

February 23, 2009

The Jefferson County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on Tuesday February 23, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners Roy Dunnaway, Richard Malm, Linda Buttron County Clerk and Jan Hayes, County Counselor.

Lynn Luck was sworn in as County Commissioner-1st District by the County Clerk.

Vouchers were reviewed and approved by the Counselor and the Board. Tax change orders were signed. Travel requests were signed. A notice to the township board for a beer license was signed. The Board approved the minutes of February 17, 2009 by consensus.

Francis Hubbard, Road and Bridge Superintendent met with the Board. The Board signed utility easements. Francis discussed a request to rock a dirt road to provide access to property. There is no plan to build a residence on the property. The landowners are willing to pay the cost of the materials if the County would provide the labor and hauling. The Board asked Francis to research for existing policies before making a decision on the request. Francis discussed removal of rock from a County road by a property owner for personal use. Possible receipt and use of federal stimulus funds was discussed.

Eloise Tichenor, Planning & Zoning met with the Board. Eloise reminded the Board that the adoption of the revised zoning & subdivision regulations is set for March 2. Eloise reported that Patrick Reed has resigned from the Planning Commission.

Kathy Wagner, Appraiser met with the Board. Kathy discussed the mailing of valuation notices later this week. Residential values are remaining stable, with many experiencing decreases (typically up to 3%). Commercial properties may see an increase up to 2%. Agricultural land value changes vary depending on type. Other appraisal activities were discussed.

Virginia Dienstbier, Rural Development Association of Northeast Kansas met with the Board regarding the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP). The program purchases homes that are owned by lenders, rehabbing or

demolishing the homes and reselling them with the funds to go back to the State fund. Jefferson County has qualified for \$211,179 under the program. Virginia has been retained as the grant administrator for the program. She will attend training on March 3 and return to the Board with more information.

Linda Smatla, Donna Shimmin & Kathrine Shade, Employee Committee members met with the Board. The committee requested that the employees be allowed to accrue up to 200 hours of vacation instead of 160 hours under the current policy. They also discussed the employee in-service day on October 12, 2009 and asked for input from the Board. The Board will discuss the request.

Cindy Williams and & Sherry Seifert, Meadowlark Extension District #7 met with the Board. Also present were Nancy Nelson who is working with the Walk Kansas program and Karen Matson, FNP Program. Nancy discussed the goals of the program. Karen reviewed general information on the Family Nutrition Program. Sherry reviewed 4-H programs and events. Cindy discussed classes she is currently teaching.

Mike Hayes, Co-Counselor joined the meeting.

Dudley Feuerborn, Anderson County Commissioner met with the Board regarding the legislation pending for taxation of underground gas storage owned by out-of-state companies. Statewide, the issue amounts to \$15 million in lost tax revenue. Jefferson County has a large underground gas storage field in the McLouth area. A group of affected counties is sponsoring legislation to get the statute changed with regard to the taxation of the gas. They are proposing a constitutional amendment to accomplish what is needed. The group is asking for Jefferson County's participation in funding the effort.

Roy moved that Lynn be appointed as Vice-Chairman. Richard seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

James Tweed, Ambulance Director met with the Board. James discussed a letter to Dr. James Rider and Dr. Larry Campbell with the Board regarding the coroner scene investigation program. The letter was signed as presented. James provided pricing for AED's for County buildings. The current price

with the discount is \$1504.00. Linda suggested placing units in the Road and Bridge shops and Auxiliary Services to complete the goal of having an AED in all County buildings. She will contact those department heads regarding the units. James asked for permission to purchase five new laptops for the ambulances. The current "Tough Book" laptops have exceeded their life cycle of 5 years and need to be replaced. He asked for permission to purchase the laptops. Lynn moved that James be authorized to purchase 3 laptops with 4 GB of memory. Roy seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Susan Newell, 911 Director met with the Board. She discussed legislation regarding extending the deadline for charging 911 fees. An interpreter service for 911 calls was discussed. Susan distributed maps created by the department. Burn permits were discussed.

Eloise Tichenor, Planning & Zoning asked for an executive session to discuss matters of non-elected personnel. Richard moved that the Board go into executive session to discuss matters of non-elected personnel until 4:10 p.m. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board adjourned at 4:03 p.m. Present during the session were the Eloise and the Board. The Board reconvened at 4:07 p.m. The chairman announced that no binding action was taken during executive session.

Roy moved that the County participate in the Underground Gas Storage Coalition. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Roy moved that Richard be authorized to sign the contract for professional services. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The contract was signed.

Roy moved that at the request of the Employee Committee the maximum accrual of vacation leave be extended from 160 to 200 hours. Richard seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The handbook policy will be updated to reflect the change.

Mike Hayes, Co-Counselor met with the Board. Mike reviewed the documents provided by KDOT on the sale of the property east of Oskaloosa. Lynn moved that the sale of 6.47 acres to KDOT be approved and Richard be authorized to sign the necessary documents. Roy seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Mike Hayes discussed the franchise agreement with SCI cable.

Roy moved that the Board go into executive session to discuss matters attorney client privilege of until 4:25 p.m. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board adjourned at 4:18 p.m. Present during the session were Mike, Jan and the Board. The Board reconvened at 4:25 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 again.

ATTEST:/s/Linda M Buttron, County Clerk /s/Richard Malm, Chairman