

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF JACKSON COUNTY, MINNESOTA

February 3, 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 February 3, 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 Bargfrede and seconded by Commissioner Nasby to adopt the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Commissioner Pohlman and seconded by Commissioner Liepold to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

Board Action 26-020 – Approve January 20, 2026 Board of Commissioner Regular Meeting Minutes.

Board Action 26-021 – Approve all Commissioner disbursements in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 130.01 subd. 4(b), recorded on warrants numbered 112828-112952 in the amount of \$3,155,358.46 for the following funds: Revenue, \$731,339.16; Public Works, \$915,470.78; Debt Service, \$575.00; 2013A GO Capital Improvement Bonds, \$1,469,004.11; Ditch, \$28,813.00; Agency, \$195.00; and Library, \$9,961.4. A detailed list of claims paid is available at the Auditor/Treasurer’s office upon request.

Vendor	Total
Peterson Sheet Metal, Inc	972,124.96
Midwest Contracting LLC	479,948.10
Duininck, Inc.	382,364.71
Pietsch Construction, Inc	222,435.30
Master Electric Co, Inc	209,316.35
Northern Glass & Glazing, Inc	94,525.00
Marshall Machine Shop, Inc	86,640.00
J&K Masonry	85,025.00
TK Elevator Corporation	79,993.56
All Pro Door Company, Inc	75,706.86
Kamran Culinex, LLC	66,852.10
Xybix Systems, Inc	58,969.31
Minnkota Architectural Products Co., Inc	44,253.18
Contegrity Group Inc	41,536.15
NAC Mechanical & Electrical Service	26,799.60
Staples Oil Company, Inc	19,525.24
Reassurance Solutions LLC	19,000.00
Minnesota Energy Resources	12,594.54
Bartley Sales Company, Inc	12,373.75
Wold Architects and Engineers	11,534.88
Tri-State General Contracting	10,592.50
Audrey J Jacobsen Trust	10,395.05
CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS	9,498.55
Northland Concrete & Masonry Company LLC	8,998.40
Braun Intertec Corporation	8,401.00
Advanced Correctional Healthcare, Inc	7,639.70

Newman Signs, Inc.	7,629.71
Rinke Noonan, Ltd.	7,505.00
MCIT	6,632.00
Jackson/City Of	6,477.03
CliftonLarsonAllen LLP	4,305.00
Schaap Sanitation	3,860.50
Southwest Initiative Foundation	3,800.00
FieldFlow Solutions LLC	3,531.15
Jackson Co Auditor-Treasurer	3,228.79
Heron Lake Watershed District	3,220.20
Dell Marketing L P	3,219.15
ISG	3,204.40
Patriot Erectors, Inc	3,144.00
KLJ Engineering LLC	3,034.35
S & J Cleaning	2,350.75
Total Claims Over \$2000	3,122,185.82
86 Claims Under \$2000	33,172.64
Total Submitted to Board	3,155,358.46

Board Action 26-022 – Approve out of state travel trainings for Public Works occurring February 2026 through March 2026.

Board Action 26-023 – Approve out of state travel to Dallas, TX for Kristi Meyeraan and Carrie Schuller to attend CCAW.

Board Action 26-024 – Approve 3-year renewal of the MnCCC Contract with Strategic Technologies Inc.

Board Action 26-025 – Approve annual renewal of Liquor, Wine, or 3.2% Licenses expiring March 31, 2026 for FR2 LLC (Jackson Motorplex), Round Lake Vineyards & Winery LLC, Bergen Bar & Grill, Inc., Hi Lo Club and Loon Lake Golf, LLC. The licenses will be effective April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027.

Board Action 26-026 – Approve Law Enforcement Labor Services, Inc. Local No. 53 - Non-Supervisor's Unit Labor Agreement as presented effective January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2027.

