



2024-2026

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Jasper County Board Meeting Packet

December 2, 2024



JASPER COUNTY BOARD

COUNTY OF JASPER • NEWTON, ILLINOIS

Monday, December 2, 2024, 6:00 P.M.

County Office Building • 204 W Washington St, Newton, IL 62448

Jasper County Website: www.jaspercountyil.com

Phone/Zoom Meeting ID: 821 348 1060 Passcode: 447765 Phone: 312-626-6799

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING COUNTY BOARD JASPER COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of the Jasper County Board will be held at its Board Room in the Jasper County Office Building in Newton, in said County, at 6:00 o'clock P.M., Central Standard Time, on Monday, December 2, 2024.

An Organizational Meeting of said County Board will be held at the time and place aforesaid for the following purposes:

- 1. Seating & Swearing-In of Board Members**
- 2. Adoption of Revised Board Rules and Procedures**
- 3. Election of Chair and Vice Chair**
- 4. Setting Schedule for 2024-2025 County Board Meetings**

Dated at Newton, this 21st, day of November, 2024.

Amy Tarr

County Clerk and Clerk of the County Board



JASPER COUNTY BOARD AGENDA

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1. SHERIFF'S PROCLAMATION
2. MOMENT OF SILENCE & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. SEATING/SWEARING-IN OF BOARD MEMBERS
4. *ROLL CALL
5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
6. ADOPTION OF REVISED BOARD RULES & PROCEDURES
7. ELECTION OF CHAIR
8. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR
9. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Adoption of 2024-2025 County Board Meeting Schedule

County Building • Board Room
204 W Washington Street, Newton, IL 62448
6:00 p.m. Start Time

2024-2025 County Board Meeting Schedule

December 19, 2024
January 16, 2025
February 20, 2025
March 20, 2025
April 17, 2025
May 15, 2025
June 19, 2025
July 17, 2025
August 21, 2025
September 18, 2025
October 16, 2025
November 20, 2025
December 18, 2025

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS
11. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS
12. BOARD CHAIR COMMENTS
13. *CLOSED SESSION
14. ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting December 19th, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

*Roll Call: Except as otherwise stated, approval requires the voice vote of a majority of those County Board members present.

Jasper County Board Members

Austin Francis - Michael Geier - Ron Heltsley - James Judson - A.C. Pickens
Jessica Schackmann - Eric Spiker - Jason Warfel - Doug Weddell

BOARD MEMBERS

2024-2026

Jasper County Board Members



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2024-2026

Board Members

Group A Terms: 2 year (2024), 4 year (2028), 4 year (2032)

Group B Terms: 4 year (2026), 2 year (2028), 4 year (2032)

Group C Terms: 4 year (2026), 4 year (2030), 2 year (2032)

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**BOARD
RULES & PROCEDURES**

JASPER COUNTY ILLINOIS

BOARD RULES AND PROCEDURES



Proposed Resolution #24-12-2

December 2, 2024

The following Board Rules and Procedures are designed to establish the order of business, ensure fair and orderly public meetings, and allow the Board to make effective and timely decisions in the governing of the County's business functions.

BOARD RULES AND PROCEDURES

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PURPOSE

The mission of the Jasper County Government is to be accountable to its citizens, to provide high-quality government services in an economical, fair, professional, and courteous manner, and to enhance and protect the health, welfare, and safety of those who live and work in Jasper County.

COUNTY BOARD – COMPOSITION AND DISTRICTS

Jasper County shall be governed by the Jasper County Board, hereafter referred to as the Board. The size of the Board and districts from which members are elected is provided by a resolution adopted on May 13, 2021, and revised on January 13, 2022, at meetings of the Board pursuant to Illinois Compiled Statutes, Chapter 55, Paragraph 5/2-3002 and as provided by Court decisions regarding “one man, one vote” representation on County Boards. The May 13, 2021 (revised January 13, 2022) Resolution provides that Jasper County be divided into three (3) County Board Districts with three (3) members to be elected from each district as follows:

- 1) District 1 shall be composed of Crooked Creek, Grandville, Hunt City, Wade #4, and Willow Hill precincts.
- 2) District 2 shall be composed of Grove, North Muddy, South Muddy, and Wade #2 precincts.
- 3) District 3 shall be composed of Fox, Smallwood, Ste. Marie 1, Ste. Marie 2, Wade #1, and Wade #3 precincts.

