

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

**April 17, 2018**

The Statutory Session of the Jackson County Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:00 A.M., on Tuesday, April 18, 2018, at the Jackson County Courthouse in the County Board Room by Chairman Ransom.

County Clerk, Kyle Deno, took roll call with all 19 members present.

District 1 – Karen Thayer  
District 2 – Alton Staff  
District 3 – Hoyt Strandberg  
District 4 – Roger Stevens  
District 5 – Thomas Clark  
District 6 – Larry Blaken  
District 7 – Charles Jensen  
District 8 – Max Hart  
District 9 – Ray Ransom  
District 10 – Michelle Greendeer-Rave  
District 11 – Karena Thundercloud  
District 12 – Ron Carney  
District 13 – Norman Stoker  
District 14 – John Higgins  
District 15 – Curtis Redbird  
District 16 – Grady Gutknecht  
District 17 – Jeff Amo  
District 18 – Jerrold Schmidt  
District 19 – Ed Chamberlain

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

County Clerk, Kyle Deno administered the Oath of Office to all of the elected Supervisors.

Chairman Ransom took time to welcome the new County Board Supervisors.

**ELECTIONS**

**Chairman** – Supervisor Stevens nominated Ray Ransom. Corporation Counsel, Garrett Nix asked three times if there were any other nominations from the floor. Supervisor Jensen made a motion to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Ray Ransom. This was seconded by Supervisor Amo. All voted Aye by voice vote.

Ray Ransom was declared the winner of the Chairman position.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chairman** - Supervisor Hart nominated Jeff Amo. Chairman Ransom asked three times if there were any other nominations from the floor. Supervisor Carney made a motion to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Jeff Amo. This was seconded by Supervisor Gutknecht. All voted Aye by voice vote.

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chairman** – Supervisor Jensen nominated Roger Stevens. Supervisor Stevens nominated Ron Carney. Supervisor Thundercloud nominated Curtis Redbird. Chairman Ransom asked three times if there were any other nominations from the floor. Supervisor Stoker made a motion to close nominations. This was seconded by Supervisor Chamberlain. Ballots were cast with:

Roger Stevens – 5

Ron Carney – 8

Curtis Redbird – 6

There was no majority vote. Supervisor Stevens withdrew his name from consideration. Vote was taken with only 2 candidates. Ballots were cast with:

Ron Carney – 13

Curtis Redbird – 6

Ron Carney 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 Thayer nominated Jeff Amo. Supervisor Stevens nominated Charles Jensen. Supervisor Hart nominated Larry Blaken Chairman Ransom asked three times if there were any other nominations from the floor. Chairman Ransom closed nominations. Ballots were cast with:

Jeff Amo - 10

Charles Jensen – 4

Larry Blaken – 5

Jeff Amo was declared winner of the first position on the Highway Committee.

For the second elected position Supervisor Stevens nominated Charles Jensen. Supervisor Redbird nominated Michelle Greendeer-Rave. Chairman Ransom asked three times if there were any other nominations from the floor. Chairman Ransom closed nominations. Ballots were cast with:

Charles Jensen – 14

Michelle Greendeer-Rave – 5

Charles Jensen was declared winner of the second position on the Highway Committee.

For the third elected position Supervisor Carney nominated Larry Blaken. Supervisor Thundercloud nominated Michelle Greendeer-Rave. Chairman Ransom asked three times if there were any other nominations from the floor. Chairman Ransom closed nominations. Ballots were cast with:

Larry Blaken – 14

Michelle Greendeer-Rave – 5

Larry Blaken was declared winner of the third position on the Highway Committee.

Chairman Ransom asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the previous meeting. Supervisor Stevens made a motion to approve the minutes. This was seconded by Supervisor Gutknecht. Voice vote was taken with 19 present voting Aye.

