

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF JACKSON COUNTY, MINNESOTA

January 20, 2026

The Jackson County Board of Jackson, Minnesota met in regular session, in the Jackson County Courthouse, Commissioners’ Board Room, City of Jackson, Minnesota, on January 20, 2026. The following members of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners were present: Roger Pohlman, Phil Nasby, Don Wachal, Kent Bargfrede, and Larry Liepold. County Administrator, Ryan Krosch, County Attorney, Kristi Meyeraan, and Assistant to the Administrator, Brandi Bourquin were also in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wachal called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion was made by Commissioner Liepold and seconded by Commissioner Bargfrede to adopt the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTIONS

Jail Administrator, Brandon Hendrickson introduced new Jailer Dispatchers Delaney DeGroot and Luis Roman.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Commissioner Pohlman and seconded by Commissioner Nasby to approve the following Consent Agenda items with correction to agenda item 3.6. Barb Bakalyar (Commissioner District 1):

Board Action 26-011 – Approve January 6, 2026 Board of Commissioner Regular Meeting Minutes.

Board Action 26-012 – Approve all Commissioner disbursements in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 130.01 subd. 4(b), recorded on warrants numbered 112694-112827 in the amount of \$1,206,756.35 for the following funds: Revenue, \$351,351.11; Public Works, \$229,493.44; Opioid Settlement, \$81,760.00; Ditch, \$13,681.62; Insurance Trust, \$371,535.00; Revolving Loan, \$2,635.82; Agency, \$4,057.50; Library, \$25,230.21; Taxes & Penalties, \$126,949.85; Forfeited Land, \$47.65; and Tax Increment Financing (TIF), \$14.15. A detailed list of claims paid is available at the Auditor/Treasurer’s office upon request.

Vendor	Total
MCIT	371,535.00
Midwest Contracting LLC	112,729.29
Jackson County Historical Society	56,000.00
M C C C Mi 33	52,140.88
Jackson County Agricultural Society	45,000.00
Jackson Co Central School District 2895	40,949.15
Duininck, Inc.	36,939.49
Lakefield/City Of	33,319.30
Jackson Volunteer Ambulance	29,500.00
Plum Creek Library System	27,585.00
Jackson/City Of	24,215.92
New Life Treatment Center Inc	24,000.00
R.A.Y.S. UNLIMITED	24,000.00
New Century FS	22,273.35
Trimin Systems Inc	21,947.00
Waste Management	18,729.55
Paape Distributing Co.	15,555.00
DVHHS	15,000.00
Jackson Co Auditor-Treasurer	15,000.00
Ziegler Inc.	13,774.07
County of Cottonwood	10,760.00

ISG	6,951.32
Heron Lake Ambulance	6,500.00
Jackson Food Shelf, Inc	6,500.00
Pro-West & Assoc., Inc	6,200.00
Heron Lake - Okabena School Isd 330	6,020.90
Mn Dept Of Transportation	5,943.07
PETERSON/THOMAS C.	5,923.10
Marsden Bldg Maintenance LLC	5,816.92
Mn Sheriffs Assn	5,646.48
Federated Rural Electric Association	5,625.48
Windom Area Schools	5,362.52
Erickson Engineering Co LLC	5,012.50
Reinbows Inc Of Windom Minnesota	5,000.00
Southwest Crisis Center	5,000.00
Boekett Building Supplies Inc.	4,684.65
Jackson Soil & Water Conservation Dist.	4,581.02
Mt Lake Public School District 173	4,529.42
Staples Oil Company, Inc	3,943.93
Treasury Division Of Mn Dept Of Finance	3,839.15
ResNexus	3,768.00
Dell Marketing L P	3,638.28
Stonebrooke Engineering, Inc	3,515.89
Maximus Inc	3,500.00
Sanford Health - Sioux Falls	3,275.25
Southwest Regional Development Comm	3,145.15
Rural Minnesota Energy Board	3,000.00
Red Rock Rural Water Systems	2,949.53
The Minnesota Transportation Alliance	2,896.00
Sw Mn Workforce Council	2,730.00
Verizon Wireless	2,455.85
Mn Dept Of Health	2,378.00
KLJ Engineering LLC	2,347.50
Amazon Capital Services	2,246.05
Minnesota State Colleges & Universities	2,000.00
Total Claims Over \$2000	1,157,878.96
90 Claims Under \$2000	48,877.39
Total Submitted to Board	1,206,756.35

Resolution 26-006 – Approve reappointing Dustin Hunter as the Jackson County Veterans Service Officer.

