

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF JACKSON COUNTY, MINNESOTA

April 7, 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 April 7, 2026. The following members of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners were present: Don Wachal, Phil Nasby, Kent Bargfrede, and Larry Liepold. County Administrator, Ryan Krosch and Assistant to the Administrator, Brandi Bourquin were also in attendance. Commissioner Roger Pohlman was absent.

CALL TO ORDER

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

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

EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTIONS

Highway Maintenance Supervisor, Cole Rossow introduced new Sign Technician, Ethan Reese.

Library Administrator, Carrie Dose introduced new Library Assistant’s, Lindsay Chapman-Nesseth and Orin Kaufman.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Commissioner Bargfrede and seconded by Commissioner Liepold to approve the following Consent Agenda items with item 3.7. Board Action – Subordination Agreement Geoffrey Osterberg, Black Sheep Landscaping LLP moved to regular agenda:

Board Action 26-046 – Approve March 17, 2026 Board of Commissioner Regular Meeting Minutes.

Board Action 26-047 – Approve all Commissioner disbursements in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 130.01 subd. 4(b), recorded on warrants numbered 113255-113433 in the amount of \$1,871,149.67 for the following funds: Revenue, \$641,582.26; Public Works, \$159,106.22; 2013A GO Capital Improvement Bonds, \$974,896.15; Ditch, \$67,569.52; Insurance Trust, \$191.00; Revolving Loan Fund, \$60.00; Library, \$12,436.72; Taxes & Penalties, \$8,307.80; and Forfeited Land, \$7,000. A detailed list of claims paid is available at the Auditor/Treasurer’s office upon request.

Vendor	Total
Peterson Sheet Metal, Inc	391,802.69
Master Electric Co, Inc	206,008.33
Pietsch Construction, Inc	132,882.20
Northern Glass & Glazing, Inc	119,700.00
Svoboda Excavating Inc	100,832.05
Tri-State General Contracting	87,644.35
Trenchers Plus, Inc.	78,085.00
M C C C Mi 33	64,449.63
Shi Corp	57,194.48
NAC Mechanical & Electrical Service	53,140.83
Fransen Decorating, Inc	53,008.48
Regents Of The University Of MN	43,103.73
ISG	40,808.75
Contegrity Group Inc	39,531.90
Jackson Co Auditor-Treasurer	39,126.68
Minnkota Architectural Products Co., Inc	36,632.95

Palmer Soderberg, Inc.	29,750.20
All Pro Door Company, Inc	24,741.61
Environmental Systems Research Inst Inc	22,200.00
Waste Management	18,573.87
Dell Marketing L P	14,978.70
TK Elevator Corporation	13,687.98
Patriot Erectors, Inc	10,712.00
Best & Flanagan LLP	10,230.00
H&H Aggregates LLC	9,635.98
J&K Masonry	9,500.00
Minnesota Energy Resources	8,276.68
Wold Architects and Engineers	8,170.88
Lakefield/City Of	7,000.00
Bradley & Jacqueline Baumgaard	6,870.00
Regroup	6,721.00
Jackson/City Of	6,221.05
Red Rock Quarry, Inc.	6,047.20
S & J Cleaning	5,623.50
Sanford Health - Sioux Falls	5,545.26
Kamran Culinex, LLC	4,948.55
Amazon Capital Services	4,745.68
CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS	4,590.78
Staples Oil Company, Inc	4,441.96
Schaap Sanitation	4,085.02
PMR FARMS	3,708.00
Syntax, Inc.	3,682.20
Motorola Solutions Inc	3,526.56
Catalis Public Works & Citizen Engagemen	3,264.80
4Imprint, Inc	3,102.52
Ingram Library Services LLC	2,514.06
Rinke Noonan, Ltd.	2,497.50
Johnson Feed, Inc.	2,190.63
North Central Cleaners	2,135.93
Family Services Network	2,111.08
Ramsey County	2,082.04
Total Claims Over \$2000	1,822,065.27
127 Claims Under \$2000	49,084.40
Total Submitted to Board	1,871,149.67

Board Action 26-048 – Authorize Emergency Management Director to sign 2026 and 2027 EMPG Grant when it is received.

Board Action 26-049 – Approve Proclamation Recognizing April 2026 as National County Government Month.

PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH - APRIL 2026

WHEREAS, the nation’s 3,069 counties serving more than 330 million Americans provide essential services to create healthy, safe and vibrant communities; and

WHEREAS, counties fulfill a vast range of responsibilities and deliver services that touch nearly every aspect of our residents’ lives; and

WHEREAS, counties as intergovernmental partners enact local, state and federal programs to address the needs of all residents; and

WHEREAS, Jackson County and all counties take pride in our responsibility to protect and enhance the health, wellbeing and safety of our residents in efficient and cost-effective ways; and

WHEREAS, each year since 1991 NACo has encouraged counties across the country to elevate awareness of county responsibilities, programs and services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Jackson County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 2026 as National County Government Month and encourage all county officials, employees and residents to recognize and celebrate the important services provided by county government.

Board Action 26-050 – Approve \$700 grant agreement for the Heron Lake Library from the Southwest Initiative Foundation and Heron Lake-Okabena Community Foundation.

Board Action 26-051 – Approve \$700 grant agreement for the Jackson County Library Summer Reading Program from the Southwest Initiative Foundation and Heron Lake-Okabena Community Foundation.

Board Action 26-052 – Approve National Crime Victims' Rights Week Proclamation to dedicate April 19-25, 2026 as National Crime Victims' Rights Week in Jackson County.

**NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS RIGHTS WEEK PROCLAMATION
APRIL 19-25, 2026**

WHEREAS, Crime in America has a devastating impact of victims and survivors, and tears at the social fabric of our society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, no victim or survivor should have to endure the trauma of victimization and its impact—physical, financial, emotional and social – alone; and

WHEREAS, the community of crime victims and survivors, those who serve them, and countless allies work together to ensure that victims’ needs are identified and met with quality, collaborative and comprehensive services; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 12,000 system- and community-based victim services programs across the Nation that help crime survivors and promote community safety, and over 32,000 laws that define and protect victims’ rights; and

WHEREAS, 2026 is the 45th anniversary of National Crime Victims’ Rights Week, first proclaimed by President Ronald Regan in 1981; and

WHEREAS, this time-honored tradition unites all who care about crime, victimization and survivors to acknowledge and honor survivors, their challenges and their strengths; and

WHEREAS, during National Crime Victims’ Rights Week – April 19 to 25 – we recommit our efforts to promote and strengthen the extensive community that supports and serves victims and survivors of crime; therefore, be it

Resolved that Jackson County Board of Commissioners proclaims April 19 to 25, 2026 as Crime Victims’ Rights Week in Jackson County, Minnesota with this proclamation amplifying our commitment to ensure that crime victims’ rights and services

Board Action 26-053 – Approve Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) grant agreement and grant resolution for SAP 032-629-048.

The motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Bargfrede and seconded by Commissioner Wachal to adopt Board Action 26-054 – Approve agreement to subordinate the lien on Geoffrey Osterberg, single, and Black Sheep Landscaping, LLP, Mortgagors, to County of Jackson, Mortgagee, evidenced by Mortgage Document Number 300796, to the lien evidenced by Mortgage Document Number 300805 to Worthington Federal Savings Bank f.s.b., Mortgagor. The motion carried unanimously.

AUDITOR/TREASURER

Chair Wachal opened the public hearing to receive comments regarding the new housing initiative property tax abatement for Oren Preheim Parcel 03.443.0050 in Christiania Twp. at 9:04 a.m.

There were no public comments.

Chair Wachal declared the public hearing closed at 9:06 a.m.

Motion was made by Commissioner Liepold and seconded by Commissioner Nasby to adopt Resolution 26-008 – Approve the property tax abatement for Oren Preheim Parcel 03.443.0050 in Christiania Twp. The motion carried unanimously.

County of Jackson)
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State of Minnesota)

Resolution No. 26-008
APPROVING TAX ABATEMENT

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes §469.1813 gives authority to the County of Jackson to grant an abatement of property taxes imposed by the County if certain criteria are met; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the statutory requirements, on November 7, 2023, the Jackson County Board of Commissioners adopted the Jackson County New Housing Initiative Guidelines (the “Guidelines”) which must be met before an abatement of taxes will be granted for new residential development; and

WHEREAS, Oren Preheim is the owner of the following described real estate within Jackson County, Minnesota:

Parcel #: 03.443.0050

Address of Property (if established): 648 South Shore Drive, Windom, MN 56101

Legal Description of Property: Lot 1, Block 1, McKinney’s 2nd Addition, Christiania Township.