Terms of Office – District and Term Length, Random Drawing. At the December 2022 organizational County Board meeting and each tenth (10) year thereafter, the duly elected members of each district shall randomly draw for terms for their respective Board seats.

- 1) Term A is a (2) year (2024), (4) year (2028), (4) year (2032) term for that Board seat.
- 2) Term B is a (4) year (2026), (2) year (2028), (4) year (2032) term for that Board seat.
- 3) Term C is a (4) year (2026), (4) year (2030), (2) year (2032) term for that Board seat.

The drawing shall be accomplished separately for each of the three (3) districts. The Clerk will place on (3) separate pieces of paper an “A”, “B”, and “C”. The (3) pieces of paper are placed at random on the Board table. The highest elected vote-getter in each district from the recent General Election will select first, the second highest elected voter-getter will select second and the third will select the remaining piece of paper. In the event of a tie between two or more members, a coin toss will determine the order. The letter on the piece of paper will indicate the term assigned to that Board seat until the 2032 reorganizational meeting.

Organizational Meeting – On the first business day in December following the Bi-annual Election, the Board shall meet to organize and select a Board Chair and Vice Chair. The time for this meeting will be established by the Chair Pro-Tem (State’s Attorney).

BOARD MEMBER REQUIREMENTS

- 1) Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/1.05), Jasper County Board Members are required to take the Open Meetings Act training provided by the State of Illinois within ninety (90) days of taking office. Copy of Certificate of Completion must be submitted to the County Clerk/Recorder.
- 2) All County Board Members are required to annually complete Sexual Harassment training either through the online State of Illinois training or by a qualified trainer. A copy of the Certificate of Completion must be submitted to the County Clerk/Recorder by December 31st, of each year.

BOARD CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

On the first business day in December following the Bi-Annual Election, the Board shall elect separately a Chair and Vice Chair from the membership by a majority vote of the membership. The Chair and Vice Chair shall be elected for a 2-year term or until his or her successor is elected.

1) ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

- a) The Chair Pro-Tem (State's Attorney or assignee) shall call the meeting to order and ask for nominations for the office of Chair.
- b) When there is only one nominee, a voice vote shall be taken.
- c) If there are two or more nominees to be voted on, a vote will be taken by roll call vote with the first nominee being voted on first and then any subsequent nominee thereafter in order of nomination.
- d) If there is a tie vote from the membership present, a re-vote shall be taken, until such time that a majority vote declares a winner. If after a third re-vote there remains a tie, then both of the remaining tied candidates' names shall be written down on a piece of paper and a name will be drawn by the Jasper County Sheriff or the Chair Pro-Tem if the Jasper County Sheriff is unavailable.
- e) The Chair Pro-Tem shall ask for nominations for the office of Vice Chair and shall follow the same procedure outlined above to elect a Vice Chair.

2) CHAIR – DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- a) The Chair shall form and appoint any committees, members, and chairs, and may with the approval of a majority of the board make changes to committee membership or chair appointments during a term.
- b) The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Board, preserve order and decorum, and decide on questions of order.

- c) The Chair or designee shall prepare an agenda for the regular meeting and special meetings of the Board. The agenda shall be sufficiently itemized to inform Board members and the public of the business to be considered by the Board. Any Board member may place an item on the agenda by notifying the Board Chair or Clerk of the Board. Such items to be placed on the agenda shall be communicated to the Board Chair or Clerk by noon on the third (3rd) working day before the appropriate meeting.
- d) The Chair shall decide all questions relating to the priority of business.
- e) The Chair shall be an ex-officio member of all Board-appointed committees and shall be entitled to vote in the event of a tie.
- f) The Chair shall implement the decisions and policies of the Board.
- g) The Chair shall appoint the non-elected Department Heads and other Officials as required by statute, with the approval of the Board.
- h) The Chair shall make all other appointments, commissions, and committees as required by Illinois Statute. These appointments shall be subject to approval by a simple majority vote of the Board.
- i) The Chair or his/her designee shall act as the County Liquor Commissioner.

3) VICE-CHAIR – DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- a) The Vice-Chair shall serve in the absence of the Chair and shall exercise all powers of the Chair in his/her absence.

4) ABSENCE OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

- a) In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, the longest-serving Board Member in attendance will serve as Board Chair.