The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS/PARKS

Motion was made by Commissioner Liepold and seconded by Commissioner Bargfrede to adopt Board Action 26-027 – Approve 2026 Drainage Ditch Maintenance Accounts Budget. The motion carried unanimously.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Motion was made by Commissioner Pohlman and seconded by Commissioner Wachal to adopt Board Action 26-028 – Approve a \$3,000 appropriation to the Cottonwood Jackson CEO Program. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN/STAKEHOLDER/ORGANIZATION

Darrick Moe with MN Rural Electric Association and Scott Reimer with Federated Rural Electric & Broadband provided information as it pertains to the nuclear energy production moratorium in Minnesota.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Motion was made by Commissioner Pohlman and seconded by Commissioner Bargfrede to adopt Resolution 26-005 – Approve Urging Repeal of Minnesota's Moratorium on Nuclear Energy Production. The motion carried with 3 Ayes: Bargfrede, Liepold, and Pohlman; 2 Nay: Wachal and Nasby.

County of Jackson)
) SS.
State of Minnesota)

Resolution No. 26-005

Urging Repeal of Minnesota's Moratorium on Nuclear Energy Production

WHEREAS, while national, state, and regional electrical demand has been historically stable or declining, recent trends in electrification, economic development, and technology demand have resulted in projected increase in electrical power needs; and

WHEREAS, reliance on carbon free-based energy production continues to increase and dependence on traditional fossil fuel-based energy production continues to decrease, despite significant concern over reliable baseline and peak demand energy; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, Minnesota’s Renewable Energy Standard statute was amended to include adding a carbon-free standard that requires electric utilities to provide 100% carbon free electricity by 2040, leading the nation with such an ambitious goal; and

WHEREAS; nuclear energy is uniquely positioned to address America’s energy challenges through generation of carbon-free electricity, with a record of over 70 years of safe operation and storage - all with significant federal and state oversight; and

WHEREAS, nuclear energy already generates roughly half of Minnesota’s current carbon-free electricity, with nuclear plants safely operating in Minnesota for over 50 years, providing decades of carbon-free affordable electricity for families and businesses; and

WHEREAS, a new generation of advanced nuclear technology offers enhanced safety features, flexibility in siting, and a smaller footprint, making them ideal for future energy needs; and

WHEREAS, thirty-three nations have now pledged to triple nuclear power by 2050, with America leading the charge, all while Minnesota – with a world-class engineering talent and manufacturing base - is the only state with an outright moratorium on all new nuclear reactor construction; and

WHEREAS, lifting this 30-year-old moratorium is the first step in securing the affordable, clean, and reliable energy Minnesotans needs, especially as the state undertakes its energy transition to meet the 100% carbon-free electricity goals while ensuring reliable baseload power; and

WHEREAS, under the umbrella of the Minnesota Nuclear Energy Alliance (MNEA), a diverse coalition of Minnesota governments, businesses, utilities, labor unions, and environmental advocates is calling on state lawmakers to lift Minnesota’s 30-year-old moratorium on new nuclear power development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jackson County Board of Commissioners does hereby support the repeal of Minnesota’s moratorium on nuclear energy production.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, the Jackson County Board of Commissioners urges the Minnesota Governor, State Legislature, and regulatory agencies to accelerate soonest reconsideration of the Minnesota moratorium.

BOARD REPORTS

Commissioner Wachal reported on meetings/events involving the Rural Minnesota Energy Board.

Commissioner Pohlman reported on meetings/events involving the Library Board, Historical Society, CEO Program Investor Breakfast, and AMC Program Update webinar.

Commissioner Nasby reported on meetings/events involving Extension.

Commissioner Liepold reported on meetings/events involving Heron Lake Watershed, UCAP, Extension, GBERBA, and Southwest Regional Radio Board & Local Radio Board.

Commissioner Bargfrede reported on meetings/events involving SRDC and NRCS/Land Management.

ADJOURN

Chair Wachal adjourned the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

Board Chair

Ryan Krosch, County Administrator