

Jasper County, Iowa Board of Supervisors

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September 27, 2022

9:30 a.m.

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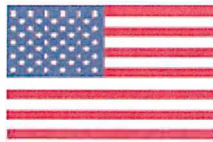
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- Anyone that has an item on the agenda must appear in person for the Board to consider it. -

Pledge of Allegiance



8:30 AM

2nd Tier Canvassing for the LS School Special Election held on September 13, 2022

9:30 AM

Item 1

Public Hearing – Engineer – Michael Frietsch

a) Snow Ordinance for 2022-2023 Winter Months

Item 2

MercyOne-Newton Proposal for ARPA Funds – Chad Kelley

Item 3

Presentation of the Legacy Plaza redevelopment project – Jeff Davidson & Jon Burmeister

Item 4

Human Resources – Dennis Simon

a) IRS Mileage Reimbursement Increase

b) Hiring Resolution for Sheriff's Office Full-Time Jailer, Anthony Gillum and Part-Time Jailer Megan Wright

Item 5

Approval of Claims Paid through September 27, 2022

Item 6

Approval of Board of Supervisors Minutes for September 20, 2022

PUBLIC INPUT & COMMENTS

THE POLICY AND LEVEL OF SERVICE IN RESPECT TO CLEARANCE OF SNOW OR ICE AND THE MAINTENANCE OF JASPER COUNTY'S SECONDARY ROADS DURING THE WINTER MONTHS.

BE IT ORDAINED ON THIS 13TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2022 BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF JASPER COUNTY, IOWA:

SECTION 1 – PURPOSE

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish Jasper County's policy and level of service in respect to clearance of snow or ice and the maintenance of its secondary road system during the winter months, pursuant to the provisions of Section 668.10 and 309.67, Code of Iowa. This policy and level of service are to be implemented within the amount of money budgeted for this service, and as contained in Jasper County's secondary road budget, as adopted by the Jasper County Board of Supervisors, and as submitted to and approved by the Iowa Department of Transportation.

SECTION 2 – LEVEL OF SERVICE

Clearance of snow or ice and the maintenance of the secondary road system during the winter months is primarily for the benefit of the local residents of Jasper County. Each storm has individual characteristics and must be dealt with accordingly. The portion of the road surface improved for travel may have upon it snow or ice in a compacted condition. These conditions may be continuous, or they may be more concentrated on hills or curves, in valleys, and/or at intersections. Jasper County's existing snow removal equipment will be utilized for the correction of these problems. All clearance of snow or ice, sanding, salting, and other maintenance, in respect to winter conditions, shall be accomplished within the amount of money budgeted for this service. The entire surfaced width of that portion of road improved for travel may not be cleared of snow, ice, compacted snow and ice, or frost. Snow cleared from that part of the roadway surface improved for travel shall be placed on the adjacent shoulders, or in the adjacent ditches or right of way. Snow can be expected to accumulate adjacent to this travelled portion to the extent that a motorist's sight distance to both the left and right may be greatly reduced or impaired. The snow removed from intersections will be piled in the intersection corners in piles of unequal heights. The line of sight, sight distance, or visibility of motorists approaching these intersections may be greatly reduced or impaired. Jasper County shall not be responsible for snow pushed or otherwise placed on the roadway or shoulders by others. Motorists shall drive their vehicles, during these conditions, with additional caution and watchfulness, especially in respect to the surface of the roadway, and the reduced or impaired visibility. In respect to roadways that have only one lane open, further extreme watchfulness and caution must be exercised by the motorists. During these conditions, no additional warning or regulatory signs will be placed to warn of impaired sight distances, reduced visibility at intersections, road blockages, one lane conditions, or that the road surface is slick or slippery, or what the advised speed should be.

SECTION 3 – SEQUENCE OF SERVICE

In the implantation of snow and ice removal and other maintenance of Jasper County's secondary road system during the winter months, the County Engineer shall select the actual sequence of roads to be cleared, as provided for in this Section of this Policy, and shall determine when drifting snow, wind velocity, and additional snow or snowstorms require that the snow removal equipment be removed from the roadway, or that additional clearance of paved routes be accomplished prior to the clearance of granular surfaced roads. The County Engineer's or their designee's professional judgment shall prevail unless it is clearly erroneous.

PAVED ROUTES:

1. Truck-mounted snowplows and spreaders operation is between the hours of 4:30 A.M. and 5:30 P.M. Operations may be suspended if snow and blowing reduces visibility to hazardous working conditions, in the professional judgment of the County Engineer or his delegated representative.
2. Initial effort will be to open routes to one lane traffic in accordance with Item 1 above.
3. Subsequent snow removal will resume during normal working hours.
4. Motor graders may be used in conjunction with the truck-mounted snowplows to open, or keep open, the paved routes, delaying the opening of granular surfaced roads.
5. County may place salt, sand, or other abrasives (treatment) on intersections, hills, and curves once they are plowed. Retreatment may not occur between snowstorms. Treatment operations shall be limited to the hours set forth in Item 1 above.
6. Jasper County is not obligated to provide a "dry" pavement condition.