TIME AND LOCATION OF BOARD MEETINGS

- 1) Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2.02), on or before the beginning of each calendar or fiscal year, the Board shall adopt a resolution stating the meeting dates and times for the following year. Upon approval by the Board, meeting dates and times will be posted.
- 2) Meetings of the Board shall be held at the Jasper County Office Building, 204 West Washington Street Newton, Illinois, County Board Room. In the event this location is not available, a notice of an alternate location shall be posted and published in the County at least 48 hours prior to the convening of the scheduled meeting.

SPECIAL/EMERGENCY MEETINGS

Special meetings may be called pursuant to the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2.02) with notice being given by publication and posting in the County at least 48 hours before the convening of the Special Meeting. **Special meetings of the board shall be held only when requested by at least one-third (1/3) of the members of the board, or when requested by the Board Chair**, which request shall be in writing, addressed to the Board Chair or Clerk, and specifying the time and place of such meeting. The Clerk shall make such notice to Board members and the public.

QUORUM

A Quorum shall exist when a simple majority of the current membership is present. Five (5) or more of the nine (9) member Board constitutes a quorum.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

BOARD AGENDA

- 1) Sheriff's Proclamation
- 2) Moment of Silence & Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Roll Call of Members
- 4) Public Comments
- 5) Approval of Agenda
- 6) County/Department Reports
- 7) County Officer Reports
- 8) Consent Agenda (Approval of Previous Minutes, File Reports, Allow Claims)
- 9) Old Business
- 10) New Business
- 11) Board Member Comments
- 12) Chair Comments
- 13) Executive/Closed Session
- 14) Adjournment

RULES AND PROCEDURES

- 1) These Board rules and procedures are subject to requirements of Illinois State Statute. In the event of any inconsistency between these rules and the requirements of any Illinois State Statute, the Illinois State Statute shall govern.
- 2) All business of the Board, its committees, and its members shall be in conformity with these rules. In the absence of Board rules, the latest version of “Roberts Rules of Order” shall be used as a guide.
- 3) Open Meetings Act. All Board meetings shall conform to the Open Meeting Laws of the State of Illinois. Board members shall complete Open Meetings Act training pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/1.05, within 90 days of taking the oath of office or otherwise assuming the responsibilities as a member of the Board. Certificate of Completion shall be filed with the County Clerk/Recorder’s office.
- 4) In-person Attendance. Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/7 of the Open Meetings Act, if a quorum of the Board is physically present, a majority of the Board may allow a Board member to attend remotely by video or audio conference if the member is prevented from physically attending due to (1) personal illness or disability; (2) employment purposes or business of the Board; (3) a family or other emergency; or (4) unexpected childcare obligations. The member who intends to attend remotely must notify the Chair or County Clerk/Recorder before the meeting. Remote attendance is not permitted for a Closed/Executive Session.
- 5) Absence. Board members shall notify the Board Chair or Clerk if they are unable to attend a regularly scheduled Board meeting. No Board member shall leave a meeting before the formal close without notifying the Board Chair.
- 6) Electronic Devices. Audible signals from cell phones, pager, and other electronic devices shall be disabled during Board meetings. All those in attendance shall exit the meeting room before answering phone calls.
- 7) Agenda Action Items. Business not on the agenda provided at the regular meeting shall not be acted upon until the next scheduled meeting. If the Board deems it necessary to take action prior to the next scheduled meeting, the Board may, by roll call vote of two-thirds of the Board members present, suspend this rule.
- 8) Approval of Minutes. The Board shall approve the minutes of its open meeting at the subsequent Board meeting or within thirty (30) days, whichever is later. The minutes shall be available for public inspection and submitted to the press within ten (10) days after the approval of said minutes by the Board.

9) Placing Documents on File with the Board. No document that requires filing shall be considered filed unless and until it is delivered to the Clerk, filed and date stamped. It shall be the further duty of the person filing to deliver a copy of the file-stamped document to each interested party.

10) Closed, Executive Sessions.

- a) A meeting or a portion thereof may be closed upon a majority vote of Board members present, taken at a meeting open to the public for which notice had been given, as required by law.
- b) The vote of each Board member, on the question of holding a closed session and a citation to the specific reason(s) for closing a meeting, shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the public meeting.
- c) No final action may be taken in closed session.
- d) Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2.06, a verbatim record of all closed meetings in the form of an audio or video recording shall be kept. Said record shall be made available pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2.06, only after the Board determines that it is no longer necessary to protect the public interest by keeping them confidential.
- e) All matters discussed in closed executive sessions of the Board or any of its committees shall be kept confidential by all members until the closed record has been made available.