Jackson County Board Proclamation  
Jackson County Fitness Day  
May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JACKSON COUNTY BOARD

Proclamation

Whereas the Jackson County Board of Supervisors would like to proclaim May 19<sup>th</sup> Jackson County Fitness Day and,

Whereas, on fitness Day, the County Board of Supervisors would like to encourage citizens of Jackson County to get active and challenge everyone to join the movement for a happier, fitter County and,

Whereas, the Jackson in Action Coalition has provided opportunities to increase awareness of the health of our county, promoted physical activity and increased nutritional education in Jackson County and through collaborative efforts between community agencies has increased community understanding of the importance of building programming and resources in our community to support active lifestyles is being pursued and,

Whereas, by leading more active lifestyles, we can invest in our futures and encourage our children to do the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Ray Ransom, Chairman of the Jackson County Board, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim May 19<sup>th</sup> 2018, as Jackson County Fitness Day. I call upon the people of the Jackson County to make daily physical activity and good nutrition a priority in their lives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, on this 17<sup>th</sup> Day of April, 2018.

s/Ray Ransom  
Jackson County Board Chairman

Supervisor Amo made a motion to approve this proclamation. This was seconded by Supervisor Carney. Representatives from the Hospital and Public Health were present for questions. Voice vote was taken with 19 present voting Aye.

**RESOLUTION # 16-4-2018**

**RESOLUTION TO CONSTRUCT A SALT/SAND STORAGE FACILITY FOR JACKSON COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, The Jackson County Highway Department has a need to mix salt sand in order to provide safe roads during the harsh Wisconsin winters, and

WHEREAS, the current process involves the premixing of 7,000 yards of sand with salt which is accomplished in the fall of the year and the resulting product is stored outdoors at the Highway Department's lower shop located at N5661 STH 54 West, and

WHEREAS, the outdoor storage arrangement creates a runoff issue in which product can be washed away and possibly enter ditches and eventually streams or groundwater, and

WHEREAS, the uncovered pile of salt/sand also can become airborne creating a fine particle hazard, and

WHEREAS, the unused product that is left over in the spring is required to be covered with plastic which creates a safety issue for the workers that have to accomplish this task, and

WHEREAS, the construction of an enclosed structure large enough to store a winter's supply of salt/sand would minimize the environmental hazard issues and would provide for year round storage of the product, and

WHEREAS, it has been researched by Highway Department staff that a fabric building – 80 feet wide by 128 feet long with a concrete bunker system can hold 5,333 yards of product and would meet the needs of the Highway Department for many years to come, and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of the building and the site prep necessary to complete the project is \$372,200, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that not more than \$375,000 be allocated to complete this project, using funds from the American Transmission Company Environmental Impact Fund that has been paid to Jackson County.

Adopted this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018.

**Jackson County Highway Committee**

s/Jeff Amo  
s/Danny Iverson  
s/Alton Staff  
s/Charles Jensen

**Executive & Finance Committee**

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

Supervisor Carney made a motion to adopt this resolution. This was seconded by Supervisor Jensen. Highway Commissioner, Jay Borek was present for questions. Voice vote was taken with 19 present voting Aye.

RESOLUTION 17-4-2018

TO: The Honorable Jackson County Board of Supervisors

**RE: Addition of one (1.0) FTE Behavioral Health Social Worker I/II**

WHEREAS, Children's Long Term Support Waiver (CLTS) provides Medicaid funded Waiver services for children who have substantial limitations in their daily activities and need support to remain in their home or community; and,

WHEREAS, eligible children include those with developmental disabilities, severe emotional disturbances, and physical disabilities; and,

WHEREAS, funding can be used to support a range of different services based on an assessment of the needs of the child and his or her family; and,

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services requires that the CLTS waitlist be eliminated in each county by the end of 2018; and,

WHEREAS, Jackson County has been required to develop and initiate a plan to eliminate 13 children from this waitlist and absorbed this added caseload to the already burdened caseload of the two existing Social Workers working within the children's program; and,

WHEREAS, the children's workers also provide services through the Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) program and the Coordinated Services Team (CST) program; and,

