

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 September 12, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. Those present were Commissioners, Wayne Ledbetter, Richard Malm, Lynn Luck, County Counselor Josh Ney and County Clerk, Linda M Buttron.

Vouchers were reviewed and approved by the Counselor and the Board. Richard moved that minutes of August 29th be approved as presented. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Shared sick leave donations were signed. Wayne moved that the contract with Delta Dental for 2017 be approved as presented. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Keith Jeffers, Emergency Management Director met with the Board. Keith reported on department activities. Keith reported that the 2016 EMPG grant was approved. The money will be distributed in 2017.

Tanya Erichsen, Appraiser reported that she has completed the 2017 land analysis.

Chris Schmeissner, GIS/IT Director met with the Board. Chris reported that he is reconfirming bids and numbers for the Voice over IP project. Chris discussed a recent meeting with Departments regarding website re-design. He reported the new aerials are in and are being loaded onto the server. Quality control will be done in the next two weeks.

Dustin Parks, new Planning and Zoning Director was present for the meeting.

Bill Noll, Public Works Director met with the Board. Bill reported that a grant (Kansas Off-System Bridge Program) was received on Friday for a bridge replacement located .8 miles north and .09 miles west of Oskaloosa, (OSN-58). The local match for this project is estimated at \$145,563.60. The federal fund amount for this project is approximately \$582,254. The bridge project on 142nd was discussed. Bill wants to use the money received recently from FEMA, to purchase dump trucks. He discussed two proposals from State Contracts- Freightliner 108SD- \$159,198 for one \$318,396 for two units. International quoted \$157,906 for one unit and \$315,812 for two units, (KTA Contract #7038). International's units will not be available for several months. The Freightliners are available now. Richard moved that the Board allow Bill to proceed with the purchase of the Freightliners. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. He also asked to purchase a skid loader trailer for \$3,995 from a company in Topeka. The Board agreed to the purchase by consensus. Bill read a statement he sent to the newspaper regarding the repairs made at the Lake Bound Store parking lot on August 29, 2016. "The repairs were the result of damage caused to the asphalt including cracking, heaving and

rutting of the parking lot surface, from the Road Department using the parking lot as a staging area during the recent patching and chip and sealing of Ferguson Road. The Jefferson County Road Department should not have used a privately maintained parking lot areas as a staging and waiting location for equipment and loaded trucks without receiving prior written approval from the owner. Thus the damages were the responsibility of the County to correct. Commissioner Ledbetter was made aware of the situation as the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, the representative of that district, and his relationship to the property owner. This would be the case with any issue like this regardless of the situation. This is not a case of doing favors, this is a case of doing what is right and taking responsibility for unintended damages.”

Jeanine Davidson, Oskaloosa met with the Board. Jeanine asked about the repair of the parking lot at the Lake Bound Store. She asked what the Commissioner’s protocol was for repairing damage made by county vehicles. Bill addressed the question stating that it depends on the situation. She asked about the Commission voting on the repair of the parking lot. Jeanine presented an open records request for documents regarding the damage repair.

Valley Falls Mayor Charles Stutesman, City Administrator Denise Streeter and Cliff Mesner (Mesner Development), met with the Board regarding a building project in Valley Falls. They plan to build 12 senior townhomes. The homes will be two bedrooms, 1100 sq. foot of space with a single car attached garage. All appliances are provided along with lawn care and snow removal. They will be for persons earning at or below 60% of AMI (average median income). The total cost of the project is \$2,322,440. The city wants to use the Kansas RHID program to fund the costs of land, streets and utilities. They will get tax credits for 90% of the cost of development (housing construction, architect, engineering, developer fee). They aren’t asking anything from the County but want to know if the County will go along with the project as they do have the ability to veto the project.

Bill Noll, Public Works Director met with the Board. Bill discussed mitigation actions for Jefferson County starting at section 5.6.6, Chapter 5, page 224 of the Northeast Kansas (Homeland Security) Multi-Hazard, Multi-Jurisdictional Mitigation Plan. The items were acknowledged by the Board. Bill asked for public comment. None was heard.

Bill discussed other upcoming road and bridge work.

Bids were opened for properties advertised for sale. Tad Peet bid \$300 for Lot 8 Block E Lake Ridge Estates, and \$300 for Lot 7 Block E Lake Ridge Estates. Wayne moved that the bids be accepted as presented. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Dan & Diana Betts bid \$300 for Lot 19 Block U Lake Ridge Estates. Wayne moved that the Board accept the bid as presented. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Appraiser Tanya Erichsen met with the Board. Wayne moved that the Board go into executive session to discuss matters of non-elected personnel until 2:30 p.m. Richard seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board recessed at 2:17 p.m. Present during the session were

Tanya and the Board. The Board reconvened at 2:30 p.m. The chairman announced that no binding action was taken during executive session.

Richard moved that the Board recess into executive session to discuss matters of non-elected personnel with Susan Newell (911 Director) Linda and Josh present to facilitate the discussion until 2:50 p.m. Richard seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board recessed at 2:34 p.m. Present during the session were Susan Newell, Linda Buttron Josh Ney and the Board. The Board reconvened at 2:50 p.m. The chairman announced that no binding action was taken during executive session.

Wayne moved that the Board recess into executive session to discuss matters of attorney client privilege until 3:00 p.m. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board recessed at 2:51 p.m. Present during the session were Josh and the Board. The Board reconvened at 3:00 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 September 19, 2016.