

October 19, 2009

The Jefferson County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on Monday October 19, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners Richard Malm, Roy Dunnaway, Lynn Luck, Jan Hayes, County Counselor and County Clerk, Linda M. Buttron.

Vouchers were reviewed and approved by the Counselor and the Board. Lynn moved that the minutes of October 5, 2009 be approved as presented. The Board signed a travel request for the Health Department and Planning & Zoning. They also signed a contract for H1N1 clinics between the County and KDHE.

Francis Hubbard, Road and Bridge met with the Board. He asked if the Board would allow the re-purchase of the John Deere backhoe. The re-purchase agreement comes due at the end of the year. The Board took the request under consideration. Quail Hill Road was discussed. The Board will consider whether or not to open an additional part of the road that was vacated in 1974. Richard asked about work on a road that adjoins Leavenworth County. The Board signed utility easements. Jan discussed revising road standards for the request from Dan Heinen for curbs and gutters in his subdivision. The Board asked that we have our engineer come up with some specifications for consideration.

Max Dick, Perry met with the Board to discuss a way to open an old road that would allow him access back to the Lecompton Road so that he doesn't have to wait on trains that block his driveway and don't allow him to get out. Last week he waited over an hour for the train to move, causing him to miss a doctor's appointment. He would like the road opened to give him an emergency exit. Sheriff Jeff Herrig spoke with regard to their issues with trains blocking the tracks. The Board indicated that they would look into possible solutions.

Larry Sharp, Kansas County Association of Multiline Pools met with the Board. Larry discussed the pool and Jefferson County's loss ratio. This year has been good, but the ratio is based on a 4-year loss ratio as there is one year with a large loss. Since that year, loss experience has improved. In 2008 Jefferson County had a loss ratio of 47%. KCAMP helps counties manage risk through their Attorney Assist Program, fully paid on-line education opportunities for

law enforcement as well as a tuition reimbursement program.

Mary Underwood, Treasurer met with the Board. Mary presented the Board with her annual settlement of the tax roll for tax year 2008. The County collected 96% of the taxes billed.

She reported that tax statements will be going out around the middle of November. New this year, the office will only send paid tax receipts on request. That change will save money on postage. A recap of investments for the 3rd quarter was also presented. Interest income is 39% less than last year at this time. Richard discussed the tax sale contract drafted by the outside counsel as was discussed in a previous meeting. The contract was given to Jan Hayes for review with a decision to be made at next week's meeting.

Kathy Wagner, Appraiser met with the Board. The department has received notification that they have attained procedural compliance for 2009 from the Department of Revenue. Kathy reported that the re-certification of personal property increased the County's assessed valuation by \$1,113,458. The County mill levy decreased by .473 due to this increase. She cautioned that due to recent law changes the value of personal property is trending downward.

Lynn discussed the County Counselor's position and budget for 2010. No action was taken as a result of the discussion.

The Board discussed the County employee's health insurance plan for 2010. Rates from Blue Cross Blue Shield came in 7.5% higher than 2009 premiums. The annual cost of the same plan as we currently have would total \$1,673,684.76. The annual cost of the plan proposed in August 2009 by Blue Cross Blue Shield totals \$1,576,076.04. Roy moved that the Board select the Triple Option Plan offered by Blue Cross Blue Shield in August with the following provisions: approximately \$121,813 to be taken from Equipment Reserve Misc. to make up the difference between what was budgeted and the renewal rates for health insurance; with the employee contribution remaining the same for the option with the highest deductible; and with the option for employees to pay more to have a lower deductible of either \$1000 or \$500. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

The Board discussed the recommended order received from the Jefferson County Health Officer regarding minimizing the risk of influenza illness and

its' spread to Jefferson County Employees and the public served by them during the H1N1 influenza pandemic. Basically the order states that employees should obtain seasonal and H1N1 flu vaccines when available, practice frequent hand washing/sanitizing, monitor health status and when sick remain home until there has been no fever for 24 hours without the aid of fever reducing agents. The order also asks that Department Heads maintain a continuity of operations plan during the risk of pandemic influenza. The order is recommended under the authority of the County Health Officer in the interest of public health for the duration of the H1N1 influenza pandemic. The Board agreed to support the order by consensus.

The Board discussed 2010 holidays. Richard moved that ten days be designated as holidays for 2010, New Year's Day January 1, Martin Luther King Birthday January 18, President's Day February 15th, Memorial Day May 31st, Independence Day July 5, Labor Day September 6, Veteran's Day November 11, Thanksgiving Day November 25 & 26th and Christmas Day December 24. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

There being no further business to come before the Board they adjourned to meet in regular session on October 26, 2009.

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