

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

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June 29, 2020

The Jefferson County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday June 29. Present were Commissioners Lynn Luck, Richard Malm & Wayne Ledbetter and County Clerk Linda M Buttron. Assistant Counselor Ryan Kriegshauser was also present.

Richard moved that the minutes of June 22, 2020 be approved as presented. Wayne seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Crystal VanHoutan, Local Health Officer reported case counts for COVID 19. There are over 10 million cases worldwide. There are 2.5 million cases in the US. There have been 125,000 deaths. In Kansas there are 14,443 cases with 1,152 hospitalized and 270 deaths. There have been 162,282 negative tests. Jefferson County has had 24 total positive cases with 2 currently active cases. 22 have recovered and 22 are in quarantine. There have been 913 negative tests in Jefferson County. We are currently in the Phase Out Phase. She is still strongly recommending wearing masks when in public, good sanitary measures and staying home when ill. Crystal discussed funding becoming available for expanded testing.

Treasurer Lisa Buerman met with the Board. She presented a sealed bid for Lake Ridge, Lot 49, Block S. Kevin Dinnett-Newton bid \$300. Wayne moved that the bid be accepted. Richard seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

James Tweed, Emergency Services Director met with the Board. James discussed a contract with Forensic Medical who provides medical examiner services to the County. James recommended that the County accept a fee for service contract for the period from July 1 – December 31, 2020. The fees are \$1,800 per autopsy, \$450 per external examination and \$325 per death scene investigated. Richard moved that the contract be signed as presented. Wayne seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. James also discussed the SPARK funding. A webinar was attended last Friday by several county officials. The program will give Jefferson County \$3.9 million funding to be shared with cities and schools and other eligible entities. A county point of contact must be appointed by July 6. James recommended Keith Jeffers be considered for a single point of contact. A reimbursement and direct aid plan must be filed with the State by August 15. The direct aid plan will be funds to be used for future mitigation resulting from the Corona Virus.

He suggested that the Board think about how we will set up meetings with the schools, cities and other entities to see how the funding can be used. July 13 is the deadline to adopt a County resolution regarding acceptance of the funding, based on a template provided by the State. The money will be transferred to the County on July 15. The State is recommending that the County hire an accounting firm to manage the financial records of this funding. It has been asked of the

SPARK team if the County's auditor can serve as the accountant for the funding. Wayne moved that Keith Jeffers be appointed as pour primary point of contact. Richard seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Wayne moved that a special meeting be held July 6 at 7:00 p.m. at the Oskaloosa City Hall with one representative present from each city and each school and that they be asked to bring any costs from COVID that they have incurred to date and that the cities come with ideas from their local businesses regarding needs due to COVID. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Wayne discussed the possibility of using some of the funds for broadband access.

Ben Domann, Public Works Director met with the Board. Ben updated the Board on crew work. He discussed repair coming up on the Coal Creek bridge. The department is interviewing for a Maintenance Tech 1 position. Finney and Turnipseed are working in tandem with Mid States Materials regarding bridge inspections on Rogers road. Ben reported that he held a department wide staff meeting last week with approximately 47 people present.

Richard discussed the method of selling the property in Valley Falls where the County tore down the house. The property has been placed in the Jefferson County Land Bank. Assistant County Attorney Ryan Kriegshauser will look into it and get back to the Board with an answer.

Wayne mentioned promotion of the US Census in Jefferson County. He suggested that maybe we utilize Everbridge to get the word out to complete the process and possibly something on the front of the website. Richard reminded the Board that funding from the federal government is determined by the census results.

Lynn moved that the Board recess into executive session for non-elected personnel for preparation of an evaluation until 2:00 p.m. Wayne seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board recessed at 1:42 p.m. Present was the Board. The Board reconvened at 2:00 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 to meet in regular session on July 6, 2020.