

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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March 8, 2021

The Jefferson County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday March 8, 2021. Present were Commissioners Lynn Luck, Richard Malm, David Christy, County Clerk Linda M Buttron and Josh Ney County Counselor.

Vouchers were reviewed and approved by the Counselor and the Board. David moved that the minutes of March 1, 2021 be approved as presented. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Crystal Vanhoutan, Health Department Administrator met with the Board. She discussed Public Health State Grants for fiscal year 2022. Lynn moved that in accordance with the guidelines for the COVID 19 ELG Expanding Infrastructure Grant (a new grant), the Health Department employees and County Emergency Manager receive a one-time pay adjustment as provided for in the grant. Richard seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Richard moved that the Board approve the submission of the applications for the 2022 Public Health State Grants. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Crystal updated the Board on COVID statistics. To date the county has had 1,624 cases, 65 hospitalizations, 32 deaths and 5,399 negative tests. We have had 13 positive cases in the last 10 days. The % Positivity rate for the weeks of 2/21 & 2/28 is 2.67%. We have 350 citizens over the age of 65 that are not yet scheduled for vaccination and many more in Phase II to be scheduled. Crystal hopes to complete those in Phase II by the end of March. 2,801 vaccinations have been given. 1,990 have received a Primary dose of Moderna. 705 have received the 2nd dose of Moderna. 106 persons have received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

James Tweed, Emergency Services Director discussed contracts with the accountant and plan writer for the SPARKS project. Changes in State deadlines for the SPARKS grant required that we pay out all encumbered funds by March 1. The accountant and plan writer's contracts included monthly payments through September 31 for services. Josh will draft a addendum to the contracts acknowledging the change in the payment schedule. James reminded the Board that those that want to burn should call the Burn Line at 785-403-0108, (rather they have a permit or not).

Richard moved that the 2020 Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Report for the State be signed. David seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Richard moved that the Board recess into executive session to discuss matters of attorney client privilege regarding pending litigation until 1:30 p.m. with James Tweed present as part of the collective client. David seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board recessed at 1:18 p.m. Present during the session were James, Josh and the Board. The Board reconvened at 1:30 p.m. The chair announced that no binding action was taken during executive session.

There being no further business to come before the Board they adjourned at 1:30 p.m.