

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS**

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December 4, 2020

The Jefferson County Commissioners met in special session on Friday, December 4, 2020. Present were Commissioners Lynn Luck, Wayne Ledbetter, Richard Malm and Deputy County Clerk Annie Landis. Counselor Josh Ney joined the meeting via Zoom.

Crystal VanHoutan, Health Department Administrator met with the Board. Crystal presented new CDC options to reduce days of quarantine. Incubation of the virus is still 14 days. The quarantine times could be reduced. This does not apply to offenders or nursing home residents but does apply to staff in those areas. These options will get kids back to school sooner and workers back to work sooner. Crystal stated testing would become available next week with limited supplies. James Tweed joined the meeting via zoom and stated he agreed with Crystals/CDC's recommendation. People should still watch for symptoms for 14 days after exposure.

Lynn moved that the County opt-in to the CDC's recommendation of options for how long quarantine should last to only 7 days with testing on day 6 and after receiving negative test results or 10 days without testing. The new options would be retroactive. Those currently in quarantine will be able to follow the reduced guidelines effective immediately and the Health Department would still monitor and provide education regarding COVID 19 quarantine and the steps to take after quarantine. Richard seconded the motion. Discussion was had. All voted for the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 10:17 AM.