others housed in our facility.

**WHEREAS**, the Sheriff's Office does not have funds budgeted for the additional \$41,500 towards the cost of this Body Scanner and believes that it would fall within 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 to cover the additional \$41,500 cost of the TEK 84 Body Scanner.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Jackson County Law  
Enforcement Committee  
s/Chuck Jensen  
s/Jeff Amo  
s/Ray Ransom  
s/Ron Carney

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 43-08-2021

**TO: HONORABLE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**RE: Resolution to Request American Rescue Fund Act Funding for Mobile Radio Replacement**

**WHEREAS**, during the 2020 Covid Pandemic, essential workers, such as law enforcement officers, discovered more than ever the need for technology and communication improvement needs. The Sheriff's Office has operated with a zero percent operational increase and is utilizing outdated mobile squad radios that do not allow communication with other law enforcement agencies or emergency crews. Portable radios play a valuable role in NIMS and incident management.

**WHEREAS**, the Sheriff's Office has met with vendors willing to offer replacements or upgrades to our mobile radios and found that our current radios are outdated and incapable of being upgraded to meet the needs of the Sheriff's Office,

**WHEREAS**, the Sheriff's Office does not have funds budgeted for this improvement but believes that it would fall within guidelines of the American Rescue Plan Act and would provide first responders with better technology to keep them and the community safe.

**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 of replacing mobile radios for the Sheriff's Department with funds not to exceed \$50,000.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Jackson County Law  
Enforcement Committee  
s/Chuck Jensen  
s/Ray Ransom  
s/Ron Carney  
s/Jeff Amo

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 44-08-2021

**TO: HONORABLE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**RE: Resolution to Request American Rescue Fund Act Funding for Portable Radio Replacement and Upgrade**

**WHEREAS**, during the 2020 Covid Pandemic, essential workers, such as law enforcement officers, discovered more than ever the need for technology and communication improvement needs. The Sheriff's Office has operated with a zero percent operational increase and is utilizing outdated portable radios that do not allow communication with other law enforcement agencies or emergency crews. Portable radios play a valuable role in NIMS and incident management.

**WHEREAS**, the Sheriff's Office has met with vendors willing to offer replacements or upgrades to our portable radios and found that our current radios are outdated and incapable of being upgraded to meet the needs of the Sheriff's Office,

**WHEREAS**, the Sheriff's Office does not have funds budgeted for this improvement but believes that it would fall within guidelines of the American Rescue Plan Act and would provide first responders with better technology to keep them and the community safe.

**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 of replacing portable radios for the Sheriff's Department with funds not to exceed \$50,000.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Jackson County Law  
Enforcement Committee  
s/Chuck Jensen  
s/Ray Ransom  
s/Ron Carney  
s/Jeff Amo

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

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

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

**PETITION #2021-35  
TOWN OF NORTH BEND**

**REPORT OF THE ZONING COMMITTEE**

TO THE JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

The Jackson County Zoning Committee, having considered Petition #2021-35 to amend the Jackson County Zoning Ordinance filed by Michael & Cassie Geary on the day of May 27, 2021 to change the Official Zoning Map from the A-1 (Agriculture) District to the R-2 (Residential) District and the A-2 (Forestry and Limited Agriculture) District on the following described lands:

On property known as Lot 2 of CSM 1341 located in the SE1/4-SW1/4, Section 29, T19N, R6W, Town of North Bend, Jackson County, WI. The request is to change 11.97 acres of the Official Zoning Map as follows:

- 2.0 acres from the A-1 (Agriculture) District to the R-2 (Residential) District for the construction of a single-family home.
- 9.97 acres from the A-1 (Agriculture) District to the A-2 (Forestry and Limited Agriculture) District.

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 easement and township approval.

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021.

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

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

**PETITION #2021-36  
TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD**

**REPORT OF THE ZONING COMMITTEE**

TO THE JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

The Jackson County Zoning Committee, having considered Petition #2021-36 to amend the Jackson County Zoning Ordinance filed by Eric & Mark Bolte on the day of June 7, 2021 to change 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 located in the SW1/4-NE1/4, Section 30, T21N, R6W, Town of Springfield, Jackson County, WI. The request is to change 2.0 acres of the Official Zoning Map from the A-2 (Forestry and Limited Agriculture) District to the R-2 (Residential) District for a single-family home.

Located in the Town of Springfield, 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021.

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

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

Chairman Ransom stated that the Highway Department 2020 Annual Report was included in the packets.

Supervisor Hart made a motion to adjourn. This was seconded by Supervisor Stevens. All present voted Aye by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:07 P.M.