11) Motions.

- a) No motion shall be debated unless first seconded. When a motion is seconded, it shall be so stated by the Chair of the Board, and the Board shall then proceed to act thereon.
- b) After a motion is stated by the Chair, it shall be deemed in possession of the Board but may be withdrawn by the mover and with the consent of the second at any time previous to a decision thereon.
- c) A motion to reconsider must be seconded and approved by a majority of the members present. The vote on the matter to be reconsidered may be taken during the same or the immediately succeeding regularly scheduled Board meeting. No motion may be twice reconsidered unless it was amended after it was first reconsidered.
- d) A motion to adjourn that has been seconded shall always be in order and shall be decided without debate.

12) Roll Call. Any member may ask for a roll call vote on any agenda item before the Board.

- 13) Consent Agenda. A consent agenda that groups together two or more items for the purpose of taking a single vote may be presented by the Chair at the beginning of a meeting. Items may be removed from the consent agenda at the request of any one member. Items not removed may be adopted by general consent without debate. Removed items may be taken up either immediately after the consent agenda or placed later on the agenda at the discretion of the Chair.

- 14) Suspend Rules. The rules of the Board may be suspended for a particular purpose by roll call vote of two-thirds of the Board members present. Those rules that may be suspended are those relating to the priority of business, or to business procedure. Rules which embody fundamental principles of parliamentary law, such as waiving the requirement of quorum or waiving the requirement for previous notice, and rules protecting the basic rights of the individual cannot be suspended, even by unanimous vote. Moreover, the rules cannot be suspended to take away a particular member's right to attend meetings, make motions, speak in debate, and vote.

- 15) Legal Objection. In the event of a filed legal objection, a yes vote of three-fourths of the Board is required for passage of any proposed ordinance or petition. Said legal objection shall be filed with the Clerk in accordance with Rules and Procedures, Item 9, "Placing Documents on File with the Board." A copy of said filed legal objection and certificate of service shall be submitted to the Chair in order to be placed on the Board agenda for consideration by the Board.

- 16) Conflict of Interest. In the event a Board member believes that he/she has a conflict of interest on any matter before the board requiring a vote, the member shall prior to the discussion of the issue, inquire of the State's Attorney for a determination. Likewise, if one member considers that another has a conflict, he/she shall inquire of the State's Attorney for a determination prior to discussion of the issue. If a conflict is determined to exist, the member with the conflict shall abstain from discussion and vote on the matter.

- 17) Ordinances and Resolutions.
 - a) Any ordinance or resolution to be placed on the agenda shall be submitted in writing to the Board Chair.
 - b) If at or before the regularly scheduled Board meeting, the Board Chair has concerns regarding the validity or working of a resolution or ordinance, the Board Chair shall request a review thereof by the State's Attorney.
 - c) All resolutions passed by the Board, shall be assigned an identification number to indicate their order of passage and location within the official Minute Book. The Clerk shall assign a number to all such resolutions after the regular monthly meeting. The Clerk shall maintain an index file of all numbers with a brief description of each resolution.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

- 1) Any member of the Board shall have the right to address the Board at any regular Board meeting on any matter relating to County Business.
- 2) A Member declared to be out of order by the Chair shall immediately cease speaking. The decision of the Chair shall be final.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- 1) At such time identified on the Board agenda for the public comment, any individual shall be permitted to address the Board on matters before them. Such matters are those that appear on the agenda of a regularly scheduled meeting, the subject of a Special Meeting, or matters germane to the business of the Board, but not on the agenda of the meeting, subject to the following constraints.
 - a) Public comment as addressed in Item 1 shall be limited to **three (3) minutes** per individual, which shall be controlled by a timing device. A speaker will be notified when their time has elapsed.
 - b) **The total time limit for public comments is thirty minutes unless extended by the Chair.**
 - c) The Chair will have the prerogative to determine the order of the speakers and the procedures to be followed in making presentations.
 - d) All speakers will be required to address the board from the designated location in the boardroom and state their name and any organization or group they may represent.
 - e) Each speaker will be allowed to address the Board, but the Board is not required to respond directly to questions or statements posed. The Chair will refer all questions to the appropriate committee, elected official, or department head.
 - f) There will be no audio/visual aid allowed during the public comment period unless prior approval has been given by the Chair.
- 2) Prohibited Statements. Persons addressing the Board shall not be permitted to make statements or remarks unrelated to the business of the Board. Persons addressing the Board shall refrain from statements, remarks, or conduct that is uncivil, vulgar, profane, or otherwise disruptive to the conducting of the Board's business. Any person making such prohibited statements or remarks or engaging in such conduct shall be requested to leave the meeting and may be barred by the Chair from further audience before the Board.
- 3) Recording of Meeting. The public may by audio or video, record the proceedings in areas designated by the Chair and in such a way as to not disrupt the business of the Board.

