

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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May 3, 2021

The Jefferson County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday May 3, 2021. Present were Commissioners Lynn Luck, Richard Malm, David Christy, County Clerk Linda Buttron .and Josh Ney, County Counselor.

Vouchers were reviewed and approved by the Counselor and the Board. Lynn moved that the minutes of April 26 be approved as presented. David seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Crystal VanHoutan, Health Department Admin updated the Board on COVID statistics. KDHE reports a total of 1,713 cases in Jefferson County, 71 hospitalizations, and 35 deaths. The “% positivity” for the week of April 18 and April 25 is 2.63%,. In the last 10 days (April 23-May 2) there have been 11 positive cases. The department is doing COVID vaccines at the Health Department on Thursdays from 9-11 with Moderna vaccine. They plan to order Johnson and Johnson vaccine next week. The department has received 7,405 doses and given 7,306 doses, (3548 primary and 3,352 secondary) and 406 Johnson and Johnson vaccines. The department plans to open a wait list for vaccinations for 16-18 year olds. She plans to offer Johnson and Johnson vaccines to that group. Those wishing to get a vaccine will need to contact the Health Department to get an appointment. Seven variant cases have been identified in the County. Three are the B117 (UK) variant. Three more are B1429 (California variant and one P1- (Brazilian variant). David asked if the State was still saying that there was a pandemic. Crystal stated that KDHE is still classifying COVID 19 as a pandemic. David moved that we go back to all voluntary system in the courthouse for wearing masks. Richard asked to amend that motion to state that masks are strongly encouraged. David agreed to the amendment. Richard seconded the motion as amended. Discussion was held. Richard stated that department heads will be able to do what they want to do in their offices with regard to mask requirements. Kelly Woodward, Community Development Director spoke in support of keeping the masks required in the offices. Lynn spoke in opposition to taking the mask requirement off. Richard voted in favor of the motion. David voted in favor of the motion. Lynn voted against. Motion carried.

Treasurer Lisa Buerman asked the Board to publish Lots 20, 21 & 22 Block I Westshore Estates for sale and that the minimum bid be set at \$300. Richard moved that the lots be published with a minimum bid of \$300 as presented. David seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Lisa also presented a sealed bid for Lot 5 Block I Westshore Estates from Courtney McDonald. Courtney bid \$300. David moved that the bid be accepted as presented. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Lisa presented Resolution 2021-007 voiding outstanding treasurer’s checks for 2018 in a total amount of \$3,330.76. Richard moved that Resolution 2021-007 be approved voiding the checks. David seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Ben Domann, Public Works Director reported that a tube was replaced on Ferguson road last week. He and Commissioner Christy met with Ed Clare on Newman road last week. There were drainage concerns on the property. The landowner worked with him to correct the drainage off his fields. Ben reported the preparation for chip and seal and asphalt season is being done. He also reported the safety training from

Everyy was successful. Thirty-five people attended. David reported that a letter was received from Hickory Acres Homeowner's Association regarding roads in their area. Ben took a copy to review.

County Clerk Linda Buttron reported that the Fairview Township Treasurer resigned effective April 19, 2021. The remaining Board members have recommended former Township Treasurer Duane Heston to fill the unexpired term of Tammy Arfmann. Lynn moved that the Board appoint Duane Heston as Fairview Township Treasurer, to be effective April 19, 2021. Richard seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Linda Buttron notified the Board that the Poll Pads used at the polling places for checking in voters need to be replaced as Apple will not support the operating software on the devices after September 2019. Our Poll Pad vendor, KnowInk, has offered a buyback program for the devices that are being replaced. The cost to replace the Poll Pads will total \$4,842.00.

Richard moved that the Board recess into executive session to discuss matters of attorney client privilege with regard to pending litigation with Lisa Buerman and Sheriff Jeff Herrig present as part of the collective client until 1:30 p.m. The Board recessed at 1:22 pm. Present during the session were Jeff, Josh, Lisa and the Board. The Board reconvened at 1:35 p.m. The chair announced that no binding action was taken during executive session.

The Planning Commission chair and other board members met with the Commissioners to discuss the update of the County's Comprehensive Plan. Planning Commission Chair Paul Johnson was present for the meeting. Other Planning Commission board members joined by ZOOM, (Steve Phillips, Matt Scherer and Tim Benyshek.). Community Development Director, Kelly Woodward presented information about what the update of the Comprehensive Plan will involve. Paul Johnson discussed how the process might be done and how engagement might occur. Matt Scherer discussed his views on the update. The Board discussed their views on the project.

There being no further business to come before the Board they adjourned to meet in regular session on May 10, 2021.