

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 February 27, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. Those present were Commissioners, Wayne Ledbetter, Lynn Luck, County Attorney/Counselor Josh Ney and County Clerk Linda M Buttron. Richard Malm was absent.

Vouchers were reviewed and approved by the Counselor and the Board. Wayne moved that the minutes of February 13, 2017 be approved as presented. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board received a certified copy of the resolution stating that the City of Valley Falls is considering establishing a Rural Housing Incentive District (RHID) and announcing the public hearing for March 6, 2017. The Board signed a travel request for the Interim County Appraiser. The Board signed a letter to those employees who still receive paper checks notifying them of the change to pay cards sometime in April.

Dustin Parks, Planning & Zoning Director reported that the Planning Commission will meet this evening to hear requests for a cell phone tower at 50th and Decatur and another request for a rezoning for the Holyrod property north of Perry. Wayne asked about adding permission for the County to use the cell tower to the request. Lynn agreed and Dustin will add that requirement to the request.

Keith Jeffers, Emergency Management Director met with the Board. He reported the mobile message board has been received. The cost of the trailer was \$13,772 paid through the State and FEMA. Siren testing will be done on March 15th. On Tuesday March 7th a statewide tornado drill will be held. Volunteer Ham Radio operators are forming a RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services) group to provide emergency management and amateur radio communications through networks using state, county and/or privately owned equipment authorized under the FCC and operated by licensed radio amateurs.

Bill Noll, Public Works Director met with the Board. The Board signed right of way easements for utility companies. Bill presented a letter announcing the award of three High Risk Rural Road (HRRR) projects for FFY 2019. The projects will be signage on Hickory Point road from US 59 Hwy to the City of Winchester; Fairview Road from US59 Hwy to Wellman road and 81st Street from K4 Hwy to Clark Rd to 74th Street to K237 Hwy. The grant totals \$224,000 and fully funds the projects. Bill also received notice from FEMA that the department will be receiving \$98,293.50 from FEMA after a partially approved appeal for the June 2015 flood. He would like to put some additional funds with this money and use it to purchase another dump truck.

Bids for oil for the road department were opened at 1:30 p.m. Bids were received from Vance Brothers and Ergon, and Asphalt Emulsions. Representatives from these companies were present for the bid opening. Vance Brothers bid: RS-1H - \$1.73/gallon, SS1H-\$1.83/gallon, RS1H Plus-\$1.78/gallon. Ergon and Asphalt Emulsions bid: RS1H-\$1.66/gallon and SS1H-\$1.76/gallon. It will include a pump charge of \$80 a load if requested. A federal environmental fee will be added to the above fees at a price of \$.0015/gallon. The apparent low is Ergon and Asphalt Emulsions. Bill will review the bids and return next week with a recommendation for the Board.

Josh discussed work on the contract for attorney services for District Court cases. The Board agreed that an amount should be allowed for the cost of mileage to drive to Jefferson County from surrounding counties.

Wayne moved that the Board recess into executive session to discuss matters of attorney client privilege until 2:00 p.m. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board recessed at 1:50 p.m. Present during the session were Josh and the Board. The Board reconvened at 2:00 pm. 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 March 6, 2017.