

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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July 19,2021

The Jefferson County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday July 19, 2021. Present were Commissioners Richard Malm, David Christy, County Treasurer Lisa Buerman (sitting in for County Clerk Linda Buttron) and Josh Ney, County Counselor. Commissioner Lynn Luck not present.

Vouchers were reviewed and approved by the Counselor and the Board. Richard Malm moved that the minutes will not be approved due to his absence at the last meeting. David seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Crystal VanHoutan, Health Department Administrator gave the Board a brief COVID update. Crystal reported as of this morning the total case count is 1794 cases, 78 hospitalizations, 1 person in the ICU on a ventilator, 38 deaths, with 1 death pending for verification from Vital Statistics. She reported that the last 10 days for the weeks of July 9th through July 18th, there have been a total of 7 positive cases and 4 probable cases. For the weeks of July 4th and July 11th the percent of positivity was 4.95 which is slightly up from last week. KDHE has sequenced 36 positive tests for Jefferson County and 18 of those have been variants, 8 of the UK, 3 of the California, 3 of the Delta, and 4 of the Brazilian. Crystal presented the Jefferson County Live Well, Work Well worksite incentive program, with the recommendations made by the Wellness Committee for the program year of 2021-2022, that starts September 1st. Changes that are recommended are: COVID Vaccination 5 points, remove the 20 points maximum from the Wellness Challenge section, add a nutrition section 5 points, complete an ergonomic course 2.5 points, dental preventive exam twice a year 10 points. David Christy made a motion to approve the changes to the Jefferson County Live Well, Work Well incentive program, Richard Malm seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Chris Schmeissner, Chief Information Officer gave an update to the commission that there has been a strong push from CISA (Cybersecurity Infrastructure Security Agency) to move counties and cities to a .gov domain. He informed the commission that he has applied for the .gov domain and is now in the wait for approval process. He said, the most simplistic name would be, jeffersoncountyks.gov. He also reported about a month ago they had experienced a network degradation externally. The current ISP made a change externally that caused a lot of dropped packets and bandwidth degradation. They were able to make reconfiguration internally to the network that took a couple of days. One thing did come out of the ISP issue that is important, was to get a redundant secondary ISP. He reported that he had established a secondary back-up ISP with Century Link. He may also look for a third ISP back-up. He updated the commission on the print nightmare vulnerability and that a patch was released on July 1 from Microsoft. The patch was applied and caused several issues, but all the issues have been addressed and resolved. He reported that the actual upgrade from Windows 10 to Windows 11 won't be available until 2022. They have downloaded the pretest build and now are testing with the software. He doesn't see deployment within the county until a 2022-time frame. It is a free upgrade.

Dave Christy made a motion that the Thriftway building in Perry, KS to be included in the next tax sale. Richard seconded. Motion carried 2-0

Kelly Woodward, Community Development Director presented case Z2021-05 a request from Tony Adams for a change from Agricultural to Rural Residential located at 10041 Meriden Rd, Meriden. David Christy made a motion to approve Z2021-05 as presented. Richard seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Case PR2021-02 and Z2021-06, a request for a Preliminary Plat and Final Plat and a Rezoning for Hunts Acre Subdivision. Located at the NE Corner of 74th Street and West Lake Road. Richard moved to approve PR2021-02 and Z2021-6. David Christy added an amendment to accept the dedication of the right of way and easements. Richard Malm seconded the amendment. David Christy seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Case PR2021-03 and Z2021-07, Preliminary Plat, Final Plat, and Rezoning, located at Northside of 35th Street between US 59 Highway and Pawnee Road. The rezoning is from Rural Residential to Suburban Residential. David Christy moved to approve PR2021-03 and Z2021-07 as presented and to accept the dedicated right of way and easements. Richard Malm seconded. All in favor, motion carried 2-0.

Case DP2021-02 Jones Investment LLC. A request for an amended development plan for plan improvements, located at 5835 K-237 Highway. The convenience store on this property is the Harbor. Jo Eis Barton saying that her parents purchased the property across from the Harbor in the mid 60's. She said 46th Street isn't a road that is owned by Jefferson County. It is an easement that was created when they put in K-237 in the mid 60's. The easement was made from necessity, so landowners could get to their homes. Her concerns are that they will be adding another driveway that will be used for commercial purposes, which will make it worse. She stated that the road is already dangerous due to a shortcut that was added. She said that the Harbor has access to K-237 and the blacktop Lake Road, there is no need to destroy the gravel road that goes to her home. Jo Eis Barton introduced her realtor Dana Newell, that explained the problems this will cause the property. Kelly Woodward said she had reached out to the Road Department and was told that the 3,947.62-foot dead end road has been maintained by the county for a very long time. There is a portion that is vacated for a private drive. Dana Newell stated that the easement number is 251 and would be glad to share the deed information but didn't have it with her. Richard Malm said that there seems to be a conflict on what is easement and what is county road. He would like more information, therefore made a motion to table the case until next week. David Christy seconded. All in favor of the motion. Richard Malm stated the Case would be heard next week at 1:30 pm.

Case CU2021-02, a Conditional use application for a seasonal recreational hiking and primitive camping for small groups was presented. The property is located at 4190 Republic Rd., Oskaloosa. Richard moved that CU2021-02 be approved. David Christy seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Resolution Z2021-06, Richard Malm moved to approve. David Christy seconded. Motion passed 2-0
Resolution Z2021-05, Richard Malm moved to approve. David Christy seconded. Motion passed 2-0
Resolution CU2021-02, Richard Malm moved to approve. David Christy seconded. Motion passed 2-0
Resolution Z2021-07, Richard Malm moved to approve. David Christy seconded. Motion passed 2-0
Resolution DP2021-01, Richard Malm moved to approve. David Christy seconded. Motion passed 2-0

Brenda Adkins with Jackson County Rural Water District #3 met with the Commission to ask if there is possible funding through the American Rescue Plan Act. Their water district has meters, lines, and a tower in Jefferson County. The Coleman Water Tower that is on 178th between North Cedar and Clark Road, that needs to be inspected, sanitized, and painted. Projected cost is \$75,000.00. The Valley Falls project is a mile of 2" line. Projected cost \$35,000.00. For total cost around \$110,000. Richard Malm said at this time they have not designated any funds for projects. David Christy asked Brenda for firm numbers and to email them to Linda Buttron.

Treasurer Lisa Buerman met with the Board. Lisa requested Intent to Sell publication and set minimum bid on Lots 7,8,9, and 10, Block P, Lake Ridge Estates. Lots 3 and 4, Block CM, Lake Ridge Estates. Richard Malm moved that the lots be published for sale and the minimum bid be set at \$300.00 each. David Christy seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

David Christy has a conflict on Monday, July 26, 2021. The Commission meeting will be on Tuesday, July 27, 2021.

There being no further business to come before the Board they adjourned to meet in session on July 27, 2021.