WHEREAS, there are also currently 10 children that have been referred to the CCS program and are awaiting screening and enrollment if found to be eligible with the likelihood of these children also being eligible for CLTS and CST; and,

WHEREAS, due to the current workload of the Social Workers working within the children's programs, a waitlist is now required for the CST program; and,

WHEREAS, children are sometimes dually enrolled in 2 or more of these programs, which requires the worker to ensure requirements are met for all three programs; and,

WHEREAS, having children be enrolled in multiple programs with one worker benefits the children and family related to continuity of care and the county related to reimbursement; and,

WHEREAS, when the State requirement was implemented in September 2017 to eliminate each county's CLTS waitlist, no additional staff were hired; and,

WHEREAS, the complexity of clients, increased paperwork, the need for increased knowledge, time and understanding of program changes has increased the workload for the current children's workers; and,

WHEREAS, there are currently 8 children on the waitlist that need to be enrolled by August 2018 per our county's elimination plan with the expectation of more children being added to the waitlist throughout the year and anticipate additional referrals for CCS and CST; and,

WHEREAS, there are no additional children's workers to absorb any additional CLTS, CCS, or CST, which will likely mean children may need to wait for a substantial amount of time before receiving services; and,

WHEREAS, evidence has determined that the sooner a child receives early intervention and support services for a disability the better their developmental outcome becomes; and,

WHEREAS, support and services provided through the children's programs create increased supports for families under duress and assists in decreasing the need for out of home placement or institutional needs; and,

WHEREAS, this type of support service creates a decrease in the use of levy dollars; and,

WHEREAS, it has been determined that adding one Behavioral Health Social Worker I/II position to serve CLTS, CCS, and CST clients best meets the programmatic and administrative needs of the department; 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 1.0 FTE Behavioral Health Social Worker I, II.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

DHHS Committee  
s/Ron Carney, Chairman

Personnel & Bargaining  
Committee  
s/Ray Ransom, Chairman

Executive and Finance  
Committee  
s/Ray Ransom, Chairman

s/John Chrest  
s/Roger Stevens  
s/Grady Gutknecht  
s/Bob Perry  
s/Joe Hunter

s/Charles Jensen  
s/Roger Stevens  
s/Jeff Amo  
s/Karen Thayer  
s/Ron Carney

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

Supervisor Stevens made a motion to adopt this resolution. This was seconded by Supervisor Greendeer-Rave. Human Services Director, Chris Hovell and Behavioral Health Manager, Jessica Andre were both present for questions. Voice vote was taken with 19 present voting Aye.

RESOLUTION # 18-4-2018

**Re: UW-Extension Funding Reimbursement Check Expenditure**

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

WHEREAS, UW-Extension Jackson County received a refund check for \$7713 from UW-Extension; and

WHEREAS, this check represented a savings from lower fringe rate expenses, no raises, and salary savings associated with educators doing outside assignments for the university; and

WHEREAS, these monies were originally budgeted to support educational programs conducted in agriculture; youth development; 4-H; and family development; and

WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to invest this money in these programs; and

WHEREAS, the funds proposed to pay for the following efforts to expand UW-Extension programming in Jackson County;

- Coordinate and assist with summer agriculture programs including tractor and skid steer safety training, on-farm field day(s) and pasture walks, horticulture education series for Jackson County Boys and Girls Club at community garden, and local food promotion efforts.
- Promote, market, and deliver "Summer of Science" program, including assistance and support for the summer camp program. Without this assistance, the Summer of Science program will be greatly reduced.
- Develop vital, sustainable communication and outreach tools to recruit and retain first-generation 4-H youth and families.
- Work with local educators on needs assessment including data entry and analysis.

**Now therefore be it resolved by the Jackson County Board of Supervisors**, that the Jackson County Board approves using the \$7713.00 refund in 2018 to hire an intern to assist in those programs; and

**Be it further resolved by the Jackson County Board of Supervisors**, that the Jackson County Board authorizes the County Clerk to make appropriate budget entries to recognize the reimbursement revenue and additional expenses.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018.

