

## **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 October 12, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. Those 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 Board. Lynn moved that the Board approve the minutes of October 5, 2015. Wayne seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Keith Jeffers, Emergency Management Director met with the Board. Keith updated the Board on his activities this past week.

Richard moved that the Board go into executive session non-elected personnel until 1:30 p.m. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board recessed at 1:04 p.m. Present during the session were: Keith Jeffers, Susan Newell, Bill Noll, Chris Schmeissner, James Tweed, Jeff Herrig and Linda Buttron, all invited to stay to facilitate the discussion. The Board reconvened at 1:30 p.m. The chairman announced that no binding action was taken during executive session.

Gary Branson, Jefferson County Fire District #7 Board member met with the Commissioners. Gary requested the services of the County Counselor for legal assistance in obtaining an injunction requiring the former fire chief to give access codes to fire department computer accounts, online accounts, Facebook accounts, current grants and pending grant applications to the Fire Board. He also asked for an injunction to have the minutes, financial records, assets and fund of the Firemen's Auxiliary be turned over to the Fire Board. The Board and Josh discussed the request. The Board indicated by consensus as Josh serves as their legal counsel, they would not be able to grant the request for assistance with legal issues.

Deborah Bettinger, Lake Dabinawa resident met with the Board to discuss having backyard chickens. Article 25 of the Planning and Zoning regulations state that farm animals cannot be kept unless you have three (3) acres of land or more. She proposed that the regulations be amended or refined to allow backyard chickens. The Board indicated by consensus that they would look at the regulations with Josh and Sam Henderson, Planning & Zoning Director.

The Board discussed the premium amount to be paid by those part time employees who qualify for health insurance coverage under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) for 2016. Wayne moved that the health insurance premiums (employee contribution) for those three part time

employees who qualify for coverage under the ACA be assessed premiums at 120% of what full time employee's premiums are. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

There being no further business to come before the Board they adjourned to meet October 19, 2015.