WHEREAS, Preheim proposes to construct a new home on this property; and

WHEREAS, Preheim has made application to Jackson County (the “County”) for the abatement of taxes as to the above-described parcel; and

WHEREAS, Preheim has met the statutory requirements outlined under Minnesota Statutes §469.1813 Subdivision 1(1) and Subdivision 1(2)(i) as well as the County’s Guidelines for tax abatement; and

WHEREAS, the County expects the benefits to the County of the proposed abatement agreement to at least equal the costs to the County of the proposed agreement and finds that the proposed abatement is in the public interest because it will increase or preserve the tax base; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statute 469.1813, a public hearing was noticed and held to take comments on Preheim’s tax abatement request.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF JACKSON COUNTY, MINNESOTA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. Jackson County does hereby grant an abatement to Oren Preheim of the County’s share of real estate taxes upon the above-described parcel based on the proposed construction of a new single-family home on said parcel.
2. The abatement period will commence with the completion of construction, or not more than one year following County Board approval of the abatement, whichever is first, and shall continue for five years.
3. The County shall provide the awarded abatement payment following payment by the property owners of the real estate taxes due annually. One single payment of the County’s share of the abatement shall be made to the property owners of record by December 31st of that calendar year.
4. The real estate taxes to be abated shall be for up to the full amount of the county real estate taxes collected from added tax base of the newly constructed home annually. Real estate taxes collected for the value of the land, any current structures, or previous home value are not eligible for tax abatement and will not be abated.
5. Taxes must be paid in full and on time to qualify for abatement each year.
6. This abatement will transfer with the sale of the property for the balance of the five-year abatement period.
7. This abatement does not apply to, or include, existing and/or new assessments to the property.

LAND MANAGEMENT/SWCD

Motion was made by Commissioner Bargfrede and seconded by Commissioner Liepold to adopt Board Action 26-055 – Approve Conditional Use Permit for Property Owner/Applicant: Scott & Jennifer Ellenbecker, Property Location: Pt NW ¼ section 18 Round Lake Township, Parcel Number: 16.018.0150, Property Address: 30124 State Hwy 264, Round Lake, MN 56167 to include:

- Permanent lodging structures, as part of the resort, which sleep up to 140 people. A hotel or motel (as defined by the MN Dept of Health) within the Shoreland Zoning District is not permitted.
- 30 campsites which may contain RV's, tents, or yurt type sleeping areas, may have separate electrical hook-ups, but do not have individual septic hook-ups.
- One Common Area meeting structure for corporate groups of 50 to 60 guests.
- One Spa type structure to accommodate sauna, massage, steam or water activities.

With the following eight conditions:

1. All County, State, and Federal laws, regulations, and ordinances shall be complied with. All necessary permits, licensures, and certifications including, but not limited to any that may be required by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Minnesota

Department of Labor and Industry, Minnesota Department of Health, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, or Jackson County shall be secured and maintained.

2. During and after construction, best management practices will be followed to prevent soil erosion and pollution caused by run off.
3. Must meet driveway and parking requirements as outlined in the Jackson County Development Code: Section 707, Parking & Section 726, Access Drives and Access.
4. Must meet requirements of the handicap accessibility code.
5. Must meet wastewater requirements as necessitated by the Jackson County Ordinance and the MN Pollution Control Agency. Additionally, prior to the issuance of a setback permit of a water using structure, the owner must be able to demonstrate that they will be able to accommodate the additional septic load either in the current system, or that there is adequate space for an additional system. This includes an appropriate sign-off from a qualified MN septic professional as required by rule.
6. No dumping from RV's into a septic system unless expressly permitted by a qualified MN septic professional as required by rule.
7. All refuse and waste must be properly disposed of. No on-site burning or burial of any materials.
8. No construction associated with the resort or campground is allowed within the designated floodplain. Any construction within the Shoreland District must also be elevated to meet the Regulatory Flood Protection Elevation. Elevation measurements taken by a licensed surveyor may be required.

BOARD REPORTS

Commissioner Nasby reported on meetings/events involving Des Moines River Watershed Planning Partnership Policy Committee, SCHSAC, Behavioral Health Task Force, JD 9, JD 13, JD 24, and Family Service Network.

Commissioner Wachal reported on meetings/events involving Planning & Zoning Board, PrimeWest, and Rural Minnesota Energy Board & SW Regional Solid Waste Commission.

Commissioner Liepold reported on meetings/events involving Southwest Regional Radio Board & Local Radio Board, Extension, UCAP, Wilder City Council, JD 9, JD 13, JD 24, and JD 3.

Commissioner Bargfrede reported on meetings/events involving SRDC, JD 9, JD 13, JD 24, and JD 3.

ADJOURN

Chair Wachal adjourned the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Board Chair

ATTEST:

Ryan Krosch, County Administrator