

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 31, 2022. Present were Commissioners David Christy, Lynn Luck, Richard Malm and County Clerk, Linda M Buttron. Counselor Josh Ney was absent.

Vouchers were reviewed and approved by the Board. Lynn moved that the minutes of January 24 be approved as presented. David seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board signed shared sick leave requests and donations and beer licenses.

Ben Domann, Public Works Director met with the Board. Ben updated the Board on work being done with Kenton Brothers on security at the Public Works buildings. He reported that, in response to a complaint about visibility turning into the jail, carsonite reflectors have been installed in the driveway entrance, Ben discussed an upcoming meeting with Enterprise Fleet. He will bring their proposal to the Board after the meeting next week. He discussed the potential for winter storm this week. Crews will pre-treat and be ready for the storm on Wednesday.

Crystal VanHoutan, Health Department Administrator met with the Board. Crystal gave a COVID update. Jefferson County has had 4,527 cases since the onset of the pandemic. There have been 148 hospitalization, 55 deaths, and in the past 10 days, 214 cases, For the weeks of 1/16 & 1/23 420 tests were completed. Our percent positivity is 29.05% . As of today, KDHE investigating all COVID cases. As of tomorrow, KDHE will stop contract tracing. Individuals who are positive should let the people they have had contact with know. Crystal asked the Board to sign Delegation of Authority for CMS. In the absence of the administrator: Beth Brown will be in responsible for Home Care Services; Debbie McNary will be responsible for Public Health and Wanda Agnew will be responsible for Fiscal Administration. Richard moved that the Delegation of Authority be approved as presented. David seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Richard moved that the County Commissioners as the governing body of the Jefferson County Health Department have reviewed and approved the by-laws, policies and procedures of the above named services. David seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Crystal updated the Board on the CMS Vaccine Requirement for agencies that provide services to Medicare and Medicaid patients. She is working on a policy with Josh.

Keith Rickard, The Guidance Center met with the Board. Keith updated the Board on operations at the Guidance Center. He thanked the Board for support of their program. The new Crisis Stabilization Center will be operating out of the Cushing Memorial Hospital and is expected to open in September. They will provide sobering crisis observations and a few beds for patient with certain needs. The center will cover seven counties. They will only be able to take voluntary patients. He asked that the Board delay payment of the money budgeted for the Crisis Stabilization Center until July. Keith announced his retirement a year from now. Dr. Adam Wiggs was present and is currently serving as Clinical Director and will be taking over when Keith retires.

Lynn moved that the Board recess into executive session to discuss matters of non-elected personnel (recruit and retention) for 5 minutes. David seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board recessed at 1:29 p.m. Present during the session was the Board. The Board reconvened at 1:35 p.m. The Chair announced 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 February 7, 2022.