

County Board  
Reorganizational Meeting  
December 1, 2016

The County Board of Jasper County met in special session at noon on December 1, 2016. The meeting was held in the Board Room, Jasper County Office Building in Newton. Members present were Michl, Fehrenbacher, Kerner, Leffler, Heltsley, Weddell, Swick, Hall, Hickox, J. Smithenry and Pickens. Warfel was absent.

The meeting was called to order by proclamation according to law by Sheriff Rick Britton. The board observed a moment of silence. Britton led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The State's Attorney introduced The Honorable Judge Dan Hartigan to swear in the new board members and Coroner Jason Meyer. Ron Swick, A. C. Pickens, Mike Hall, Doug Weddell and Gary Michl were sworn in as Jasper County Board members. Jason Meyer was sworn in as Jasper County Coroner. State's Attorney Chad Miller, Circuit Clerk Jamie Blake and County Board member Jason Warfel were sworn in prior to the meeting. The Board offered special thanks to Judge Hartigan for his services at this meeting.

The board recessed for lunch.

After the recess, Heltsley moved to approve the agenda. Kerner seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Heltsley moved to approve State's Attorney Miller as the chairman pro tem to start the meeting. Smithenry seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Miller then opened nominations for candidates for Chairman of the Jasper County Board for a term of 2 years. Smithenry moved to nominate Leffler. Hickox seconded that motion. Pickens moved to nominate Heltsley. Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote. Miller gave each member a paper ballot to mark. The vote was 7 for Heltsley and 5 for Leffler.

Smithenry moved to allow Leffler the vice chairman position. Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

The meeting day and times were set for the 2016-2017 year. Smithenry moved to make the meeting date the second Thursday of the month at 7 pm. Swick seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote. Kerner moved to hold the December board meeting on December 15 at 7 pm. Swick seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

The policies of the previous boards was discussed. Hickox moved to adopt the current policies of the previous county boards. Fehrenbacher seconded the motion. The motion

carried on a voice vote. The board is interested in setting some policies and making it into a document. The board will examine different counties policy document at the next board meeting.

Chairman Heltsley had some questions on the previous committees. It was decided to do away with the Land Use committee since it does not meet regularly. There will be no Extension or Negotiations committee until needed. The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board will choose the committees after today's meeting.

Leffler moved to approve the Sheriff's Union Contract. This contract begins on December 1, 2016 and is a 4 year contract. The vote will be from the seven previous board members, since they were the ones to negotiate the contract. Kerner seconded the motion. The motion carried on a roll call vote with Fehrenbacher, Kerner, Leffler, Heltsley, Swick, Hickox and Smithenry voting yes.

Swick moved to allow the closing of the Courthouse and County Office Building for Christmas lunch on December 12 from 12 to 1:30 pm. Smithenry seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Leffler moved to adjourn at 12:50 pm. Smithenry seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Linda Huth, Jasper County Clerk