

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

September 21, 2020

The Regular Session of the Jackson County Board of Supervisors was called to order at 5:30 P.M., on Monday, September 21, 2020, at the Department of Health and Human Services Building in the Conference Room by Chairman Ransom.

County Clerk, Kyle Deno, took roll call with 18 members present and 1 member absent, Supervisor Clark.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

A moment of silence was held for former Supervisor Daryl Rose.

Chairman Ransom 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 Stevens. Voice vote was taken with 18 present voting Aye.

Supervisor Clark called in to the meeting.

Chairman Ransom introduced Dr. Shelly Severson, Black River Falls School District Superintendent. She was present to talk about the upcoming School District Referendum that will be on the ballot in November.

Chairman Ransom asked Kristina Page, Emergency Management Coordinator to give an update on the Roads to Recovery Grant.

Resolution No. 32-9-2020

IMPLICATIONS OF VERSO MILL CLOSURES

TO THE JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

WHEREAS, On June 9, 2020 VERSO announced idling of their Duluth, MN and Wisconsin Rapids, WI pulp and paper mills by the end of July 2020 for an indefinite period, and

WHEREAS, the idling of these mills will directly impact 1,000 workers and indirectly affect thousands more across the entire state of Wisconsin that support the mill through related forestry work such as logging, and transportation and,

WHEREAS, the prolonged closure of this mill will negatively affect nations, state and county private landowners financially and has the potential to affect the ability to continue proper silviculture techniques and those lands to maintain a healthy forest structure and,

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Rapids, WI mill utilizes over 25% of all pulpwood produced in the state of Wisconsin, and

WHEREAS, 11% of total pulpwood on active sales in Jackson County is consumed at the Wisconsin Rapids mill, and

WHEREAS, timber revenue from the Jackson County Forest reduces the County levy and the loss of this income will financially affect the 20,449 citizens of Jackson County and the public services available to them, and

WHEREAS, a similar impact will be felt by nearly every County operating a County Forest for timber production.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The County Board of Supervisors of the County of Jackson ask that the Governor and Legislatures direct that assistance be provided in any way possible to all continuation of mill operations and/or financial assistance be considered to support the direct loss of jobs, as well as assistance for other industries impacted by the closure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State of Wisconsin work with Counties to identify new markets for forest products and provide flexibility and assistance to replace lost revenues.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Jackson County Forestry and Parks Committee has directed to forward this resolution to Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA), Wisconsin County Forests Association (WCFA) and all local, regional, state and federal representatives.

s/Karen Thayer, Chair
s/Ed Chamberlain, Vice Chair
s/Norman Stoker

Jerrold Schmidt
s/Thomas Clark

Ex & Finance Committee

s/Ray Ransom
s/Ron Carney
s/Jeff Amo
s/Karen Thayer
s/Roger Stevens

Supervisor Thayer made a motion to adopt this resolution. This was seconded by Supervisor Hart. Jim Zahasky, Forest Administrator was present for questions. Voice vote was taken with 19 present voting Aye.

RESOLUTION 33-9-2020

TO: The Honorable Jackson County Board of Supervisors

RE: Reclassification of Corrections Lieutenant to Lieutenant

WHEREAS, Jackson County is committed to providing wages equitable to external and internal conditions; and,

WHEREAS, it is the objective of Jackson County to attract and retain fully qualified employees; and,

WHEREAS, the Corrections Lieutenant job description has not been updated to reflect changes in job duties since 2018; and,

WHEREAS, the Corrections Lieutenant job has changed to the degree that the job description and title are no longer accurate; and,

WHEREAS, the Sheriff and Chief Deputy have carefully reviewed and made changes to the job description to more accurately reflect the current position; and,

WHEREAS, the position wages need to reflect the increase in duties and responsibilities in the job description; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Jackson County Board of Supervisors approves the updated job description and job title of the Lieutenant position and also approves the position be reclassified from a grade 9 to a grade 7; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Lieutenant position will be placed at the grade 7 level at the current wage of \$31.12 effective the first full pay period after passage.

Respectfully Submitted,

Law Enforcement Committee
s/Chuck Jensen, Chairman
s/Jeff Amo
s/Ray Ransom
s/Ron Carney

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

Executive and Finance
Committee
s/Ray Ransom, Chairman
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 Carney. Sheriff Waldera and Human Resources Director, Susie Meinerz were present for questions. Discussion took place. Voice vote was taken with 19 present voting.