UNPAVED ROADS:

1. Motor grader snow removal operation is between the hours of 4:30 A.M. and 5:30 P.M.
2. Operations may be suspended if snow and blowing reduces visibility to hazardous working conditions, in the professional judgment of the County Engineer or his delegated representative.
3. Motor grader snow removal operations will **NOT** be undertaken on holidays, Saturdays, or Sundays, when the expected snowfall total is 3 inches or less, unless drifting snow and blockages of roads occurs.
4. Initial effort will be to provide at least one path of ingress and egress for each inhabited residence. The roads or portions or roads involved may vary for each event.
5. After providing inhabited residences with at least one ingress and egress pathway, these same routes will be widened to two lane travel in preparation for the next event.
6. Upon completion of Items 3 and 4 above, the remaining unopened routes (those without occupied residences) will be opened to one lane travel, then, as time and resources allow, to two lane travel.
7. Snow will not be removed from roads designated as Level "B" roads.

PRIVATE DRIVES:

Jasper County will not clear snow from private drives, except for emergencies as defined in Section 5. Normal snow removal operations will result in snow being deposited in private driveways. This deposited snow shall be the responsibility of the resident to remove from the driveway. Snow from private drives shall not be placed on the roadway or shoulders. The resident shall be responsible for the removal of any snow left on the roadway surface or road shoulders due to the clearing of his driveway.

MAILBOXES AND MAILBOX PULLOUTS:

The County shall not replace, or repair mailboxes destroyed or damaged during snow removal operations unless it can be shown that the plow blade actually struck the mailbox. The County will not replace mailboxes damaged or knocked down from the force of snow thrown from the plow.

TIME LIMIT:

There is no time limit after a snowstorm in which any of the above sequence of clearance, on paved or unpaved roads, shall take place.

SECTION 4 – LIMITATION OF SERVICE

The policy and level of service provided for in this policy shall not include, and the following services shall not be performed:

1. Sanding, salting, or placing of other abrasives upon the roadways or bridges that are slick, slippery, and dangerous due to the formation of frost.
2. Sanding, salting, or placing other abrasives upon paved roadways due to freezing rain that occurs between 5:30 P.M. and 4:30 A.M.
3. Placing of additional warning or regulatory signs warning of impaired sight distances, visibility at intersections, road blockages, one lane conditions, or that the road surface is slick or slippery, or what the advised speed should be.

SECTION 5-EMERGENCY

This sequence of service may be suspended during "Emergency" conditions. An "Emergency" condition shall be considered as one where a loss of life is probable, where a serious injury has occurred, or where extensive loss of property is imminent. These conditions should be verified through a physician's or sheriff's office. Jasper County will respond to all "Emergency" conditions, either during or after a snowstorm.

The provisions of this policy shall be further suspended in the event the Governor, by proclamation, implements the State disaster plan, or the Chairman of the Jasper County Board of Supervisors, by proclamation, implements the Jasper County disaster plan. If such occurs, Jasper County personnel and equipment shall be immediately subject to the direction of the Governor or the Chairman of the Jasper County Board of Supervisors.

SECTION 6-SEVERABILITY CLAUSE

Should any section, clause, sentence, or provision of this policy be declared, by the courts, invalid for any reason, such declaration shall not affect the validity of this policy as a whole or any part thereof, other than the section, clause, sentence, or provision so declared to be invalid.

12/08/2020

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PAVED ROUTES:

1. The initial effort will be to get all routes open to one lane traffic, as soon as possible following the storm, but in accord with the following Item No. 3.
2. After one lane travel is possible, subsequent snow removal will be carried on during normal working hours.
3. The truck-mounted snowplows and spreaders will not normally be in operation between the hours of 5:30 P.M. and 4:30 A.M. The trucks may be called off the road if snow and blowing reduces visibility to hazardous working conditions, in the professional judgment of the County Engineer or his delegated representative.
4. When required, due to drifting snow, more graders may be used to open, or keep open, the paved roads and the opening of granular surfaced roads may be delayed.
5. The County may place salt, sand, or other abrasives on intersections, hills, and curves after roads have been plowed as provided in this section. These intersections, hills, and curves may not be re-sanded, re-salted, or have other abrasives replaced on them between snowstorms. This sequence of service shall not normally be performed between the hours of 5:30 P.M. and 4:30 A.M. of any day.
6. It is not the policy of Jasper County to provide a "dry" pavement condition.

UNPAVED ROADS:

1. The initial effort will be to open to one lane traffic at least one direction of ingress and egress for each inhabited residence of Jasper County's granular surfaced roads. The roads or portions or roads involved may vary from storm to storm, due to differing characteristics of different storms.
2. After providing all inhabited residences with at least one ingress and egress, these same routes will be widened to two lane travel in preparation for the next snowstorm.
3. Following the opening and widening efforts stipulated above, the remaining unopened granular surfaced roads will be opened to one lane travel.
4. The final step in the sequence of service for unpaved roads will be to widen, to two lane travel, all granular surfaced roads not previously widened.
5. Snow will not be removed from roads designated as Level "B" roads.
6. The motor graders may be called off the road if snow and blowing reduces visibility to hazardous working conditions, in the professional judgment of the County Engineer or his delegated representative.

