

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

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January 11, 2021

County Officials and District Magistrate Judge Dennis Reiling were sworn into office at 12:00 noon by Kansas Supreme Court Justice and former Jefferson County Attorney Caleb Stegall. Those County officials were as follows: Richard Malm-3<sup>rd</sup> District Commissioner, David Christy-2<sup>nd</sup> District Commissioner, Linda M Buttron, County Clerk, Lisa Buerman, County Treasurer, Delia Heston, County Register of Deeds, Josh Ney, County Attorney and Jeffrey Herrig, County Sheriff.

The Jefferson County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday January 11, 2021. Present were Commissioners Lynn Luck, Richard Malm, David Christy, County Clerk Linda M Buttron and Josh Ney, County Counselor.

Vouchers were reviewed and approved by the Counselor and the Board. Richard moved that the minutes of January 4 be approved as presented. Lynn seconded. Lynn voted in favor. Richard voted in favor. David abstained as he was not in office at that time.

Reorganization of the Board was held. Lynn moved that the Oskaloosa Independent be named as the official newspaper. Richards seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. David moved Richard be appointed as Chair and Lynn be named as the Vice-Chair. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Lynn turned the meeting over to Richard. Lynn moved that the meeting times and date stay the same as they currently are with the clarification that a work session will start as soon as 12:00 p.m. each Monday. Richard seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Lynn moved that the Courthouse hours remain the same. Richard seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Lynn moved that the official banks be adopted as per the list provided by the Treasurer. David seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Ben Domann met with the Board. He reported that the department is back to full staff after COVID illness. He also reported that the climate-controlled emergency shelter showed up today and is in place. The shelter will be utilized by Emergency Management. On another matter, he is meeting tomorrow with Murphy Tractor for specs and pricing on rubber tire loader recently discussed. Road maintenance was discussed. Ben commended his staff for working New Year's Day due to snow in the County. Ben will be getting right of way acquisitions and easements on Wellman Road project.

Crystal Vanhoutan, Health Department Administrator met with the Board. Crystal updated the Board on COVID statistics. There are 1,345 reported positive, 59 hospitalizations, 21 deaths, 3 deaths pending verification, There are 4,607 negative tests. Jefferson County's % positive is 15%, Social media and website posts are being done regarding COVID vaccine information and frequently asked questions. She had the board sign a new authorization for Richard to be the official signer for the Hickory Acres project. Lynn moved that Resolution 2021-003 be approved making Richard be the official signer for the Hickory Acres Sewer #5 project. David seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Crystal recommended that the Board extend the mask mandate currently in place for another three weeks. Lynn moved that the order be extended until February 1. Richard seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

### Executive Session

Josh Ney asked for an executive session to discuss matters of attorney client privilege concerning pending litigation. Richard moved that the Board recess into executive session to discuss matters of attorney client privilege concerning pending litigation until 1:20 p.m. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board recessed at 1:15 p.m. Present during the session were Josh, Ryan Kriegshauser and the Board. The Board reconvened at 1:20 p.m. The chair announced that no binding action was taken during executive session.

Josh indicated that a decision on the district court judge for the 2<sup>nd</sup> judicial district will be made soon. There are three candidates, one of which is Josh. He also informed the Board that the new Chief Judge for the 2<sup>nd</sup> district is Judge Elder from Pottawatomie County.

### Zoning Cases

Kelly Woodward, Community Development Director presented cases to the Board for consideration.

PR2020-07 and Z2020-06 a request to consider the final plat of the Anderson Road Prairie View Estates Subdivision. The applicant was present for the discussion. David asked about ingress and egress for his airplanes that travel over the property on takeoff and landing. He asked that anyone purchasing lots be made aware of the fact that his airplanes travel over the property. Josh asked the applicant for his view on the request. The applicant stated that something could be written into the contracts as the lots are sold. Josh drafted wording to be added to the conditions of the case. The condition will read as follows: The applicant shall notify in writing all purchasers of lots within the Plat that there is a working airport approximately less than one-half mile southwest of the property. Lynn moved that the case be approved as presented with the condition added regarding the airport for the information of future buyers. Richard seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

PR2020-09 and Z2020-07 a request to consider a preliminary plat and final plat of the Coppinger Family Farm subdivision at the request of Bill & Cheryl Coppinger. The applicants were not present for the discussion. Richard moved that the request be approved as presented. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

CU2020-05 a request for a conditional use permit and development plan for a one-megawatt solar installation requested by Roy C & Donna Bateman/Eric Wylie (Free State Electric), Agent. Eric Wylie, Free State was present for the discussion. Lynn moved that the request be approved with the conditions put in place by the Planning Commission. David seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Eric thanked the Board and the Community Development staff for their assistance.

Mary Smith with Willow Domestic Violence Center met with the Board. Lynn moved that January be recognized as National Human Trafficking Awareness month in Jefferson County. David 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 January 25, 2021.