

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

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The Jefferson County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners Wayne Ledbetter, Lynn Luck and Richard Malm. Also present were County Counselor Josh Ney and County Clerk Linda M. Buttron.

Vouchers were reviewed and approved by the Counselor and the Board. Richard moved that the minutes of September 30, 2019 be approved as presented. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Dustin Parks, Planning & Zoning Director met with the Board. Dustin discussed changes in the law regarding cell phone towers and zoning regulations. Flood insurance ratings were discussed.

Chris Schmeissner, GIS/IT Director met with the Board. Chris will be attending a Kansas Mappers conference next week.

Bill Noll, Public Works Director met with the Board. Bill reported that notice was received today from Hamm's concerning a new fee for 2020. They will be charging \$10 per load environment fee effective 1/1/2020. This year we hauled 5,173 loads. That will be an additional cost of \$52,000 for 2020. That increase amounts to 7% of the rock budget. Bill speculated that future increases could lead to a 37% increase over 5 years. Bill discussed Clear Span buildings for storing salt. The cost ranges from \$14,000 to \$25,000 depending on size. The Board will review information before making a decision. A patch trailer was purchased from Purple Wave. He would like to bid on a paver on Purple Wave. The Board approved his bidding on the paver by consensus. The Board signed right of way permits for utility companies. Discussion was held on CenturyLink's request on the north side of Valley Falls at the bridge. Bill presented traffic counts at 54<sup>th</sup> and 94<sup>th</sup> streets. He discussed repairs to be made to access roads, tree trimming and mowing that are needed at Lakeshore Estates Sewer District #6. He asked who the Board would like to do and pay for the repairs etc. Crystal Vanhoutan, Health Department Director spoke with regard to what needs to be done. The Board agreed by consensus to work on the trees on the unnamed access roads to the lift stations. Bill discussed the benches to be placed midway on the front sidewalk. By consensus the Board approved purchasing from the less expensive vendor. He also discussed replacing the ceiling tiles in the courthouse basement. The Board asked that the project be added to the capital improvement plan. There have also been requests to test the air quality of the courthouse.

The Jefferson County 4-H Ambassadors met with the Board regarding National 4-H Week. Sherry Seifert, Ambassador Advisor spoke to the Board. Also present were Brooklyn Carreo, Amanda Nelson and Bryce Stockweiler. Richard moved that the Board sign a proclamation declaring this week as National 4-H Week. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Dirk Henderson, 5910 82<sup>nd</sup> Street Meriden met with the Board to request a vacation ½ mile of 82<sup>nd</sup> street east of Meriden. Josh discussed the legal requirements for the process of vacating the road. He stated that the letter provided today (signed by three adjoining landowners) would consist a petition for the vacation. Wayne moved that the Board proceed with the vacation process. Richard seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. A hearing will be set for November 18.

Ben Kramer, Kramer Engineering met with the Board to discuss the Hickory Acres Sewer District #5. Wayne moved that the KDHE loan be amended and increased by \$531,925. Richard seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The contract time to complete the project will be extended by 60 days. The Board signed paperwork to amend the loan. Kramer Engineering will charge \$31,925 in additional fees for the extra work. Wayne moved that the agreement with Kramer Engineering be approved. Richard seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Ben stated that the increase will not change the amount to be paid by the property owners.

Carrie Kearney, Mollie Harmon Photography met with the Board to request permission to use the courthouse lawn for a Hometown Christmas event in Oskaloosa. The Board agreed to the request by consensus.

Bill Noll met with the Board for an executive session. Richard moved that the Board recess into executive session to discuss matters of non-elected personnel regarding employee retention until 2:55 p.m. Wayne seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board recessed at 2:34 p.m. Present during the session were Bill, Josh and the Board. The Board reconvened at 2:55 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 October 21, 2019.