Respectfully submitted:

**Extension Education Committee**

s/Karen Thayer, Chairperson

s/Larry Blaken

s/Thomas Clark

s/Max Hart

Tom Reid

**Executive and Finance Committee:**

s/Ray Ransom, Chairperson

s/Jeff Amo

s/Ron Carney

s/Roger Stevens

s/Karen Thayer

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

Resolution 19-4-2018

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING PUBLIC DEPOSITORY AND AUTHORIZING  
WITHDRAWAL OF COUNTY, CITY, VILLAGE, TOWN OR  
SCHOOL DISTRICT MONEYS**

(Not for use by City or County of Milwaukee.)

**County of Jackson**, Wisconsin.

RESOLVED, that **Jackson County Bank** (the "Financial Institution"), qualified as a public depository under Ch. 34, Wis. Stats., is hereby designated as a depository in which the funds of this Municipality may from time to time be deposited; that the following described account(s) be opened and maintained in the name of this Municipality with the Financial Institution subject to the rules and regulations of the Financial Institution from time to time in effect; that the person(s) and the number thereof designated by title opposite the following designation of account(s) is hereby authorized, for and on behalf of this Municipality, to sign order checks as provided in §66.0607(3), Wis. Stats., for payment or withdrawal of money from said account(s) and to issue instructions regarding the same and to endorse for deposit, negotiation, collection or discount by the Financial Institution any and all checks, drafts, notes, bills, certificates of deposit or other instruments or orders for the payment of money owned or held by said Municipality; that the endorsement for deposit may be in writing, by stamp, or otherwise, with or without designation of signature of the person so endorsing; and that any officer, agent or employee of this Municipality is hereby authorized to make oral or written requests of the Financial Institution for the transfer of funds or money between accounts maintained by this Municipality at the Financial Institution.



Name or Type of Account	Number of Signatures Required	Type or Print Titles of Authorized Persons
1. <u>CD # 35348</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>Kyle Deno, JoAnne C Forsting, Mary K Johnson, Tabitha A Chonka-Michaud</u>

**This Resolution includes all of the provisions on page 2.**

This is to Certify, that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of resolutions duly and legally adopted by the governing body of the Municipality at an open legal meeting held on April 17, 2018, and said resolutions are now in full force and effect.

Signed and sealed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018  
s/Kyle Deno, (Clerk)

The undersigned member of the governing body not authorized to sign order checks certifies that the foregoing is a correct copy of a resolution passed as therein set forth.  
s/Ray Ransom  
Title: County Board Chairperson

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

RESOLUTION # 20-4-2018

To: The Honorable Members of the Jackson County Board of Supervisors

RE: Authorization to Contract with the Wisconsin Department of Revenue for the Collection of Debt

WHEREAS Jackson County (hereinafter "the County") collects financial obligations owed to the County, and has employed legal means to collect unpaid amounts; and

WHEREAS, the County employs several methods of collection including but not limited to: income assignments, payment plans, judgements and tax refund intercept, and collection agencies; and

WHEREAS, any agreement entered into with the DOR shall indicate that any collection fees incurred by the DOR shall be in addition to the debt owed the County and charged by the DOR directly to the debtor; and

WHEREAS, the proceeds received by the County from the DOR shall be the entire amount of debt collected for purposes of distribution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Jackson County Board of Supervisors that the board hereby authorizes the County to contract with the DOR for the collection of unpaid debt, pursuant to the Wisconsin Statutes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Board Chairperson and the County Clerk are authorized to execute a contract to effectuate this purpose.

