

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 June 2 at 1:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners, Richard Malm, Lynn Luck, Wayne Ledbetter, County Counselor, Josh Ney and County Clerk, Linda M Buttron.

Vouchers were reviewed and approved by the Counselor and the Board. The Board signed a beer license application for the Threshing Bee at McLouth. Voting credential forms for the National Association of Counties conference were signed by the chairman. Lynn moved that the minutes of May 19, 2014 be approved as presented. Wayne seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board signed zoning cases approved at last week's meeting as well as a final plat of subdivision approved last week as well.

Beth Brown, Health Department Administrator met with the Board. Beth discussed the department's opportunity to become a Health Home Provider for the KanCare program. The program provides case management for Medicaid patients. She discussed the upcoming change in the codes used to bill medical services. The number of codes in new versions of the manual will more than double in the near future. Statistics regarding obesity were reviewed. The Employee Wellness Committee has met several times. Their goal is that 80% of employees from Jefferson County & USD 343 participate in an established employee wellness program with their #1 priority being promoting healthy lifestyles. Various ideas for programs were discussed.

Tanya Erichsen, County Appraiser met with the Board. Tanya reported that three employees have passed their IAAO 101 test. The class gives attendees an understanding of the mass appraisal methodology and how to apply the best approach to value. Tanya provided valuations for June 1 for real estate and personal property. Overall real estate taxable valuation increased by 2.4%. Personal property taxable valuation decreased by 32.5% due to a legislative change in the assessment rate of watercraft (30% to 11.5% of value) and a change in the way commercial trucks are taxed, (now fee based).

Mary Underwood, County Treasurer met with the Board. Mary presented one bid for the sale of Lot 753 Unit 4 Lakewood Hills. Justin Morino bid \$300 for the lot. Lynn moved that the bid be accepted. Richard seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Cathy Barnett, Old Settler's Committee met with the Board. She asked for permission to use the courthouse grounds June 26, 27 & 28 for the festival. The Board granted permission by consensus.

Bill Noll, Public Works Administrator met with the Board. Crew work was discussed. Upcoming road projects were discussed. Bill indicated that the sale of old equipment on Purple Wave auction service will soon be complete and should net approximately \$30,000. He stated that with Commissioner's permission he would be purchasing used oil tank trailer from Vance Brothers \$16,000 or \$18,000 depending on availability. Work on the road shop building in Valley Falls was discussed. He reported that the work being done on the railings and grates at the courthouse should be completed by Old Settler's. An informal bid has been accepted for replacement of the roof on the old jail. Informal bids have been received for repair of the courthouse air conditioning system. Bids for pest control are also being considered. He has received a ball park estimate for engineering analysis of West Lake road in the amount of \$2,000 and a possible addition of \$3,000 to do geo boring for an asphalt and sub base analysis.

Jefferson County Conservation District met with the Board to review their 2015 budget request with the Board. John Wunder-Board Member, Cheli Lopez-District Manager and Jeff Ladner-District Conservationist were present for the discussion. They are asking for the same funding from Jefferson County as they received last year, (\$40,613). John reviewed their funding from various sources and programs provided by the district.

Bill Noll, Public Works Administrator returned to the Board for an executive session. Lynn moved that the Board go into executive session to discuss matters of attorney client privilege until 2:20 p.m. with Bill invited to facilitate the discussion. Richard seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board recessed at 2:10 p.m. Present during the session were Josh, Bill and the Board. The Board reconvened at 2:20 p.m. The chairman announced that no binding action was taken during executive session.

Richard moved that the Board go back into executive session for purposed of non-elected personnel until 2:27 p.m. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board recessed at 2:22 p.m. Present during the session was Bill and the Board. The Board reconvened at 2:27 p.m. The chairman 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 June 9, 2014.