

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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The Jefferson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on February 28, 2022. Present were Commissioners Lynn Luck, Richard Malm, David Christy and County Clerk, Linda M Buttron. Counselor Josh Ney was also present.

Vouchers were reviewed and approved by the Counselor and the Board. David moved that the minutes of February 22nd be approved. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Emergency Services Director James Tweed met with the Board. James asked the Board to authorize premium pay for all employees from the ARPA funding. David moved that the Board approve expenditure of ARPA funds to include premium pay for all eligible county employees beginning from March 2020, at the rate of \$12.50 hour, not to exceed a total of \$1,200. Lynn seconded. Discussion was held. All voted in favor of the motion. James discussed the installation of security cameras and door locks at the Meriden EMS Station using ARPA funds. He has a quote from Kenton Brothers for \$30,081.12. He asked for authorization to proceed. Lynn moved that the work proceed with Kenton Brothers. David seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Health Department Administrator Crystal Vanhoutan discussed an issue with sewer lines in Hilldale South Sewer District #11. She is proposing that the County run a 1,000' sewer line in an area that has never had sewer lines. This would provide wastewater to lots in Block F in Hilldale South. The cost is estimated at \$8500 for the line and digging. There may be additional costs if problems are encountered. A homeowner is ready to build in Block F and needs sewer service. As there is only \$9,400 in the sewer district's maintenance fund, some of the cost will need to be paid from County funds and reimbursed from the Sewer District. David moved that the County proceed with the installation of the sewer line. Richard seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Crystal reviewed the annual grant application form for the State. The grants include the following: Community Based Primary Care-\$12,803, COVID IAP Vaccine Access Grant-\$25,205, ELC Grant-\$16,195.44, Immunization Action Plan-\$4,080, Maternal Child Health \$22,582, Public health Preparation Grant-\$18,676 and the State Formula \$17,667. The application was

signed by the Board. Crystal gave a COVID update. Numbers are trending down with only 19 cases in the last 10 days and a percent positivity rate of 7.54%.

Chris Schmeissner, Chief Information Officer met with the Board. Chris reported that aerial photography will start soon. The security installations at the Public Works buildings are up and running. Final configuration is in process. Chris would like to investigate creating redundancy in the network. He is looking at the cost of wireless antennas.

County Counselor Josh Ney asked for an executive session. Richard moved that the Board recess into executive session to discuss matters of attorney client privilege (pending litigation) with Linda invited to stay as part of the collective client until 1:30 p.m. David seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board recessed at 1:23 p.m. Present during the session were Linda, Josh and the Board. Linda left the session at 1:28 p.m. The Board reconvened at 1:30 p.m. The Chair announced that no binding action was taken during executive session.

Oil bids were opened at 1:30 p.m. Bids were received from Vance Brothers and Ergon A & E. The apparent low is Vance Brothers. Public Works Director, Ben Domann will review the bids and return to the Board for a recommendation next week. A representative Vance Brothers was present for the opening.

Lynn moved that the Board recess into executive session to discuss matters of non-elected personnel regarding recruitment and retention until 1:40 p.m. Richard seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board recessed at 1:34 p.m. Present during the session was the Board. The Board reconvened at 1:40 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 March 7, 2022.