

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF JACKSON COUNTY, MINNESOTA**  
**May 5, 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 May 5, 2026. The following members of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners were present: Don Wachal, Phil Nasby, Kent Bargfrede, Roger Pohlman 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**

Board 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 Pohlman** to adopt the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**Board Action 26-064** – Approve April 21, 2026 Board of Commissioner Regular Meeting Minutes.

**Board Action 26-065** – Approve all Commissioner disbursements in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 130.01 subd. 4(b), recorded on warrants numbered 113507-113615 in the amount of \$1,759,661.32 for the following funds: Revenue, \$483,089.10; Public Works, \$276,474.97; 2013A GO Capital Improvement Bonds, \$987,534.58; Ditch, \$8,716.13; Library, \$3,580.54; and Taxes & Penalties, \$266.00. A detailed list of claims paid is available at the Auditor/Treasurer's office upon request.

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Total</b>
Grazzini Brothers & Company	307,774.35
Peterson Sheet Metal, Inc	289,040.93
Pietsch Construction, Inc	246,609.55
Master Electric Co, Inc	159,701.52
CRYTEEL MANUFACTURING INC.	156,197.00
Olympic Fire Protection Corp	95,865.75
ISG	49,915.00
Minnkota Architectural Products Co., Inc	47,880.00
Fransen Decorating, Inc	44,571.15
W.L. Hall Company	42,450.75
Contegrity Group Inc	40,703.90
Palmer Soderberg, Inc.	40,639.10
Marshall Machine Shop, Inc	33,307.00
NAC Mechanical & Electrical Service	30,599.60
Surplus Services	29,350.00
J&K Masonry	9,500.00
Patriot Erectors, Inc	9,500.00
Wold Architects and Engineers	8,634.88
Jackson/City Of	7,597.98
Ziegler Inc.	6,578.90
Marsden Bldg Maintenance LLC	5,911.18
Advanced Drainage Systems	4,897.26
Verizon Wireless	4,885.98
American Solutions For Business	4,827.00

THOMPSON/HORACE	4,677.00
Sanford Health - Sioux Falls	4,333.50
Schaap Sanitation	4,052.50
Collins Engineers, Inc.	3,996.50
CentralSquare Technologies, LLC	3,926.03
Minnesota Energy Resources	3,534.04
DSC Communications	3,500.00
Iowa Great Lakes Doors Inc	3,093.00
Benson Funeral Home	2,705.00
Noomen Excavating LLC	2,669.96
Rons Electric Inc	2,503.68
KUXX/KKOJ	2,310.00
Jackson Soil & Water Conservation Dist.	2,295.00
MDI Worldwide	2,038.00
<b>Total Claims Over \$2000</b>	<b>1,722,572.99</b>
<b>95 Claims Under \$2000</b>	<b>37,088.33</b>
<b>Total Submitted to Board</b>	<b>1,759,661.32</b>

**Board Action 26-066** – Approve \$900 grant agreement for the Jackson Library System from the Southwest Initiative Foundation and Jackson Area Community Foundation.

**Board Action 26-067** – Re-appoint Shawn Foster to a three-year term on the Jackson County RLF Advisory Board effective May 19, 2026.

**Resolution 26-009** – Reappoint Darrell Pettis as Interim County Engineer.

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State of Minnesota )

**Resolution No. 26-009**

**Resolution Re-appointing Darrell Pettis as Interim County Engineer**

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota Statute 163.07 states the county board of each county shall appoint and employ, a county highway engineer; and

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota Statute 163.07 states the county highway engineer shall be a registered highway or civil engineer, registered under the laws of the state of Minnesota; and

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota Statute 163.07 states the county board may appoint a new county engineer for a term of only one year. All re-appointments shall be for a term of four years, and shall be made in May of the year in which the term expires; and

**WHEREAS**, while recruiting a full-time county highway engineer the Jackson County Board appointed Darrell Pettis as an interim, part-time county highway engineer on July 15, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, Darrell Pettis is a registered civil engineer under the laws of Minnesota; and

**WHEREAS**, Darrell Pettis has agreed to be re-appointed as Jackson County’s interim, part-time county highway engineer.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Jackson County Board of Commissioners reappoints Darrell Pettis as Jackson County Interim Highway Engineer for a four-year term effective May 5, 2026.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Darrell Pettis’ appointment shall end upon the appointment of a full-time county highway engineer or termination of Pettis’ employment agreement, whichever occurs first.

The motion carried unanimously.

**CITIZEN/STAKEHOLDER/ORGANIZATION**

Mike Frank, ITC Midwest, Local Government & Community Affairs Area Manager and Dan Leshner, Great River Energy, Transmission Permitting & Land Rights provided an update on the PowerOn Midwest transmissison project.