RESOLUTION # 34-9-2020

TO: The Honorable Jackson County Board of Supervisors

RE: Reclassification of Secretary - Confidential Receptionist (Law Enforcement/Emergency Management) Position

WHEREAS, Jackson County is committed to providing wages equitable to external and internal conditions; and,

WHEREAS, it is the objective of Jackson County to attract and retain fully qualified employees; and,

WHEREAS, the Secretary – Confidential Receptionist (Law Enforcement) job description has not been updated to reflect changes in job duties since 2013; and,

WHEREAS, the duties of the Secretary - Confidential Receptionist (Law Enforcement/Emergency Management) have changed to the degree that the job description and title are no longer accurate; and,

WHEREAS, the Sheriff and Chief Deputy have carefully reviewed and made changes to the job description to more accurately reflect the current position; and,

WHEREAS, the position wages need to reflect the increase in duties and responsibilities in the job description; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Jackson County Board of Supervisors approves the updated job description and job title of the Administrative Assistant – Records position and also approves the position be reclassified from a grade 14 to a grade 13; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the current Administrative Assistant – Records position will be placed at the grade 13 level at the current wage of \$18.91 effective the first full pay period after passage.

Respectfully Submitted,

Law Enforcement Committee
s/Chuck Jensen, Chairman
s/Jeff Amo
s/Ray Ransom
s/Ron Carney

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

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

Supervisor Chamberlain made a motion to adopt this resolution. This was seconded by Supervisor Hart. Sheriff Waldera and Human Resources Director, Susie Meinerz were present for questions. Discussion took place. Voice vote was taken with 19 present voting Aye.

RESOLUTION 35-9-2020

TO: The Honorable Jackson County Board of Supervisors

RE: Reclassification of Secretary – Confidential Receptionist (Law Enforcement) Position

WHEREAS, Jackson County is committed to providing wages equitable to external and internal conditions; and,

WHEREAS, it is the objective of Jackson County to attract and retain fully qualified employees; and,

WHEREAS, the Secretary – Confidential Receptionist (Law Enforcement) job description has not been updated to reflect changes in job duties since 2013; and,

WHEREAS, the duties of the Secretary – Confidential Receptionist (Law Enforcement) have changed to the degree that the job description and title is no longer accurate; and,

WHEREAS, the Sheriff and Chief Deputy have carefully reviewed and made changes to the job description to more accurately reflect the current position; and,

WHEREAS, the position wages need to reflect the increase in duties and responsibilities in the job description; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Jackson County Board of Supervisors approves the updated job description and job title of Administrative Assistant – Fiscal position and also approves the position be reclassified from a grade 14 to a grade 13; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the current Administrative Assistant – Fiscal position will be placed at the grade 13 level at the current wage of \$19.05 effective the first full pay period after passage.

Respectfully Submitted,
Law Enforcement Committee

s/Chuck Jensen, Chairman
s/Jeff Amo
s/Ray Ransom
s/Ron Carney

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

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

Supervisor Funmaker made a motion to adopt this resolution. This was seconded by Supervisor Carney. Sheriff Waldera and Human Resources Director, Susie Meinerz were present for questions. Voice vote was taken with 19 present voting Aye.

Supervisor Strandberg made a motion to temporarily suspend the rules and read the following Zone Petition changes only one time. This was seconded by Supervisor Carney. Voice vote was taken with 19 present voting Aye.

**PETITION #2020-48
TOWN OF MILLSTON**

REPORT OF THE ZONING COMMITTEE

TO THE JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

The Jackson County Zoning Committee, having considered Petition #2020-48 to amend the Jackson County Zoning Ordinance filed by William Weller on the day of July 30, 2020 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 SE1/4-NE1/4 Section 13, T20N, R2W, Town of Millston, Jackson County, WI. The request is to change 1.5 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 Millston, 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 21st day of September 2020.