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

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

#### Resolution 21-4-2018

RE: Authorizing an Advisory Referendum on November 6, 2018 Regarding Whether Corporations Unions and Pac's Should Have Constitutional Rights and Whether Limiting Political Contributions Is Equivalent to Limiting Political Contributions Is Equivalent To Limiting Freedom of Speech

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has a tradition of open government and nonpartisan local elections, as well as campaign finance rules that have managed and mitigated the influence of money on those elections; and

WHEREAS, Jackson County has an interest in maintaining that tradition and the resident driven elections it allows; and

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2010, in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission, the Supreme Court overturned a century of precedence by ruling that corporate spending on elections cannot be limited under the First Amendment; and

WHEREAS, granting constitutional rights to corporation is counter to the purpose of our democracy and has wide-ranging impacts upon our economy and society; and

WHEREAS, granting constitutional rights to corporations favors large corporations over small ones, and favors all corporations and all wealthy interest over citizens who cannot afford the corporation rights of limited liability, legal protections and tax deductions; and

WHEREAS, the constitutional right to speak freely should not be determined by the available finances of the speaker or their power and status in society; and

WHEREAS, corporate corruption of government was known and fought by the founding fathers. The original Boston Tea Party was a protest against unfair tax breaks bribed from the government by the British East India Company; and

WHEREAS, corporate, union, and PAC money is property, not speech. A house or a car does not have constitutionally protected speech. Money is just another form of property. Property is constitutionally protected. Property's right to free speech is not.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jackson County Board of Supervisors authorizes the follow advisory referendum to be placed on the November 6, 2018 ballot:

“Should the United States Constitution be amended to establish that regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting freedom of speech, by stating that only human beings, not corporations, unions or PAC’s are entitled to constitutional rights?”

Executive and Finance Committee

s/Ray Ransom

s/Jeff Amo

s/Roger Stevens

s/Karen Thayer

s/Ron Carney

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

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

Chairman Ransom noted that Zone Petition 2018-11 and 2018-19 were both tabled.

**PETITION #2018-18  
TOWN OF ADAMS**

**REPORT OF THE ZONING COMMITTEE**

TO THE JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

The Jackson County Zoning Committee, having considered Petition #2018-18 to amend the Jackson County Zoning Ordinance filed by Mark Abbott on the day of March 7, 2018 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-SE1/4, Section 7, T22N, R3W, Town of Adams, Jackson County, WI. The request is to change 2 acres of the Official Zoning Map from the A-2 (Forestry and Limited Agriculture) District to the R-2 (Residential) District for the construction of a seasonal vacation cabin.

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 condition that the Town of Adams approves the request.

Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018.

JACKSON COUNTY ZONING COMMITTEE  
BY: s/John Chrest, Chairman

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

**PETITION #2018-22  
TOWN OF ADAMS**

**REPORT OF THE ZONING COMMITTEE**

TO THE JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

The Jackson County Zoning Committee, having considered Petition #2018-22 to amend the Jackson County Zoning Ordinance filed by David Hoffman, owner and Mark & Kari Hilts, applicants on the day of March 16, 2018 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 located in the NW1/4-NE1/4, Section 31, T22N, R4W, Town of Adams, Jackson County, WI. The request is to change 2 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 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, pending approval from the Town of Adams Board.

Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018.

JACKSON COUNTY ZONING COMMITTEE  
BY: s/John Chrest, Chairman

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

**PETITION #2018-23  
TOWN OF MILLSTON**

**REPORT OF THE ZONING COMMITTEE**

TO THE JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

The Jackson County Zoning Committee, having considered Petition #2018-23 to amend the Jackson County Zoning Ordinance filed by Ross & Patricia Phillips on the day of March 19, 2018 to change the Official Zoning Map from the R-4 (Residential) District to the R-2 (Residential) District on the following described lands:

On property located in the SW1/4-NW1/4, Section 22, T20N, R2W, Town of Millston, Jackson County, WI. The request is to change 2.09 acres of the Official Zoning Map from the R-4 (Residential) District to the R-2 (Residential) District for the construction of 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, pending the approval from the Town of Millston.

Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018.

JACKSON COUNTY ZONING COMMITTEE  
BY: s/John Chrest, Chairman

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

Supervisor Jensen made a motion to adjourn. This was seconded by Supervisor Hart. All present voted Aye by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 A.M.