7. No motor grader snow removal operations will be undertaken on holidays, Saturdays, or Sundays, when the snowfall totals 3 inches, or less, unless drifting snow and blockages of the roads occurs.

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IRS increases mileage rate for remainder of 2022

IR-2022-124, June 9, 2022

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service today announced an increase in the optional standard mileage rate for the final 6 months of 2022. Taxpayers may use the optional standard mileage rates to calculate the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business and certain other purposes.

For the final 6 months of 2022, the standard mileage rate for business travel will be 62.5 cents per mile, up 4 cents from the rate effective at the start of the year. The new rate for deductible medical or moving expenses (available for active-duty members of the military) will be 22 cents for the remainder of 2022, up 4 cents from the rate effective at the start of 2022. These new rates become effective July 1, 2022. The IRS provided legal guidance on the new rates in [Announcement 2022-13](#) [PDF](#), issued today.

In recognition of recent gasoline price increases, the IRS made this special adjustment for the final months of 2022. The IRS normally updates the mileage rates once a year in the fall for the next calendar year. For travel from January 1 through June 30, 2022, taxpayers should use the rates set forth in [Notice 2022-03](#) [PDF](#).

"The IRS is adjusting the standard mileage rates to better reflect the recent increase in fuel prices," said IRS Commissioner Chuck Rettig. "We are aware a number of unusual factors have come into play involving fuel costs, and we are taking this special step to help taxpayers, businesses and others who use this rate."

While fuel costs are a significant factor in the mileage figure, other items enter into the calculation of mileage rates, such as depreciation and insurance and other fixed and variable costs.

The optional business standard mileage rate is used to compute the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business use in lieu of tracking actual costs. This rate is also used as a benchmark by the federal government and many businesses to reimburse their employees for mileage.

Taxpayers always have the option of calculating the actual costs of using their vehicle rather than using the standard mileage rates.

The 14 cents per mile rate for charitable organizations remains unchanged as it is set by statute.

Midyear increases in the optional mileage rates are rare, the last time the IRS made such an increase was in 2011.

Mileage Rate Changes

Purpose	Rates 1/1 through 6/30/2022	Rates 7/1 through 12/31/2022
Business	58.5	62.5
Medical/Moving	18	22
Charitable	14	14

Tuesday, September 20, 2022, the Jasper County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:30 a.m. Supervisors Talsma, Carpenter, and Cupples present and accounted for; Chairman Talsma presiding.

Motion by Cupples and seconded by Carpenter to open a Public Hearing concerning the rezoning request of Parcel 03.05.100.006 created within Parcels 03.05.100.001 & 03.05.100.003 from Agriculture to General Industrial.

YEA: CARPENTER, CUPPLES, TALSMA

Kevin Luetters stated that the rezoned area would be used for a salvage yard.

There were no comments from the public and no comments received by the Auditor.

Motion by Carpenter and seconded by Cupples by to close the Public Hearing concerning the rezoning request of Parcel 03.05.100.006 created within Parcels 03.05.100.001 & 03.05.100.003 from Agriculture to General Industrial.

YEA: CUPPLES, CARPENTER, TALSMA

Motion by Cupples and seconded by Carpenter to approve the rezoning request of Parcel 03.05.100.006 created with in Parcels 03.05.100.001 & 03.05.100.003 from Agriculture to General Industrial.

YEA: CARPENTER, CUPPLES, TALSMA

The Board took no action on agenda Item #2 Veterans Affairs – Alyssa Wilson re Federal Mileage Rate Increase. HR Director Dennis Simon will put it back on the agenda next week.

Motion by Cupples and seconded by Carpenter to adopt Resolution 22-76 to have the Board of Supervisors request that the County be included in the Living Roadway Trust Fund Grant in the amount of \$24,000 to be used to purchase a Bowie Hydro-Seeder.

YEA: CARPENTER, CUPPLES, TALSMA

A complete copy of the Resolution is on file in the Office of the Jasper County Auditor.

The Supervisors asked that a 28E Agreement between the County and the Conservation Department be drawn to lay out the terms for future funding of the Nature Center.

Motion by Cupples and seconded by Carpenter to approve the designation of \$400,000 of matching funds from the ARPA money go to the Conservation Department for the construction of the Nature Center with an end date of December 31, 2023, to acquire the matching funds.

YEA: CARPENTER, CUPPLES, TALSMA

Motion by Carpenter and seconded by Cupples to approve claims paid through 9/13/2022.

YEA: CARPENTER, CUPPLES, TALSMA

Motion by Carpenter and seconded by Cupples to approve Board of Supervisors minutes for September 13, 2022.

YEA: CARPENTER, CUPPLES, TALSMA

Motion by Carpenter and seconded by Cupples to adjourn the Tuesday, September 20, 2022, meeting of the Jasper County Board of Supervisors.

YEA: CUPPLES, CARPENTER, TALSMA

Dennis K. Parrott, Auditor

Brandon Talsma, Chairman