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

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

**PETITION #2020-49
TOWN OF MELROSE**

REPORT OF THE ZONING COMMITTEE

TO THE JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

The Jackson County Zoning Committee, having considered Petition #2020-49 to amend the Jackson County Zoning Ordinance filed by Francis and Kimberly Ponterio on the day of July 20, 2020 to change the Official Zoning Map from the A-2 (Forestry and Limited Agriculture) District to the R-6 (Rural Residential) District on the following described lands:

On property located in the NE1/4-NW1/4 Section 28, T19N, R5W, Town of Melrose, Jackson County, WI. The request is to change 3.0 acres of the Official Zoning Map from the A-2 (Forestry and Limited Agriculture) District to the R-6 (Rural Residential) District for a future single-family home.

Located in the Town of Melrose, 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 the conditions that the Town of Melrose approve and also meeting all Land Conservation Dept. conditions.

Dated this 21st day of September 2020

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

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

**PETITION #2020-52
TOWN OF KNAPP**

REPORT OF THE ZONING COMMITTEE

TO THE JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

The Jackson County Zoning Committee, having considered Petition #2020-52 to amend the Jackson County Zoning Ordinance filed by Joshua & Misti Johnson, owners and Lawrence Johnson, applicant on the day of August 14, 2020 to change the Official Zoning Map from the R-2 & R-4 (Residential) District to the R-6 (Rural Residential) District on the following described lands:

On property located in the SE1/4-SW1/4, Section 34, T20N, R1W, Town of Knapp, Jackson County, WI. The request is to change 6.0 acres of the Official Zoning Map from the R-2 and R-4 (Residential) Districts to the R-6 (Rural Residential) District for the placement of a single-family home.

Located in the Town of Knapp, 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 the Land Conservation Department conditions.

Dated this 21st day of September 2020.

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 19 present voting Aye.

**PETITION #2020-53
TOWN OF ADAMS**

REPORT OF THE ZONING COMMITTEE

TO THE JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

The Jackson County Zoning Committee, having considered Petition #2020-53 to amend the Jackson County Zoning Ordinance filed by Kari & David Hartl on the day of August 18, 2020 to change the Official Zoning Map from the R-4 (Residential) and the A-1 (Agriculture) District to the R-6 (Residential) District on the following described lands:

On property located in the SE1/4-SW1/4 Section 8, T21N, R4W, Town of Adams, Jackson County, WI. The request is to change 3.1 acres of the Official Zoning Map from the R-4 (Residential) and A-1 (Agriculture) Districts to the R-6 (Rural Residential) District for a single-family home.

Located in the Town of Adams, 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 the Land Conservation Department conditions.

Dated this 21st day of September 2020

JACKSON COUNTY ZONING COMMITTEE

BY: s/Hoyt Strandberg, Chairman

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

**PETITION #2020-54
TOWN OF MELROSE**

REPORT OF THE ZONING COMMITTEE

TO THE JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

The Jackson County Zoning Committee, having considered Petition #2020-54 to amend the Jackson County Zoning Ordinance filed by Christopher & Jenna Kirchner on the day of August 24, 2020 to change the Official Zoning Map from the A-2 (Forestry and Limited Agriculture) District to the R-6 (Rural Residential) District on the following described lands:

On property located in the NE1/4-SE1/4 Section 29, T19N, R5W, Town of Melrose, Jackson County, WI. The request is to change 5.0 acres of the Official Zoning Map from the A-2 (Forestry and Limited Agriculture) District to the R-6 (Rural Residential) District for a single-family home.

Located in the Town of Melrose, 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 the Land Conservation Department conditions attached & Town of Melrose approval.

Dated this 21st day of September 2020

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.

**PETITION #2020-55
TOWN OF MANCHESTER**

REPORT OF THE ZONING COMMITTEE

TO THE JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

The Jackson County Zoning Committee, having considered Petition #2020-55 to amend the Jackson County Zoning Ordinance filed by Susan Wuethoff, Kristine

Leistekow, Charles and Robert Soldner, owners on the day of August 28, 2020 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 NE1/4-SW1/4, and the SE1/4-SW1/4, Section 34, T20N, R3W, Town of Manchester, Jackson County, WI. The request is to change 8.0 acres of the Official Zoning Map from the A-2 (Forestry and Limited Agriculture) District to the R-2 (Residential) District for 4 single family cabins/homes.

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 21st day of September 2020

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

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

Supervisor Hart made a motion to adjourn. This was seconded by Supervisor Jensen. All present voted Aye by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