County of Jackson)
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State of Minnesota)

Resolution No. 26-006

REAPPOINTING THE JACKSON COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER

Whereas, Minnesota Statute 197.60 states the county board of any county shall appoint a county veterans service officer (CVSO) that is qualified under Minnesota Statute 197.601; and

Whereas, the term of the appointment shall be for four years; and

Whereas, incumbent CVSO Dustin Hunter will be completing his current four-year term on February 20, 2026; and

Whereas, Mr. Hunter has satisfactorily completed the duties and responsibilities of the CVSO position during his current term.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, the Jackson County Board of Commissioners approves the reappointment of Dustin Hunter as the Jackson County CVSO effective February 21, 2026.

Board Action 26-013 – Approve final payment to Midwest Contracting,LLC.

Board Action 26-014 – Approve reappointment of Angela Hinkeldey and Curt Chergosky to the Jackson County Extension Committee for three-year terms effective January 1, 2026.

Board Action 26-015 – Approve appointment of Barb Bakalyar (Commissioner District 1) and re-appointment of Kristy Thurmer (Commissioner District 4) to the Jackson County Library Board for three-year terms effective January 1, 2026.

Board Action 26-016 – Approve personal/professional service agreement between FSN (Family Service Network) and Jackson County Probation.

Board Action 26-017 – Approve Retailer’s License for Sale of Tobacco for Jackson Tobacco LLC effective January 20, 2026 to December 31, 2026.

The motion carried unanimously.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Motion was made by Commissioner Bargfrede and seconded by Commissioner Pohlman to adopt Board Action 26-018 – Approve scheduling a special meeting on February 17, 2026 at the Jackson Library at 10:00 a.m. to take public comment on the deer hunting shotgun zone repeal. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Wachal tabled Resolution 26-005 – Approve Urging Repeal of Minnesota's Moratorium on Nuclear Energy Production.

BOARD REPORTS

Commissioner Pohlman reported on meetings/events involving the DVHHS and PrimeWest

Commissioner Nasby reported on meetings/events involving DVHHS, NextEra, Friends of the Jackson County Trails, Opioid Advisory Council, Explore SW MN, ElevaCare, Behavioral Health Task Force, and Des Moines River Watershed Planning Partnership Policy Committee.

Commissioner Wachal reported on meetings/events involving NextEra, PrimeWest, MCIT, Labor Relations & Personnel Committee, and ElevaCare.

Commissioner Liepold reported on meetings/events involving DVHHS and District 8 Land Use & Environment Advisory Task Force.

Commissioner Bargfrede reported on meetings/events involving DVHHS, Labor Relations & Personnel Committee, and Fair Board.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Commissioner Pohlman and seconded by Commissioner Bargfrede to close the meeting at 9:38 a.m. as permitted by Minnesota State Statute 13D.03 for the purpose of discussing labor negotiation strategies. Those participating in the closed session were all five county board members, County Administrator Ryan Krosch, and Assistant to the Administrator Brandi Bourquin. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Nasby and seconded by Commissioner Bargfrede to reopen the regular meeting at 9:54 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Motion was made by Commissioner Bargfrede and seconded by Commissioner Wachal to adopt Board Action 26-019 – Approve Law Enforcement Labor Services, Inc. Local No. 233 - Supervisor's Unit Labor Agreement as presented effective January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2027. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

Chair Wachal adjourned the meeting at 9:56 a.m.

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Board Chair

ATTEST:

Ryan Krosch, County Administrator