

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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February 27, 2023

The Jefferson County Commissioners met in regular session on February 27, 2023. Present were Commissioners Richard Malm, David Christy and Doug Walbridge. County Clerk Linda Buttron and Counselor Josh Ney were also present.

Vouchers were reviewed and approved by the Counselor and the Board. David moved that the minutes of February 14th be approved as presented. Doug seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. (correction 3/6/23)

Ben Domann updated the Board on department activities. He reminded the Board that on March 22 the Kansas Association of Highways meeting will be held at the City Hall in Oskaloosa.

Dustin Parks, Community Development Director met with the Board. Dustin gave the Board a copy of the stop work order sent last week to Crypto Colo Center Corporation (Case 2023-02 located at 8974 N K92 Highway, McLouth). Dustin presented aerial pictures of the area showing it before the stop work order was issued and after. There will be a Planning Commission meeting tonight regarding the case.

Treasurer Lisa Buerman presented sealed bids to open. Ashley Buckmaster bid \$550 for Lots 625 and \$550 for Lot 626 Walnut Grove Section of Lakeside Village. Richard moved that the Board accept the bids. David seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

David moved that the Board recess into executive session to discuss matters of attorney client privilege with regard to legal advice to include Josh and Attorney Jonathan Ehrlich, Dustin and Sheriff Jeff Herrig as part of the collective client. Doug seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board recessed at 1:30 p.m. Present during the session were the above-named parties. The Board reconvened at 2:05 p.m. The Chair announced that no binding action was taken during executive session.

With regard to Case CU 2023-002, Dustin informed the Board that during the Commissioner meeting he received notification from staff that a new deed for the property at 8974 N K92 Highway, McLouth (CU2023-02) was filed this afternoon in the Register of Deed's office. That deed showed a change in property ownership, and the newly deeded owners requested withdrawal of the application. As such, the Planning & Zoning Office considers the case as "withdrawn" and the Planning Commission will no longer hear it at tonight's meeting.

Doug moved that Resolution 2023-010 be approved, prohibiting the building, construction, operation, or installation, either in whole or in part, of any structures, facilities, commercial power operations, and other fixtures and land use related to data center development to include specific novel industry uses, including but not limited to commercial cryptocurrency mining in Jefferson County, Kansas for a period of 12 months until regulations regarding the above can be adopted. David seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

EMS Director James Tweed reported that everything is going well with handling service in the Valley Falls area.

There being no further business to come before the Board they adjourned to meet in regular session on March 6.