

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, November 18th at 1:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners Wayne Ledbetter, Lynn Luck and Richard Malm. Also present was Josh Ney, County Counselor and County Clerk Linda M. Buttron.

Vouchers were reviewed and approved by the Counselor and the Board. The Board signed a notice to the township board for a beer license. The Board signed a letter of support for the Jefferson County Service Organization. The Board signed a shared sick leave request. Richard moved that the minutes of November 4th be approved as presented. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

A coin toss was held to break a tie in the USD 342 Position 2 election. After Leavenworth County's votes were canvassed a tie was created for the race between Erin Olson and Travis Mick. Both received seven (7) write in votes. Erin Olson won the toss.

Dustin Parks, Planning & Zoning Director met with the Board. Dustin presented statistics to the Board for review and discussion. The Board complimented Dustin on his presentation at the Kansas Association of Counties Annual Conference.

Bill Noll, Public Works Director discussed the results from the air quality testing in the courthouse. Recommendations-replace old ceiling tiles and any that were original to the courthouse; clean or replace the vents at the air intakes; inspect interior of the air ducts. Replacing the tiles and grids in the basement hallway and stair corridors will cost \$4,933. The Board agreed to replacing the tiles as proposed. Bill discussed bids received for a 5-year lease purchase of a rubber tire loader. Case had the best bid at \$110,874. (Interest rate near zero and buy back around \$52,000), Wayne moved that the lease with Case be approved. Richard seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Bill announced that Jefferson County has been awarded a \$800,000 grant through a KDOT cost share program for the 62nd street project. The Board thanked Bill for his work in obtaining the grant.

A public hearing was held at 1:30 p.m. for vacation of all that portion of 82nd street existing in Section 9, Township 10, Range 17 in Jefferson County, (½ miles of 82nd street). The chair opened the meeting for the public hearing. Adjoining landowner Dirk Henderson was presented for the hearing. The chair asked for public comment. Dirk spoke in favor of the vacation. No one spoke in opposition to the vacation. The hearing was closed. Richard moved that the section of road be vacated for reasons of non-use and that Resolution 2019-016 be passed affecting the same. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Wayne moved that the Board recess into executive session to discuss matters of non-elected personnel regarding employee recruitment and retention until 1:50 pm. Richard seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board recessed at 1:39 p.m. Present during the session were Bill Noll and the Board. The Board reconvened at 1:50 p.m. The chair announced that no binding action was taken during executive session. Richard moved that the Board recess into executive session to discuss matters of pending litigation until 2:10 p.m. with Bill present to facilitate the discussion. The Board recessed at 1:51 p.m. Present during the session were Bill, Josh, Sheriff Jeff Herrig and the Board. The Board reconvened at 2:10 p.m. The chair announced that no binding action was taken during executive session. Wayne moved that the Board recess into executive session until 2:15 p.m. for matters of non-elected personnel regarding employee recruitment and retention. The Board recessed at 2:10 p.m. Present during the session was the Board. The Board reconvened at 2:16 p.m. The chair announced that no binding action was taken during executive session.

Wayne moved that the Board recess into executive session to discuss matters of non-elected personnel until 2:25 p.m. regarding an evaluation. Richard seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board recessed at 2:16 p.m. Present during the session were Dustin Parks and the Board. the Board reconvened at 2:26 p.m. The Chair announced that no binding action was taken during executive session.

The Commissioners adjourned their regular meeting at 2:27 p.m.