

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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The Jefferson County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on Monday April 1st at 1:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners, Richard Malm, Wayne Ledbetter, County Counselor, Josh Ney, and County Clerk, Linda M. Buttron. Commissioner Luck was absent due to illness.

Vouchers were reviewed and approved by the Counselor and the Board. Richard moved that the minutes of March 25th be approved as presented. Wayne seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Francis Hubbard, Road and Bridge Superintendent met with the board. The Board signed a utility easement. He also provided a map of proposed motor grader districts to the Board for discussion. The Board asked that he return with the proposal next week when Commissioner Luck is present. He asked for permission to purchase a new mower (estimated cost \$85,000), used dump truck (estimated cost-\$130,000-\$150,000) and a new pickup. The Board will make a decision next week on the equipment.

Undersheriff Robert Chartier discussed items that did not sell from the former Bio-Food property. Some of the property may be usable for County purposes. The Board asked that he consult with Auxiliary Services Director-Mark Richards regarding those items. The other items will probably be scrapped.

Tommy Hicks, Christy Shehan and Tammy Arfmann, members of Lakeside Village Board (LSV) of Directors met with the Board of County Commissioners. The Board reported that currently 160- 180 homes in the district have water service. The Board discussed concerns and issues in the Improvement District with the Directors. The Directors discussed the things that they felt have lead to problems in the district; not allowing people to bring campers into the campgrounds, lack of revenue due to a high vacancy rate, the inability of county law enforcement to patrol the district until recent years, drug traffic in past years and trash on abandoned properties. They also discussed efforts and activities planned to regenerate a community atmosphere in the district. Dan Shimmin, former director of LSV discussed his views on the district. Mike Clune, resident discussed his views on restrictions of campers in the campground area. The Board encouraged the Directors to put a plan together for creating positive change in the district and return to the Board with that plan in the near future for more discussion.

Kathy Bowen-Rural Water District #9 met with the Board to discuss the permitting process for water towers. They are replacing one existing standpipe with another on a tower south of McLouth. They are required under our zoning regulations to obtain a conditional use permit (CUP) which will include a 60-90 day time frame for approval. The time delay will cost additional money due to increases in the price of steel and as the project bid has already been awarded. She asked if the board could grant a waiver on the requirement for a conditional use permit. Josh indicated that granting a waiver was allowed by resolution but was unorthodox. Kathy asked if they were unable to grant the waiver would they be willing or able to grant permission to start the construction process simultaneous with going through the CUP permit process. The Board discussed their views on the issue. They indicated by consensus that they would be amiable to allowing them to start construction simultaneous with the permitting process.

Richard moved that April be proclaimed as Fair Housing Month in Jefferson County. Wayne seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Kansas Housing Research Corporation.

There being no further business to come before the Board they adjourned to meet in regular session on April 8th, 2013.