



## **JASPER COUNTY BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 2, 2022**

The Jasper County Board met in special session on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Jasper County Building, Board Room, 204 West Washington Street, Newton, Illinois. The meeting was called to order by proclamation according to law by Sheriff Francis. Sheriff Francis led a moment in silence and the Pledge of Allegiance. The following board members were present: Chairman Jason Warfel, Vice-Chairman Ron Heltsley, A.C. Pickens, Michael Geier, Eric Spiker, and Jessica Schackmann. Austin Francis, James Judson, and Doug Weddell were absent.

Public Comments: None

Adoption of the agenda. There was no objection, the agenda was adopted as distributed.

### **Special Meeting Topic:**

#### **Item A. - Consideration and Adoption of Debt Certificate Ordinance for Jasper County**

At the August 21, 2025, meeting, the County Board approved a construction loan agreement with Peoples State Bank. The terms of that agreement called for a debt certificate. A debt certificate is a financing tool issued by county governments to fund capital projects. With the Courthouse Construction Bid approved, the board will need to consider/approve a debt certificate ordinance to fund the project. Please note that a majority of the project is projected to be paid for from the Energy Transition Community Grant that Jasper County remains eligible for until 2033. Geier moved to adopt a debt certificate ordinance not to exceed \$5,500,000 for Jasper County. Spiker seconded the motion. Geier, Shackmann, Spiker, and Warfel voted yes with a roll call vote. Heltsley voted no. Pickens abstained. Francis, Judson, and Weddell were absent. Motion carried on a roll call vote. The debt certificate ordinance for Jasper County has been adopted.

**Board Comments:** None

**Chairman's Comments:** None

**Executive/Closed Session** - The Board does have an executive/closed session to discuss: Litigation 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11). There will be no action taken following the executive/closed session, and the board will adjourn the meeting from the executive/closed session.

Schackmann moved for the board to enter an executive session under the following exception: Litigation 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11). Geier seconded the motion. Geier, Heltsley, Pickens, Shackmann, Spiker, and Warfel voted yes with a roll call vote. Francis, Judson, and Weddell were absent. The Board entered an Executive Session at 6:04 pm.

Geier moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 pm. Spiker seconded the motion. Motion carried on a voice vote.

The Next Board Meeting will be on Thursday, June 18, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Amy Tarr, Jasper County Clerk