

April 5, 2010

The Jefferson County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on Monday, April 5th at 1:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners Richard Malm, Lynn Luck and Roy Dunnaway, 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. A beer license was signed for Circle S Ranch. Two interviews for the Appraiser's position were held starting at 11:00 a.m. Lynn moved that the minutes of March 29, 2010 be approved as presented. Roy seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Francis Hubbard, Road and Bridge met with the Board. Francis updated the Board on the final work on the 3rd street bridge. He reported that residents are reporting that commercial traffic is still traveling the roads near the landfill where signs prohibiting commercial traffic were posted. Cleanup of illegal dump sites at Lakeshore Estates is finished and when paperwork is submitted to the State reimbursement for 75% of the project cost will be made. Work on the Little Slough Bridge was discussed. Dave Russell, Ozawkie met with the Board to express his opinion that little work seems to have been done in the three weeks since the bridge was closed. Francis replied that a lot of work has been done but may not be readily visible as areas are patched as they are repaired.

Pat Gottstein, Kentucky Township Trustee met with the Board. The township board would either like to add on to their current station or build a substation north of Perry. He asked if the County would be willing to sell a small tract located on the east side of Ferguson Rd on 31st street. The Board will check on ownership and get back to Pat next week.

Eloise Tichenor, Planning & Zoning met with the Board. Eloise presented zoning statistics for the first quarter to the Board. She also presented zoning violation statistics. Paul Johnson's term on the Planning Commission is expiring soon and he has indicated he is willing to continue to serve. Lynn moved that Paul be reappointed. Roy seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Richard moved that Resolution 2010-012 be approved appointing Kathy Wagner as a part time Appraiser until the full time position can be filled. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Mark Richards, Auxiliary Services Director met with the Board. Mark reported that the staff is "pretty much done" with the work on the old Variety Store building. The contractor will be working on the fiber connections this week and after some final minor electrical work the Information Technology department can have access to the building. Lynn discussed how the process would work for departments to use the storage in the basement. Mark did not indicate there was a specific process but that storage areas were ready for use.

Susan Newell, 911 Director met with the Board. Susan informed the Board that the department has adopted the International Emergency Dispatcher's Protocol on how to respond to callers wanting to know how to disable their Toyota vehicles when the accelerator is sticking. She also discussed legislation regarding 911 fees. She also asked for approval of a travel request for Mike Henning to stay at a 911 conference in Topeka. The Board signed the travel request. She reported that two employees have been recently hired. She asked the Commissioners proclaim the week of April 11-17 as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week in Jefferson County. The Board signed the proclamation.

Roy moved that the contract with the Corp of Engineers for Lake Patrol services be approved and Sheriff Jeff Herrig be authorized to sign such contract. Richard seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Richard moved that the Board go into executive session until 2:25 p.m. to discuss matters of attorney client privilege for safety reasons and that Susan Newell, Mike Hayes and Sheriff Herrig be invited to attend. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board recessed at 2:12 p.m. The Board reconvened at 2:25 p.m. The chairman announced that no binding action was taken during executive session.

At 2:30 p.m. the Board recessed for a farewell reception for Appraiser Kathy Wagner. The Board reconvened at 3:30 p.m.

Linda discussed a petition presented for improvement of Northwind Drive in the southeast corner of the County. She has determined that the petition has sufficient signatures to be considered valid. She will present the petition to the Board next week for action and possible adoption of a resolution ordering the improvement as set out in K.S.A. 68-701 et. seq.

The Board will meet on Friday April 9th at 9:00 a.m. to canvass the April 6th City of McLouth Election.

The Board will meet at 11:00 a.m. on Monday April 12th for the purpose of conducting an interview for the position of County Appraiser.

There being no further business the Board adjourned to meet as noted above and in regular session on Monday April 12, 2010.