

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

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July 2, 2020

The Jefferson County Commissioners met in special session on Thursday July 2. Present were Commissioners Lynn Luck, Richard Malm & Wayne Ledbetter and County Clerk Linda M Buttron. Counselor Josh Ney was also present.

Josh requested an executive session to discuss matters of attorney client privilege with regard to legal compliance. Wayne moved that the Board recess into executive session to discuss matters of executive session regarding attorney client privilege with regard to legal compliance until 1:12 p.m. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board recessed at 1:03 p.m. Present during the session were Josh, Crystal VanHoutan and the Board. The Board reconvened at 1:12 p.m. The chair announced that no binding action was taken during executive session.

Crystal VanHoutan, Local Health Officer met with the Board regarding the Governor's order (2020-052) issued yesterday regarding mandating wearing of masks in public, (due to the corona virus). Crystal discussed the contents of the order. Under new legislation the Commissioners have the authority to accept the order, amend the order or adopt provisions that are more stringent or less stringent than the order. Crystal discussed public health issues and the benefits of wearing a mask. Also stressed were the four tools we have to combat this virus, hand washing, social distancing, wearing masks and building our immune system. She stated that it is in the best interest of community health to wear masks in public settings when you are not able to social distance. The Board discussed their views on the issue. They indicated that the public should be aware that if the virus continues to spike and more cases and or deaths occur in Jefferson County a shutdown might occur as was done in March, April and May. Wayne and Richard expressed support for exempting Jefferson County from the order and allowing the public to self-comply with wearing masks. Lynn expressed support for leaving the Governor's order in place. Richard moved that Resolution 2020-022 be approved exempting Jefferson County from the Governor's order. Wayne seconded. Richard voted in favor. Wayne voted in favor. Lynn voted against.

Meeting adjourned.