

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

*\*Disclaimer-This document represents the "unofficial" minutes of the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners. At this point, it is a working document and does not become official until the Board approves the minutes at a subsequent meeting. It is to be used for informational purposes only.*

May 16, 2022

The Jefferson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on May 16, 2022. Present were Commissioners Lynn Luck, Richard Malm, David Christy and County Clerk, Linda M Buttron. County Counselor Josh Ney was also present.

Vouchers were reviewed and approved by the Counselor and the Board. David moved that the minutes of May 9 be approved as presented. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Ben Domann, Public Works Director met with the Board. Ben asked the Board to sign a right-of-way request for a utility company. Lynn moved that the right of way permit for Evergy (for installation of fiber optic cable in the southeast end of the County) be signed. David seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Ben reported damage to a bridge on Rogers road that occurred early Sunday morning. Law Enforcement has given him the information on the driver and a claim will be turned in on the driver's insurance. He reported that Mid States Materials is increasing their gravel cost by 80 cents per ton. The flashing stop signs at the intersection of Ferguson and 92 Highway have been delivered. They will be installed by mid-week. Other projects were discussed. Lynn moved that Resolution 2022-015 authorizing a stop sign on the northbound lane of Mooney Creek Road at the intersection of Rogers road be adopted. David seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Janet Allen, Appraiser met with the Board. Janet reported that the County now has a total of 15,385 parcels within its boundaries. That is an increase of 45 parcels for the 2022 tax year. Informal appeals totaled 184 this year. None of those chose to go onto the Small Claims Division of the Board of Tax Appeals. New construction totaled \$17,326,340 for 2022. Remodel values are \$872,000. Overall County valuations have increased 13.75% from 2021.

Dustin Parks, Community Development Director met with the Board. Dustin presented applications for the Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals

to the Board for review. He reported that Dale Heston resigned from the Board of Zoning Appeals last week. Besides those members to be reappointed, the Boards are short two members each. Lynn moved that Paul Johnson, Matt Scherer III, Tim Benyshek be reappointed to the Planning Commission and Greg Hazen and Gale Rudolph be reappointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals. David seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

James Tweed, Emergency Services Director met with the Board. James reported that the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of ARPA money has been applied for by the County Treasurer.

David moved that the County pay half of the cost of a storm shelter to be installed in Meriden for the use of the Fire and Ambulance departments there. The total cost is \$8,691. Half of the cost would be \$4,345. Lynn seconded. Discussion was held. All voted in favor of the motion. The Rock Creek fire department will pay the other half of the cost.

Richard moved that the Board recess into executive session to discuss matters of attorney client privilege with regard to legal advice with Ben Domann invited to attend as part of the collective client until 1:40 p.m. David seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board recessed at 1:29 p.m. Present during the session were Josh, Ben and the Board. The Board reconvened at 1:40 p.m. The chair announced that no binding action was taken during executive session.

Richard moved that the Board recess into executive session to discuss matters of non-elected personnel with regard to employee retention with Linda present to facilitate the discussion. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board recessed at 1:47 p.m. Present during the session were Linda and the Board. The Board reconvened at 1:52 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 May 23, 2022.