

September 14, 2009

The Jefferson County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on Monday September 14, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners Richard Malm, Roy Dunnaway, Lynn Luck, Jan Hayes County Counselor and County Clerk, Linda M. Buttron.

Vouchers were reviewed and approved by the Counselor and the Board. Tax change orders were signed as well as a purchase card request and shared sick leave requests and donations. Lynn moved that the minutes of September 8, 2009 be approved as presented. Roy seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Linda discussed the audit contract offered by Lowenthal, Wilson and Odermann for the 2009 audit. A decision will be made on the contract after Jan's review.

Francis Hubbard, Road and Bridge met with the Board. He reported that crews will finish chipping and sealing tomorrow. The Board discussed road issues in their areas. Richard asked that Francis and Jan work together to amend the requirements of Resolution 1997-25 setting road standards to allow engineered curb and gutter improvements in subdivisions. Francis discussed payment for work on the roads at Lake Dabinawa.

Jeff asked the Board about the hiring freeze. He has two open positions to fill, a corrections officer (full time) and a deputy (full time). The jail is currently housing fifty-one prisoners and he needs the staff to help with the workload. The Board agreed to his filling the positions with moving a part time position to full time for corrections and hiring a full time deputy.

Eloise Tichenor, Planning & Zoning Administrator met with the Board. She reported on the open house held last week for the new digital flood insurance rate maps. Forty five people attended. Eloise discussed a request for a special event permit for Grantville United Methodist Church. Their annual community celebration is scheduled for September 19, 2009. Roy Brown, Grantville was present to discuss the event. Roy Dunnaway moved that the permit be granted. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Carl Eyman, Kansas Workers Cooperative for Counties, (KWORCC) Loss Specialist met with the Board. Carl reported that the County's loss ratio for the period of 2003-2009 averaged 46%. The most common type of losses are slips, trips and falls. Strains or injuries are the second highest. Carl reviewed other statistics with the Board. Carl discussed the benefits of an active safety committee.

Delia Heston, Register of Deeds met with the Board. Delia discussed microfilming books using Equipment Reserve funds, (\$2,040 to microfilm and \$2,300 to replace the indexes). She reported that the office has been busy this past month which increases fee revenue. She reported that the Buck Creek School project near Williamstown received approximately \$24,000 from the Heritage Trust Grant fund. The money in the fund is generated by a one cent tax for every 26 cents collected from mortgage registration tax in the State.

Kathrine Shade, Employee Committee chair and Deidre Boyd, Employee Committee member met with the Board. The committee asked if the Board would consider changing the courthouse hours to eliminate the late night on Monday. Deidre reported that the Treasurer's office has kept track of the persons coming into the office after 4:30 p.m. that cannot be served by mail or electronic means. During a 3 month period they averaged 4-6 customers on Monday evening. Mary Underwood, Treasurer discussed the benefits and cost savings to her office by changing the hours. Department Heads, Eloise Tichenor, Delia Heston and Chris Schmeissner spoke with regard to their opinions on the request. The Board asked that all departments in the courthouse keep track of the number of citizens that come in for service between 4:00 and 6:30 on Monday evenings for two months.

Representatives from the group Abate of Kansas Inc. met with the Board. Vicki Boose, Corporate Secretary for Abate spoke to the Board. Vicki said that as a result of a recent news article, their Board wanted to ensure that the Commissioners had no problems with having the annual gathering in the County. Vicki reported that the lease with the Corp of Engineers runs through January of 2011. She stated that there were 4,631 participants this year. Vicki reminded the Board that Abate is very community minded. They have several rides for the "Toys for Tots programs", donations to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Dept, Jefferson County Firefighters Association, the Jefferson County Humane Society and other charities in the community. Kerry Jackson said that American Legion Post #225, Inc. Legion gave 4 scholarships of \$500 each,

\$1500 to the Leavenworth VA for their Christmas Party, \$2100 to the Topeka VA for their Christmas party, \$960 to local soldiers in need. He stated that 85% of the money for those donations comes from Abate weekend. There were also 65 volunteers from the community that worked providing breakfast to the bikers. Dan Rosencutter- Ozawkie Fire Chief spoke with regard to the service provided by the fire department to the event. Janet Wise, Oskaloosa spoke with regard to the sales tax on liquor broke in by the event to the County. Sheriff Jeff Herrig spoke with regard to how the recommendation for speed bumps came to be made. He stated that this his doing and the only solution he could come up with the concerns posed by the people who live along the route to the event. David Samuelson, The Grainery Saloon spoke with regard to the benefits to his business from Abate. Tony Trower spoke with regard to the benefit to the businesses in the County. Bob Payne, Assistant Lobbyist for Abate spoke with regard to his views on the event and its benefits. The Commissioners stated they had no real issues with the event, except for respect of the concerns of the local residents as stated in a previous Commission meeting. They asked that the group observe the speed limit on the road and take the concerns of the residents into consideration during the event. They asked that there be good communication between Abate and the residents. The group was also encouraged to meet with the Commissioners in July next year for a pre-event meeting.

Becky Wise, Best Little Mothers group asked if the group could use one corner of the square for a table for the sale of pies and cookies for a fundraiser for a scholarship to Pittsburg State and a contribution to the March of Dimes. The Board agreed to the request by consensus.

Eileen Filbert, Health Department met with the Board. Eileen thanked the Board for the passing the smoking ban in County buildings. She updated the Board on the construction project at Lake Ridge Estates Sewer #7. Other sewer issues were discussed. She reported that the Sanitarian has answered 37 calls for locating sewer lines for Kansas One Call. She discussed distribution of H1N1 vaccine in the County. She let the Board know that the department has purchased a replacement for hearing testing equipment for children in the amount of \$3600.

Mary Underwood, Treasurer met with the Board. Mary discussed the proposed contract for tax sale services with Hayes & Hayes. She recommended changes to certain portions of the contract to clarify intent and

meaning. She asked that the abstractors be allowed to give a short presentation along with their bid to clarify time lines and services to be provided. The Board agreed to her requested changes by consensus. The Board indicated that they support sending a preliminary certified letter to improved properties that will be listed in the sale. Mary asked that the revised contract be provided for consideration at next week's meeting.

Susan Newell, 911 Director met with the Board. She presented the audit from the Kansas Highway Patrol to the Board. The audit found no mistakes. She discussed replacing an employee under the current hiring freeze. They asked that she bring cost information to them before they make a decision on the replacement. She also discussed her attendance at the fire chiefs meeting last week. She discussed the response regarding the burn permit process. She presented a map of the route of the group riding through the County for "Bikers for Babies".

Eileen Filbert, Health Department asked for an executive session to discuss matters of non-elected personnel. Lynn moved that the Board go into executive session to discuss matters of non-elected personnel until 4:20 p.m. Roy seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board adjourned at 4:05 p.m. Present during the session were Eileen and the Board. The Board reconvened at 4:20 p.m. The chairman announced that no binding action was taken during executive session.

Jan discussed legal issues with the Board including road vacation and the bed tax proposed by Economic Development. The Board agreed by consensus that Jan could attend a continuing education seminar next Monday.

There being no further business to come before the Board they adjourned to meet in regular session on Monday September 21, 2009.

ATTEST:/s/Linda M Buttron, County Clerk /s/Richard Malm, Chairman