

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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The Jefferson County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on Monday August 31st at 1:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners Richard Malm, Lynn Luck, Wayne Ledbetter, County Counselor Josh Ney and County Clerk Linda Buttron.

A beer license was signed for Circle K Stores, 3522 US 24 Hwy, Grantville. Lynn moved that the minutes of August 24th be approved as presented. Wayne seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Bill Noll, Public Works Director met with the Board. Bill reported that the compressor has not arrived to fix the air conditioning. The unit is expected to arrive Wednesday of this week. Wayne asked what is needed to "fix" the air conditioning system. Bill indicated that the damper system and thermostats need to be replaced. Johnson Controls estimated \$220,000 for that project. The next step would be to replace the air handler. That cost is estimated to be \$160,000. A request to put a speed limit on Oak road south of 23rd street was discussed. A traffic count device will be placed in the area. Bridge work on Nemaha road was discussed. September 8th will mark the closure of Ferguson road for the bridge project on the south end of Ferguson Rd.

Delia Heston, Register of Deeds met with the Board. Delia discussed the issue with the air conditioner with regard to employee comfort and the effect of the temperature on the computers in the building. She asked if the Commissioners would like an emergency plan developed for times when the air is off. Connie Milner, District Court let the Board know that Judge Nafziger will close the office if conditions become too uncomfortable for staff. County Attorney Jason Belveal expressed his concern over the conditions. Appraiser Tanya Erichsen asked if employees could come in early and take off an hour or two early. The Board indicated that the office should remain open to the public with at least one person on staff but otherwise they had no objection to the request. Interim cooling options were discussed.

James Tweed, Ambulance Director met with the Board. James updated the Board on a hiring process to be started in the next few weeks. This fall he will be sending two more employees to coroner school. James reviewed six month statistics with the Board. Call volume between the two stations is running at a 60/40 split between EMS1 & EMS 2. The department has cared for 120 more patients in 2015 and transported seventy one more patients. The department is averaging 65% of transport to non-transport runs. Revenue is up \$48,000 in 2015 over 2014. Most of the patients are being transported to Stormont Vail Hospital, Lawrence Memorial Hospital and St. Francis Medical Center.

Joe Hurla, 360 Energy Engineers met with the Board. Joe met with the Board about eight weeks ago and is returning to the Board today to see if they had considered his proposal. The Board indicated they had no interest at this time.

Richard moved that Resolution 2015-023 regarding the taxation policy for the 2016 budget be approved. Wayne seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Bill Noll asked if the Board's intention is to leave the Emergency Management Director in the Ambulance building or some other location. The Board indicated that on a temporary basis they would be housed in the ambulance building and other options should be explored.

Richard opened the budget hearing for the 2016 budget. He asked for public comment. Members of the Soil Conservation office and board were present for the discussion. Becky Wise offered comment regarding the projects done with the money allocated for the Jefferson County Soil Conservation District. Becky thanked the Board for their support. John Wunder commented on the allocation provided. Cheli Lopez addressed the educational opportunities provided by the district. No other comment was heard. Wayne moved that the 2016 county budget be adopted as presented. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Richard announced that the Board would be meeting in special session tomorrow and Friday to interview candidates for the Emergency Management position from 2:00 p.m. to approximately 4:00 p.m. The interviews will be conducted in executive session.

Bill Noll asked for an executive session to discuss matters of non-elected personnel. Richard moved that the Board recess into executive session to discuss matters of non-elected personnel until 2:40 p.m. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board recessed at 2:25 p.m. Present during the session were Bill and the Board. The Board reconvened at 2:40 p.m. The chairman announced that no binding action was taken during executive session.

Josh Ney asked for an executive session. Richard moved that the Board recess into executive session to discuss matters of attorney client privilege until 3:00 p.m. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board recessed at 2:45 p.m. Present during the session were Josh, Bill and The Board. The Board reconvened at 3:00 p.m. The chairman 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 special session on Tuesday September 1 at 2:00 p.m., Friday September 4th at 2:00 p.m. and in regular session on Monday September 14, 2015, (Monday September 7th being a holiday).