

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 July 21st at 1:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners, Richard Malm, Lynn Luck, Wayne Ledbetter, Josh Ney, County Counselor and County Clerk, Linda M Buttron.

Vouchers were reviewed and approved by the Counselor and the Board. Purchase card requests were signed for three employees. Wayne moved that the minutes of July 14th be approved as presented. Lynn seconded. Wayne voted in favor. Lynn voted in favor. Richard abstained as he was not present. The Board signed zoning resolutions approved at last week's meeting.

Susan Newell, 911 Director met with the Board. She reported she is working on updating the contingency plan for the department. Other departmental activities were reviewed. The Board asked about a recent outage of phone service in the area. Susan discussed her conversations with Century Link regarding the outage.

Bill Noll, Public Works Administrator met with the Board. Bill announced that the first road grant has been awarded to Jefferson County by KDOT's High Risk Rural Roads program. The grant will be up to \$130,000 for improvements to the reverse curve at 13th and Wellman Road (RS217) for federal fiscal year 2015. The Board signed a right of way permit for Rural Water District #1. An engineering analysis was received last week on West Lake road. The price came back at \$1.06 million for the project. The Board directed that he chip and seal the road for 2014 and the recommendations in the engineering analysis be considered when funding is available. He also stated that unless objections were heard he would go ahead with contracting with Global Energy Solutions for closed cell insulation of the Valley Road and Bridge shop.

Mike Baxter, Emergency Management met with the Board. Mike reported on the use of Code Red software in the recent phone outage. He was able to reach 1700 people through the system to alert them of the phone outage.

Robert Bowser, Meriden met with the Board to discuss drainage issues along Tick Creek. The Commissioners visited the creek in question a few years ago. He discussed a dike that was removed from the creek and its impact on flooding in the area. He would like to construct a new dike to help prevent flooding. He believes he was given permission from the State to build the dike, but does not have a copy of a permit, (just a copy of the cancelled check from when they applied for the permit). Commissioner Ledbetter stated that he had called the State but could not find anyone who has record of a permit being issued. The Board suggested that he

take his documentation to the State Division of Water Resources and see if they can find the records from when the original application was filed. Other local area residents were present for the discussion and commented on the issue.

Jeff Stoppel, Benefits Direct met with the Board. Benefits Direct was recently engaged to manage the voluntary benefit program for the employees. Jeff was present to present program recommendations. He recommended that dental coverage remain with Delta Dental. He stated that he will be working with Blue Cross Blue Shield representatives to assist employees with enrollment in health insurance. Vision plan designs were discussed. Jeff proposed voluntary life insurance coverage from OneAmerica. The coverage matches what was previously offered by Prudential. OneAmerica also had the best proposal for short term disability. Cancer and Critical Illness insurance were discussed. Loyal American was recommended for coverage on both. Accident policy coverage was proposed through Unum. New coverage for Permanent Life and Long Term Care Insurance was proposed through Combined Insurance Company of America. Flexible Spending administration will be provided by Benefits Direct through their internal "Flex Made Easy" program. Wayne asked for verification that there would be no "damage to the employees" by changing vendors for various products. He also reiterated that it was important to get information out to the employees as early as possible and that no employee be pressured to take coverage. By consensus the Board agreed to offer the proposed coverages to employees for the 2015 plan year.

Richard moved that Resolution 2014-018 be approved vacating roads in Simeo Village. Wayne seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

James Tweed, Ambulance Director asked for an executive session to discuss matters of non-elected personnel. Richard moved that the Board go into executive session to discuss matters of non-elected personnel until 3:05 p.m. with Linda, Mike Baxter and Josh invited to stay to facilitate the discussion. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board recessed at 2:48 p.m. Present during the session were James, Josh, Mike and Linda. The Board reconvened at 3:05 p.m. The chairman announced that no binding action was taken during executive session.

Delia Heston, Register of Deeds asked for an executive session to discuss matters of non-elected personnel. Richard moved that the Board go into executive session to discuss matters of non-elected personnel until 3:20 p.m. Wayne seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board recessed at 3:12 p.m. Present during the session were Delia and the Board. The Board reconvened at 3:20 p.m. The chairman announced that no binding action was taken during executive session.

Lynn moved that the Board go into executive session to discuss matters of non-elected personnel until 3:30 p.m. Wayne seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board recessed at 3:22 p.m. Present during the session was the Board. The Board reconvened at 3:30 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 July 28, 2014.