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Chair Wachal opened the public hearing to receive comments regarding amendments to Ordinance No. 105: An Ordinance Regulating a Subsurface Septic Treatment System Loan Program at 9:32 a.m.

There were no public comments.

Chair Wachal declared the public hearing closed at 9:32 a.m.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Pohlman and seconded by Commissioner Bargfrede** to adopt Board Action 26-068 – Approve amendments to Ordinance No. 105: An Ordinance Regulating a Subsurface Septic Treatment System Loan Program. The motion carried unanimously.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 105 AN ORDINANCE REGULATING A SUBSURFACE SEPTIC TREATMENT SYSTEM LOAN PROGRAM - SUMMARY**

#### ORDINANCE NUMBER 105

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING A SUBSURFACE SEPTIC TREATMENT SYSTEM LOAN PROGRAM  
The following is a summary, pursuant to Minnesota State Statutes 375.51 and 331A.01, of AN ORDINANCE REGULATING A SUBSURFACE SEPTIC TREATMENT SYSTEM LOAN PROGRAM:

The purpose of this ordinance is to provide for the creation of a public loan program that assists property owners to finance the site evaluation, design, installation, repair and replacement of individual sewage treatment systems. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 375.51 and 115.57, the County Board of Jackson County ordains:

Significant amendments:

**ELIGIBILITY.** The loan cannot be used to facilitate new building construction. New building construction includes increasing capacity of a subsurface sewage treatment system beyond what is reasonably required to serve existing buildings and lots in existing recorded plats. The estimated market value of this property must be equal to or exceed twice the amount of the loan.

**LOAN TERMS.** The maximum amount of the loan shall be 100% of the necessary SSTS construction costs.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and publication as required by law. This ordinance shall remain in effect until modified or repealed as provided by law.

This is only a summary. The full ordinance is available for public inspection during regular office hours at the Jackson County Administrator's Office or by standard or electronic mail. Contact the Jackson County Administrator, 405 Fourth Street, Jackson, MN, 56143, office hours 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. M-F, telephone (507) 847-4182 or email [county.administrator@co.jackson.mn.us](mailto:county.administrator@co.jackson.mn.us).

### LAND MANAGEMENT/SWCD

**Motion was made by Commissioner Nasby and seconded by Commissioner Bargfrede** to adopt Board Action 26-069 – Approve Conditional Use Permit for Property Owner/Applicant: Isaiah and Christine Schmid, Property Location: Pt NE1/4 SE1/4; Section 28, Ewington Township, Parcel Number: 07.028.0800, Property Address: 77397 340th Ave; Worthington, MN 56187 to include:

A gunsmithing business out of a space in an existing garage with the business primarily involving repairing and servicing firearms. While some of the firearms would need to be fired to test them, the business would not include a shooting range. It is not intending to be a retail business, although from time to time, may act as an intermediary in gun sales (holding a weapon during the mandatory time which is required for a gun sale and transferring it to the new owner). This permit will also include manufacturing, due to things like placing a new barrel on an old gun meets the manufacturing definition from the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF). There will not be production of new weapons from this business.

With the following four 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 Transportation, Jackson County Soil and Water Conservation District, or Jackson County shall be secured and maintained.
2. The performance standards outlined in Jackson County's Development Code shall be complied with. In particular, but not limited to: Sections 703, Refuse; 704, Screening; 706, Glare; 707, Parking; 726, Access Drives and Access; 729, Sign Regulations.
3. Refuse: All waste material, debris, refuse (as defined in the Jackson County Solid Waste Ordinance) or garbage shall be kept in an enclosed building or properly contained in a closed container designed for such purposes.
4. All refuse and waste must be properly disposed of. No on-site burning or burial of any materials. Any hazardous waste must be disposed of in a manner consistent with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's regulations.

The motion carried unanimously.

### **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Nasby and seconded by Commissioner Wachal** to adopt Board Action 26-070 – Approve the Finance Director and Assistant Finance Director job descriptions. The motion carried unanimously.

### **BOARD REPORTS**

Commissioner Pohlman had no meetings/events to reported on.

Commissioner Nasby reported on meetings/events involving Extension and Public Health Advisory Council.

Commissioner Wachal reported on meetings/events involving Nuts, Bolts & Boardrooms Conference by AMC.

Commissioner Liepold reported on meetings/events involving Extension, UCAP, and GBERBA.

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

### **ADJOURN**

Chair Wachal adjourned the meeting at 9:59 a.m.

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Board Chair

ATTEST:

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Ryan Krosch, County Administrator