AD HOC AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- 1) Ad hoc and special committees shall be established as determined and recommended by the Board Chair with approval of the full Board. Written notice stating the name of the committee, its purpose, responsibilities, and assigned members shall be submitted to the Clerk within fourteen (14) days following the creation of the ad hoc committee. Said special committees will cease to function when they have completed their duties, made their final reports, and submitted a dated report to the Clerk. In the event, a special committee's activities are extended into the next Board term, the special committee will need to be reauthorized at the first regular business meeting of the new Board session.
- 2) Ad Hoc and Special Committees shall follow all applicable Board and Committee Rules and Procedures.
- 3) The Board Chair shall appoint the Chair and all members of any committees.
- 4) The name, purpose, and the number of members serving on any Ad Hoc, Special, or Sub-Committees shall be determined by the Chair and presented for Board approval by resolution.

COMMITTEE RULES

- 1) Quorum. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the members appointed to the Committee. In the event the Committee does not have a quorum, the Chair of said Committee may temporarily appoint an available Board member.
- 2) Open Meetings Act. All Committee meetings shall conform to the Open Meetings Laws of the State of Illinois.
- 3) Meeting Date/Time/Location. Each Committee shall set the meeting date, time, and location for their Committee for the coming fiscal year at the first meeting of the Committee in December. If the Committee's normal meeting date falls on a holiday, the Committee may select another meeting date/time that does not conflict with another Committee's meeting date and time to avoid scheduling conflicts for Board members and department representatives. Upon approval by the Committee, the annual schedule of the meeting date, time, and location will be posted.
- 4) Calling a Meeting. Committee meetings may be called by the Committee Chair or by a majority of the Committee members.
- 5) Meeting Announcement. At least forty-eight hours in advance of the Committee meeting, the Committee Chair shall submit a written meeting agenda to the County Clerk/Recorder's

office including the date, time, and place of the Committee meeting. Pursuant to Section 2.02 of the Open Meetings Act, meeting agendas will be posted at the location of the Committee meeting and the County Office Building at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting.

- 6) Member Absenteeism. A member of a Committee shall inform the Committee Chair of a planned absence prior to a committee meeting. The minutes shall reflect whether a member is present or absent. If a committee member is consistently absent from committee meetings, the Committee Chair may request the Board Chair replace the absentee Committee member.
- 7) Written Report of Meeting. The Committee Chair or his/her designee shall submit a written report of Committee activities to the Clerk for inclusion in the monthly Board Agenda packet. Votes taken by the committee shall be recorded in the written report of the meeting.
- 8) Report to Board. Each Committee Chair shall make an oral report of Committee activities to the full Board at each regular meeting. In the absence of the Committee Chair, a member of the committee shall give the report.
- 9) Public Comment. Any individual shall be permitted time to address the Committee on matters before them at any given meeting. Such matters are those that appear on the agenda of a Committee meeting or matters germane to the business of the Committee, but not on the agenda of the meeting. At the discretion of the Committee Chair, up to five (5) minutes per individual may be allowed. The Committee Chair shall have the right to impose a reasonable total time limit on public comment on any single issue.
- 10) Board Rules and Procedures. Committees shall follow all applicable Board Rules and Procedures.

