

August 25, 2026

Present: Supervisors: Nin Flagel, Mike Steines, Don Schwenker; Auditor Alisa Smith; IT Director Bjorn Beck; Brittnay Nopar (via Zoom) – Maquoketa Sentinel Press. Resolutions and Ordinances are available in the Auditor's Office – Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and at [www.jacksoncounty.iowa.gov](http://www.jacksoncounty.iowa.gov)

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Meeting brought to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Schwenker and opened the public hearing for proposed Ordinance #323.

Environmental Health Director Elizabeth Townsend discussed the need to repeal Ordinances #88 and #250 and adopt the Jackson County Private Sewage Disposal Ordinance #323. No comments for or against were received by the Board.

Kevin Hammond and Judy Hovey both indicated they were in favor of the passage of the proposed Ordinance.

Motion Steines, second Flagel to close the public hearing on proposed Ordinance #323 as presented.  
Aye: Schwenker, Steines, Flagel

Motion Steines, second Flagel to repeal Ordinances #88 and #250 and approve the first reading of Ordinance #323, the Jackson County Private Sewage Disposal Ordinance as recorded in Ordinance Book 1 pages 717 – 724 as presented.  
Aye: Schwenker, Steines, Flagel

Motion Flagel, second Steines to suspend Robert Rules of Order and proceed with the second and third readings of Ordinance #323 as presented.  
Aye: Schwenker, Steines, Flagel

Motion Steines, second Flagel to repeal Ordinances #88 and #250 and approve the second reading of Ordinance #323, the Jackson County Private Sewage Disposal Ordinance as presented.  
Aye: Schwenker, Steines, Flagel

Motion Flagel, second Steines to repeal Ordinances #88 and #250 and approve the third and final reading of Ordinance #323, the Jackson County Private Sewage Disposal Ordinance as presented.  
Aye: Schwenker, Steines, Flagel

City of Maquoketa Chief of Police Brendan Zeimet requested \$6,367.47 from Opioid Settlement Funds to purchase a Sotoxa Oral Fluid Mobile Test System and accessories.

Motion Steines, second Flagel to approve the request from Chief of Police Brendan Zeimet for \$6,367.47 to purchase a Sotoxa Oral Fluid Mobile Test System and accessories from the Opioid Settlement Fund as presented.  
Aye: Schwenker, Steines, Flagel

Interim Drug Free Program Coordinator Julia Furne updated the Board and presented a slideshow with 5 students from Jackson County highlighting some of the events from their trip to Orlando, Florida.

Auditor Alisa Smith presented county business.

Motion Flagel, second Steines to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2026 meeting as written by Auditor Smith and authorize publication in the official newspapers as presented.  
Aye: Schwenker, Steines, Flagel

Motion Steines, second Flagel to approve and authorize the Auditor's Office to issue warrants and the publication of the claims listing in the amount of \$521,612.95 as presented.  
Aye: Schwenker, Steines, Flagel

Engineer Jayden Scheckel updated the Board.

Motion Steines, second Flagel to approve and authorize Chair signature on a public right-of-way agreement between Jackson County and Tom & Beth McNeil at 2705 446<sup>th</sup> Ave, Preston as presented.  
Aye: Schwenker, Steines, Flagel

Motion Flagel, second Steines to approve and authorize Chair signature on a residential entrance permit to Sydney Cornilsen in section 28 of Van Buren Township on 446<sup>th</sup> Ave as presented. Aye: Schwenker, Steines, Flagel

Motion Steines, second Flagel to approve and authorize Chair signature on a utility right-of-way permit to Black Hills Energy in section 28 of Van Buren Township to bore a natural gas line under the road for address 2705 446<sup>th</sup> Ave as presented.  
Aye: Schwenker, Steines, Flagel

Motion Steines, second Flagel to approve Resolution #1207-08-25-2026 for a temporary fifty-five (55) miles per hour speed limit and lower where designated on county paved secondary roads until such investigations can be completed and reviewed as recorded in Resolution Book 5, pages 403 & 404 as presented.  
Aye: Schwenker, Steines, Flagel

Recess the meeting.

Reconvene the meeting at 10:25 a.m. with Engineer Jayden Scheckel who requested closed session per Iowa Code 21.5(1)(j) to discuss a potential real estate purchase.

Motion Steines, second Flagel to go into closed session per Iowa Code 21.5(1)(j) with County Attorney John Kies, Conservation Director Nate Jones, Office Manager Sheila Root, Engineer Jayden Scheckel and Road Superintendent Rick Kilburg to discuss a potential real estate purchase as presented.  
Aye: Schwenker, Steines, Flagel

Motion Steines, second Flagel at 10:55 a.m. to return to open session and proceed as discussed in the closed session on a potential real estate purchase as presented.  
Aye: Schwenker, Steines, Flagel

Motion Flagel, second Steines to adjourn the meeting at 11:01 a.m. until the next board meeting on September 1, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in the boardroom at the courthouse in Maquoketa.  
Aye: Schwenker, Steines, Flagel

Clerk \_\_\_\_\_  
Alisa Smith, Auditor

Chair \_\_\_\_\_  
Don Schwenker, Board of Supervisors