

District Court Judge Thomas Murphy administered the Oath of Office to Thad Nearmyer – Supervisor, who was elected to fill the remaining term left by the death of Supervisor, Denny Carpenter.

Tuesday, November 19, 2024, the Jasper County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:30 a.m. with Supervisors Talsma, Nearmyer and Cupples present and accounted for; Chairman Talsma presiding.

Motion by Cupples, seconded by Nearmyer to partner with the Grow Solar Program that helps raise awareness for the free solar education opportunities among County residents.

YEA: TALSMA, NEARMYER, CUPPLES

Motion by Cupples, seconded by Nearmyer to have Communication Innovators relocate a fiber handhole located at 498-424 N 4th Ave E, Newton in the amount of \$2,575.00.

YEA: TALSMA, NEARMYER, CUPPLES

Motion by Cupples, seconded by Nearmyer to adopt Resolution 24-97, a hiring resolution certifying the following appointment to the Auditor for payroll implementation:

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>PAY RATE</u>	<u>RANGE/STEP</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Sheriff's Office	Part-Time Advanced Life Provider (Paramedic)	Micah Aurand	\$23.00	Standard Rate	11/20/2024

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

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

Motion by Cupples, seconded by Nearmyer to authorize hiring Mike Galloway with Ahlers & Cooney to assist with union contract negotiations in the amount of \$300.00/hour instead of \$3,000.00/contract.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

Item 4a had no motion as Deputy Sheriff Randall Rice resigned.

Motion by Cupples, seconded by Nearmyer to appoint Brandon Blom to Deputy Sheriff.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

Motion by Cupples, seconded by Nearmyer to appoint Wyatt Dillon to Deputy Sheriff.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

Motion by Cupples, seconded by Nearmyer to appoint Nicholas Aldrich to Paramedic Reserve Deputy.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

Motion by Cupples, seconded by Nearmyer to approve the 28E Agreement for Tobacco, Alternative Nicotine and Vapor Product Enforcement with Iowa Alcoholic Beverage Division.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

Motion by Cupples, seconded by Nearmyer to appoint Dr. Duane Jolivette as the new Assistant Jasper County Medical Examiner in replacement of Dr. Sarah Florence.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

Motion by Nearmyer, seconded by Cupples to approve the final plans for project no. BRS-C050(148)—60-50, Bridge A11 replacement.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

Motion by Cupples, seconded by Nearmyer to approve the Secondary Roads Revised Winter Operations policy.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

Motion by Cupples, seconded by Nearmyer to table item 5c & 5d, Resolutions accepting roadway for county maintenance on N 51st Ave W along Hilltop Estates and Fairview Lane.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

Motion by Cupples, seconded by Nearmyer to approve the revised purchase agreement with GATR Truck Centers for the purchase of two (2) 2026 Volvo VHD64F300 Tandem Cab Chassis and trade-in two (2) existing tandem axle dump/plow trucks (T-27 and T-28) in the total amount of \$215,642.00.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

Motion by Nearmyer, seconded by Cupples to adopt Resolution 24-98 ordering a recount of votes in the precincts in Jasper County which are in the United States Representative District 1.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

ROLL CALL YEA: TALSMA, CUPPLES, NEARMYER

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Motion by Cupples, seconded by Nearmyer to adopt Resolution 24-99 approving transfer order 1532 in the amount of \$30,000.00 from JC Emergency Management Fund to Various funds.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

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Motion by Nearmyer, seconded by Cupples to approve a liquor license for Westwood Golf Course.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

Motion by Cupples, seconded by Nearmyer to approve claims paid through November 19, 2024.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

Motion by Cupples, seconded by Nearmyer to approve the Board of Supervisors minutes for November 5, 2024.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

Motion by Cupples, seconded by Nearmyer to approve the General Election Canvass minutes for November 13, 2024.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

There were no Board Appointments.

Motion by Cupples, seconded by Nearmyer to adjourn from the regular meeting and enter into a work session.

YEA: CUPPLES, NEARMYER, TALSMA

The Board discussed plans moving forward after the failure of the bond public measure. It required an additional 32 votes to pass, and they have agreed to try and place it on the ballot for November 2026. Mike Frietsch, Engineer, presented job descriptions for the new layout and structure of the Engineer's positions. They will continue working with Dennis Simon to start creating those positions. Kevin Luetters, Community Development Director, also spoke about reorganizing the department and adding an additional technician along with an Assistant Director position. They will also work with Dennis Simon to create the positions prior to July 1, 2025. The Board discussed doing away with Animal Control and what other alternatives there would be once it was dissolved. Community Development would like to start reaching out to other entities to see if there is any interest in starting their own rescue. The Board also discussed shrinking down the pay scales and cleaning up old, terminated positions on the books.

Motion by Cupples, seconded by Nearmyer to adjourn the Tuesday, November 19, 2024, meeting of the Jasper County Board of Supervisors.

YEA: TALSMA, NEARMYER, CUPPLES

Jenna Jennings, Auditor

Brandon Talsma, Chairman