

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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March 7, 2022

The Jefferson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on March 7, 2022. Present were Commissioners Lynn Luck, Richard Malm, David Christy and County Clerk, Linda M Buttron. Assistant County Counselor Alan Vester was also present.

Vouchers were reviewed and approved by the Assistant County Counselor and the Board. Lynn moved that the minutes of February 28 be approved as presented. David seconded. All voted in favor of the motion

Health Department Administrator Crystal VanHoutan met with the Board. Crystal asked the Board to sign two travel requests for employees to attend the Governor's State Health Conference. David moved that the request be approved. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Crystal gave a COVID update. There have been 12 positive cases in the last 10 days. Jefferson County's percent positivity is 6.99%.

Ben Domann, Public Works Director met with the Board. He asked the Board to sign the annual noxious weed report. Ben recommended that the low bid of Vance Brothers be accepted for the oil bids opened last week. Richard moved that Vance Brothers be awarded the bid. David seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Ben reported that a dump truck and snowplow went off the road this morning causing some damage to the snowplow. Signage at the intersection of Ferguson and 92 was discussed. He also discussed road complaints due to truck traffic from Mammoth.

Dustin Parks, Community Development Director met with the Board. Dustin discussed Mammoth. The office last heard from Mammoth in mid December when they got letters from the Health Department and Road and Bridge offices. Dustin discussed Senate Bill 505 concerning Planning & Zoning for home-based work. He reported that the office has received numerous Ag Lot Split requests in the last two weeks.

Tom and Natalie Schweda, Meriden met with the Board. He and his wife own 10 lots in Hilldale South Sewer District #11. They bought the lots from the County through the sealed bid process and they were not aware there were not sewer lines in that area and that there were special assessments on the lots. In previous meetings, the Board has been discussing building sewer lines to his properties in Block F. He stated that he was okay with the County building the sewer line to his property in Block F. He is mainly concerned about the assessments on his other lots. David stated that he would talk to legal counsel and get back to him.

Jeff Mulpas, Perry met with the Board. Jeff lives at 27th street near Perry. He let the Board know that they have been having problems with dogs attacking their animals. Kelly Williams, a neighbor was also present. Her entire goat herd was devastated on January 19th by the dogs. She shared pictures of the attack to the Board. Jeff indicated he has contacted the dog's owners. They claim that the dogs are strays and not their animals. He asked for help with the problem. He gave the Board some recommendations for fixing the issue. He would like to see a rule that dogs not be allowed to harass or attack people on the roadway. He would like to see a rule where the victim of dog attacks be allowed to request euthanasia for the attacking dogs. He would like a rule that establishes clear liability for those that own the dogs that attack. Sheriff Jeff Herrig spoke with regard to his department's assistance with the issue. He suggested reporting the incidents to build a case for the dogs being declared vicious. Jeff & Mrs. Williams said that they had tried to report the attacks but were told there was nothing that could be done. Assistant County Counselor Alan Vester suggested they pursue the matter through small claims court.

Enterprise Fleet Management met with the Board. Ken Olsen, Fleet Consultant was present for the meeting. Ben Domann, Sheriff Jeff Herrig and EMS Director James Tweed were also present for the discussion. Ken reviewed the fleet maintenance program with the Board. The plan covers acquisition, registration, maintenance, use reporting, fuel card programs and remarketing as well as fleet analysis and optimization. To accomplish this, the plan leases vehicles to the County for one year and then resells them. Forty percent of Jefferson County' fleet is over 10 years old. 63% of the light and medium duty fleet is currently 6 years or older. The average age of the fleet is 9 years. He said the plan should reduce fuel costs by 20%, reduce maintenance cost by approximately 72% with a possible costs savings of \$1,130,474 over a course of 10 years. The Board will review the information provided.

Richard moved that Resolution 2022-004 granting a grant writing incentive bonus to the Emergency Services Director be approved. David seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

There being no further business to come before the Board they adjourned to meet in regular session on March 14, 2022.