OTHER APPOINTMENTS

- 1) Board Members Appointments. In addition to any committees, the Board Chair shall appoint Board Members to serve as voting members or County Board representatives of the following boards, committees, or commissions:
 - a) South Central Illinois Regional Planning and Development Commission (SCIRPDC)
 - b) Jasper County Board of Health
 - c) Jasper County 911 Board
 - d) Jasper County Chamber and Economic Development

- 2) Citizen Appointments. The Board Chair shall appoint, with the advice and consent of the Board, citizens to serve on all boards, commissions, districts, and all other authorities subject to appointment or approval, per state statute or ordinance, by the Board including, but not limited to:
 - a) Board of Review
 - b) Jasper County Board of Health
 - c) Jasper County 911 Board
 - d) Drainage Districts
 - e) Levee Districts
 - f) Conservancy Districts
 - g) Farmland Review Committee
 - h) Jasper County Housing Authority
 - i) Fire Districts
 - j) Southeastern Illinois Economic Development Authority
 - k) **Discover Downstate Illinois** Tourism Board

COMPENSATION/CLAIMS

- 1) Board Member Compensation
 - a) Board Salary. Effective December 1, 2022, Board members excluding the Board Chair shall be paid an annual salary of \$4,500 distributed monthly with mileage paid only for meeting outside of the Jasper County boundaries.
 - b) Board Chair. Effective December 1, 2022, the Board Chair shall be paid an annual salary of \$5,500 distributed monthly with mileage paid only for meetings taking place outside the Jasper County boundaries.
 - c) Change of Compensation. If the Board desires to change the basis of payment or amount of compensation, it may do so by ordinance or resolution. Those changes shall not, however, take effect during the term for which an incumbent Board member has been elected, as per 55 ILCS 5/2-3008.
 - d) Mileage. Any paid mileage shall be paid in accordance with the IRS mileage rate in effect during the calendar year the business was conducted.

- 2) Payment of Claims
 - a) Authority to Reject a Claim. The Board or a committee may reject any expenditure that it deems not connected with County business and is further authorized to reject any expenditure that it deems unreasonable even when made in connection with county business.
 - b) Appeal of a Rejected Claim. Claims for compensation and/or reimbursement rejected by the Board may be appealed to the full Board.

ADDITIONAL MATTERS

- 1) Treasurer Report. The County Treasurer shall present financial reports at the County Board meeting monthly showing receipts, disbursements, investments, and balances in each of the County budgets and funds.
- 2) Auditor Advise. The County Auditor shall assist and advise the Board in all matters of finance and contracts and assist and advise in the preparation of the annual County budget.
- 3) Audit All Reports and Statements. The County Auditor shall audit all financial reports and statements of Officeholders and Department Heads when due, whether made pursuant to State Statute or by direction of the Board Chair and Board.
- 4) Clerk of the Board. The County Clerk, as Clerk of the Board, shall keep the County Calendar of meetings, post agendas, and notify the Board members of meetings. The Clerk shall provide copies of the agenda and Board packet to all Board Members by e-mail or in person if requested, two (2) working days prior to the next regular meeting of the Board.
- 5) Changed or Amended. The rules and procedures of the Jasper County Board may be changed or amended at any time with the approval of the majority of the Board.

2025
MEETING SCHEDULE

Jasper County Board

JASPER COUNTY BOARD 2024-2026

JASON WARFEL
County Board Chairman

RON HELTSLEY
County Board Vice-Chairman

POINTS OF CONTACT



COUNTY GOVERNMENT

- County Clerk/Recorder
- County Treasurer
- IT Consultant
- Supervisor of Assessments
- Board of Review

BOARD CONTACTS:
ERIC SPIKER
AUSTIN FRANCIS



PUBLIC SAFETY

- Ambulance Service
- Animal Control
- Coroner
- EMA
- Sheriff & Jail

911 Board
Doug Weddell

Board of Health
Ron Heltsley

Liquor Control
Commissioner
Ron Heltsley

BOARD CONTACTS:
RON HELTSLEY
DOUG WEDDELL
MICHAEL GEIER



JUDICIAL

- Circuit Clerk
- Probation
- Public Defender
- Resident Judge
- State's Attorney
- CASA

BOARD CONTACTS:
JESSICA SCHACKMANN
ERIC SPIKER



COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE

- Highway Department
- County Buildings

BOARD CONTACTS:
JAMES JUDSON
A.C. PICKENS



COURTHOUSE DESIGN COMMITTEE

MICHAEL GEIER (Chair)
A.C. PICKENS
JAMES JUDSON
ERIC SPIKER



COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

- Chamber of Commerce
- Economic Development

BOARD CONTACTS:
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AUSTIN FRANCIS