

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

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March 15, 2021

The Jefferson County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday March 15, 2021. Present were Commissioners Lynn Luck, Richard Malm, David Christy, County Clerk Linda M Buttron and Ryan Kriegshauser, Assistant County Counselor.

Vouchers were reviewed and approved by the Assistant Counselor and the Board. Lynn moved that the minutes of March 8, 2021 be approved as presented. David seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Crystal VanHoutan, Health Department Administrator met with the Board. Crystal updated the Board on COVID statistics. Between the dates of March 5-March 14 we have had 9 positive cases. Jefferson County's positivity rate is 1.94%. We have vaccinated 3,437 people, (consisting of 2,319 first doses, 1,012 second doses and 106 Johnson & Johnson vaccines. To date there have been 1,632 total cases. Richard moved that masks be highly recommended and that the county offices still require masks and that employees in the offices don't have to wear a mask unless they are waiting on a customer and schools, cities and businesses can have their own orders regarding wearing masks. Lynn seconded. Richard voted in favor. Lynn voted in favor. David did not vote. The motion carried. David indicated that he had a motion to make. Richard asked David for his motion. David stated that he objected to the procedure for the motion. Richard and David discussed parliamentary procedure regarding the process of how motions are to be handled in a meeting.

Sheriff Jeff Herrig reported that a patrol car collided with a deer last night. It was discussed whether it was worth the effort to report it to the insurance company due to its age and mileage. The Board recognized Clay McHardie for 25 years of service. Sheriff Herrig accepted the award for Clay.

Ben Domann, Public Works Director asked the Board to sign the Noxious Weed Management Plan for 2021. There are no changes being made to the plan. Richard moved that the plan be signed. David seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Ben discussed the request to vacate a road/utility easement at 35<sup>th</sup> and Wallace road. He sees no reason to object to the vacation when it comes to public hearing on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Ben discussed maintenance needed on County bridges. Work has been done on the bridge located at 126<sup>th</sup> and 134<sup>th</sup> on Washington and 94<sup>th</sup> between Saline and Rawlins. Work will be done soon on a bridge located on 134<sup>th</sup> between Meriden and Sherman roads. Ben reported on a safety meeting recently conducted for employees by Everygy. The meeting focused on electrical safety issues. He stated that the training was excellent and he will be inviting them back for further training.

Kelly Woodward, Community Development Director met with the Board. Kelly presented case Z2021-01 a request by Mark and Carleita Domann to rezone a tract located at 19152 Wise Rd, Atchison, KS 66002. The chair asked for public comment. No comment was heard. Richard moved that the request be approved as presented. David seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Ben Kramer, Kramer Engineering met with the Board regarding Hickory Acres Sewer #5 to discuss a change order for electrical issues. Change order #2 will total \$8,396 for additional electrical costs and also increases the number of contract days for the contractor by 130 days. David moved that Change

Order #2 be accepted as presented. Richard seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Ben presented Addendum #4 from Kramer Engineering asking for more additional funds to cover their services for the three additional months of the project in the amount of \$43,625. David moved that the Addendum be approved as presented. Richard seconded. Richard voted in favor. David voted in favor. Lynn voted no.

Richard moved that the Board recess into executive session to discuss matters of attorney client privilege regarding possible litigation until 2:00 p.m. David seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board recessed at 1:47 p.m. Present during the session were Ben Domann, Ryan and the Board. The Board reconvened at 2:00 p.m. The chair announced that no binding action was taken during executive session.

Treasurer Lisa Buerman met with the Board. Lisa presented sealed bids to be opened. Shannon Billinger bid \$750 for Lot 33 Block I Westshore Estates and \$750 for Lot 34 Block I Westshore Estates. Joseph Sellens bid \$2,606 for Lot 33 Block I Westshore Estates and also bid \$2,606 on Lot 34 Block I Westshore Estates. Linda Albin bid \$400 for Lot 9 Block C Indian Ridge subdivision and \$400 for Lot 10 Block C Indian Ridge subdivision. Kimberly Heston bid \$325 for Lot 2 Block S in Lakeshore Estates. Lyle Riedy bid \$300 on Lot 3 Block J Wind N Wave Subdivision. Richard moved that the high bids for the contested lots be approved and the bids for the uncontested lots also be accepted as presented. David seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Lynn discussed the allegations that David made in campaign material with regard to bridge planks purchased at the lumber yard in Oskaloosa. The campaign material claims that the planks were new and totaled \$200,000 - \$ 300,000 in value. As a citizen, Lynn requested documents from the County Clerk's office detailing money paid to the Oskaloosa Lumber Yard. She reported that in the last 4 years the County has paid Oskaloosa Lumber nothing close to that amount of money and that due to the amount of the purchase the Commission would have had to approve it.

There being no further business to come before the Board they adjourned to meet as the Jefferson County Land Bank.

Jenee Parish is interested in purchasing Lots 737 & 738 Lakewood Hills. The property is already transferred to the Land Bank. Jenee was present for the discussion. The Board asked how much she would like pay for the lots. She offered \$700 for the two lots. Lynn moved that they accept the bid for the lots and make the required publication for Lots 737 & 738 Lakewood Hills. Richard seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

The Board recessed as the Jefferson County Land Bank Board.

The Board will meet in regular session on Monday March 22, 2021.