

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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The Jefferson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on January 3, 2022. Present were Commissioners David Christy, Lynn Luck, Richard Malm and County Clerk, Linda M Buttron. Counselor Josh Ney was absent. Assistant County Attorney Alan Vester was present.

Vouchers were reviewed by the Board. Lynn moved that the minutes of December 28 be approved as presented. David seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Kelly Woodward, Community Development Director met with the Board. Kelly updated the Board on annual zoning cases by type. There were 70 total cases in 2021. There were 31 ag lot splits in 2021 compared to 18 in 2012.

Crystal VanHoutan, Health Department Administrator met with the Board. Crystal gave a COVID update. There have been 3,323 cases in Jefferson County with 137 hospitalizations and 52 deaths. In the last 10 days there have been 128 new cases. Jefferson County's percent positivity is 14.96%. Seventeen percent (17%) of ICU beds in the area are available. Crystal discussed new COVID 19 quarantine recommendations released last week from CDC. The Board indicated by consensus that they were agreeable to following the KDHE guidelines as presented. The chair signed a document for KDHE regarding Hickory Acres Sewer District #5. She reported that the third amendment to the loan agreement for Hickory Acres was received. She has asked some questions of KDHE regarding the document and will bring it to the Board when the questions are answered.

Richard moved that the Board recess into executive session to discuss matters of non-elected personnel regarding employee retention until 1:23 p.m. with Kelly Woodward present. The Board recessed at 1:13 p.m. Present during the session were Kelly and the Board. The Board reconvened at 1:23 p.m. The Chair announced that no binding action was taken during executive session.

Linda Gantz, Meadowlark Extension District 4-H Program Manager discussed a person interested in filling a position on the 4-H Fair Board. David moved that Russell Brown be nominated to the Fair Board. Russell lives on 39th street in the Meriden area. Lynn seconded. David voted in favor. Lynn voted in favor. Richard voted against. He is filling a two-year term in District 2. Sara Hollis volunteered to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mike Schwin but is not in the right district. The Board asked that Linda find someone from the district to serve.

Richard moved that the Board recess into executive session until 1:40 p.m. to discuss matters of attorney client privilege regarding pending litigation. David seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board recessed at 1:33 p.m. Present during the session were Sheriff Jeff Herrig, Treasurer Lisa Buerman and Assistant County Attorney Alan Vester. The Board reconvened at 1:40 p.m. The chair announced that no binding action was taken during executive session.

David moved that the Board recess into executive session to discuss matters of non-elected personnel retention until 1:47 p.m. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board recessed at 1:42 p.m. Present during the session was the Board. The Board reconvened at 1:47 p.m. The chair 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 January 10, 2022.