

## **UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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The Jefferson County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on Monday January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Those present were Commissioners, Wayne Ledbetter, Richard Malm, Lynn Luck, County Attorney/Counselor Josh Ney and County Clerk Linda M Buttron.

The Counselor and the Board reviewed and approved vouchers. Wayne moved that the minutes of January 9<sup>th</sup> be approved as presented. Richard seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Register of Deeds Delia Heston updated the Board on e-recording. Ninety three (93) submitters have signed up for the service. The department is recording 40% of their documents electronically. Fifty percent (50%) of the Register of Deeds revenue was received via electronic funds. Two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) was deposited into the General fund by fees from the Register of Deeds office in 2016. The department recorded 3,423 documents in 2016.

Chris Schmeissner, GIS/IT Director updated the Board on the new phone system. The new system will "Go Live" February 8<sup>th</sup>. He reported that the post office service "Every Door Mailer" will be used to inform everyone within the postal districts in the County of the new phone numbers. A 6" x 9" flyer will be placed in 11, 172 mailboxes in the postal districts. The old PBX will be maintained for 30 days after the "Go Live" date. Chris will also run newspaper ads announcing the change.

Keith Jeffers, EM Director asked the Board to sign the declaration of disaster from the ice storm that "didn't happen so that it is on the record. Richard moved that Resolution 2017-001 regarding a declaration of disaster be approved. Wayne seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Keith reported that the Sheriff's office has loaned a vehicle to his department for use by the volunteer Deputy Emergency Management Director, Daryl Chess.

Bill Noll, Public Works Director met with the Board. Bill reported that the department purchased a couple generators to replace old units. (Generators were tested before the last ice storm was expected.) He discussed the purchase of a 125 KW generator from Government Surplus for the Road and Bridge shop. Due to the weather, muddy roads are currently an issue across the county. Crews have been working on the worst areas with gravel and grading. Bill discussed work done on the low water crossing on Thomas road, (south of Rogers road). Other roadwork was discussed. Work on the 62<sup>nd</sup> street low water crossing east of Wildhorse Road has begun. It should be completed in 30 days, weather permitting.

Brittany Chaplin, Economic Development Director (EDC) met with the Board. Brittany updated the Board on EDC activities and plans. Wayne moved that Cole Roberts and Becky Wise be reappointed to the EDC Commission and that Taylor Norris be appointed to the EDC Commission. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Teree Davis, homeowner on Cortez Court road met with the Board. She asked for an explanation of why her street is considered private and not maintained by the County and if there was something they could do to change that. Bill Noll stated that he could provide clarification. He said that when the developer developed the subdivision he chose whether or not to bring the road up to county standards. In the case of Cortez Court the choice was to keep it a private road. Subdivision regulations require the road to be paved and put a bond on it and pass an inspection to meet county standards. Dustin Parks addressed zoning regulations regarding the road. She will talk to her neighbors to see if they are willing to go together to pay for improving the road. She also asked that the Board consider allowing private drive owners to purchase their gravel at a more affordable cost.

Donna Huffman, Attorney representing Jeannine Davidson met with the Board. Jeannine was present for the discussion. Donna discussed a recent request for open records. Donna asked that Resolution 2011-005 be revised to better meet the requirements of the open records law specifically Section 2 (b). She also asked that the Board consider adding provision for access to records by digital means. Other concerns with the resolution were discussed. She asked that the Board allow the open records request records to be placed on a new thumb drive and that they not be charged the .25 per copy for the digital files and that the Board revise Resolution 2011-005. Josh addressed the issue.

Bill Noll, Public Works Director met with the Board for an executive session to discuss matters of non-elected personnel. Lynn moved that the Board recess into executive session to discuss matters of non-elected personnel until 3:00 p.m. Richard seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board recessed at 2:45 p.m. Present during the session were Bill, Josh and the Board. The Board reconvened at 3:00 p.m. The chairman announced that no binding action was taken during executive session.

Larry Means discussed 27<sup>th</sup> street and other roads and culverts in Sarcoxie Township with the Board. He would like to see the County get some money from KU for the impact to the road from events at Rim Rock Farms.

Richard moved that the Board recess into executive session to discuss matters of attorney client privilege until 3:40 p.m. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board recessed at 3: 28 p.m. Present during the session were Josh and the Board. The Board reconvened at 3:40 p.m. The chairman announced that no binding action was taken during executive session.

Josh discussed his progress on taking over the position of County Attorney. The Full Court program that ties his office to the District Court requires that the server be updated. He has a

bid for a new server for \$15,000-\$17,000. He asked for the Commissioners consider waiving the bid requirement in this one instance due to the need to resolve this issue quickly. The Board agreed by consensus.

There being no further business to come before the Board they adjourned to meet in regular session on January 30, 2017.