

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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January 23, 2023

The Jefferson County Commissioners met in regular session on January 23, 2023. Present were Commissioners Richard Malm, David Christy and Doug Walbridge. County Clerk Linda Buttron and Counselor Josh Ney were also present.

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

Crystal Vanhoutan, Health Department Administrator met with the Board. Crystal updated the Board on COVID statistics. For the period from 1-7 through 1-13 there were 25 reported cases. With the Board's approval by consensus, after today, Crystal will only report COVID statistics if there is a significant change. Statistics will continue to be reported on the County web page. Crystal presented Pay Request #13 for the Hickory Acres Sewer Project in the amount of \$25,716.70. David moved that the pay request be approved. Doug seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Dustin Parks, Community Development Director met with the Board. He reported that the RFP's for the review of the Comprehensive Plan were sent out last week. There will be a Planning Commission meeting tonight for 2 cases. Dustin mentioned there has been an uptick in requests for ag log splits in 2023. Other 2022 statistics were discussed. Fifteen cases went before the Planning Commission in 2022. There were 165 building permits in 2022. Dustin also discussed conflicting zoning regulations for ag exempt structures.

Public Works Director Ben Domann reported that four Enterprise Fleet trucks were delivered last week. He also let the Board know road crews were out yesterday to treat surfaces after the snow and staff is currently preparing for possible midweek snow.

Chris Schmeissner, GIS/IT Director met with the Board. Chris discussed redrawing the lines for County Commissioner Districts. The last time the lines were altered was in 1991, (Resolution 1991-21). Chris presented maps and spreadsheets illustrating an example of how Commissioner district lines could be moved to equalize (as much as possible) the population in each district.

Counselor Josh Ney asked for an executive session for attorney client privilege. David moved that the Board recess into executive session to discuss matters of attorney client privilege with regard to pending legal matters with Foulston Siefkin attorneys Eric Turner and Michael Norton, present by phone, until 1:50 p.m. Richard seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board recessed at 1:29 p.m. Present for the session were Josh, Eric Turner and Michael Norton by phone. The Board reconvened at 1:50 p.m. The Chair announced the session would be extended by 5 minutes with the same parties present. The Board reconvened at 1:55 p.m. The Chair announced that no binding action was taken during executive session

The Board considered Resolution 2023-003. The resolution exempts the County from GAAP reporting of the financial statements and reports of Jefferson County. It is a resolution that is adopted annually. Richard moved that Resolution 2023-003 regarding the annual GAAP Waiver be approved. David seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Doug moved that Erin George & Lisa Buerman be appointed to assist in the destruction of the 2021 City/School ballots according to the provisions of KSA 25-2708b. David seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Richard announced that the meeting for February 13th will be moved to February 14th due to accommodate scheduling issues.

There being no further business to come before the Board they adjourned to meet in regular session on January 30, 2023.