

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

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The Jefferson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on January 24, 2022. Present were Commissioners David Christy, Lynn Luck, Richard Malm and County Clerk, Linda M Buttron. Counselor Josh Ney arrived at 1:20 p.m.

Vouchers were reviewed and approved by the Board. The Board signed notices to the township boards for beer licenses. The Board signed shared sick leave requests and donations. David moved that the minutes of January 10 be approved as presented. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Public Works Director Ben Domann reported on last week's meeting with Enterprise Fleet. The Sheriff and the EMS Director and other staff were also present for the meeting. They discussed an opportunity for cost savings for the purchase of vehicles and equipment through Enterprise Fleet. Enterprise Fleet is gathering information and preparing cost estimates for their service. Chips for next year's chip and seal projects have been stockpiled. A bridge just south of K16 highway has a surface that is failing. It is on the list of bridges to be repaired and Ben hopes to repair the bridge this summer. He will have to work with Corp of Engineers to create a detour if the road is worked on this summer.

Emergency Services Director James Tweed discussed a (donation) check received for a water rescue during a recent storm. The check was given to the County Treasurer. James reported that in 2021, the Ambulance answered 1,603 calls for services. He also reported that he has been discussing rate changes with insurance providers. Rates have not changed since 2012. The 911 center handled a total call volume of 56,568 calls, (averaging 155 calls per day) in 2021. He has received notice that the new COVID ambulance should be delivered in March. The second COVID ambulance will be quoted as soon as possible. An ambulance with an engine remount should be delivered in May. Radios purchased with ARPA funding for the fire departments have been delivered and are being programmed.

Richard moved that Resolution 2022-01 granting a monetary bonus under the County's grant writing employee incentive program (Resolution 2021-026) be approved. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Richard moved that the Board adopt 2022-002 exempting Jefferson County from GAAP Accounting requirements. David seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Richard moved that the Board adopt Resolution 2022-003, a resolution regarding the execution and delivery of an agreement to release and assign the County's opioid claims to the Kansas Attorney General and certifying costs attributable to substance abuse and addiction mitigation in excess of \$500. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

David moved that the Board temporarily suspend the requirement of Employee Handbook Policy #681 requiring six (6) months of employment before an employee can request shared sick leave until December 31, 2022. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

David moved that Josh be directed to complete the 2016 & 2019 tax sales (Case No. CV-57 and 19-CV-81) by February 28, 2022. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Representatives from King's Construction met with the Board regarding their conditional use permit application (2021-03). Community Development Director Kelly Woodward reviewed the request. Lynn moved that the request be approved accepting the reclamation plan as presented with the seven conditions recommended by the Planning Commission. David seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Richard moved that Resolution Z2021-018 be approved. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Kent King stated the reason they didn't appear last week was due to COVID issues and thanked the Board for hearing the matter today.

Paul Grahovac, Build Smart (construction products company in Lawrence) met with the Board. He appeared to let the board know that he will be promoting the ideas of buying county owned lots in the subdivisions around Lake Perry. He will work with the District Court to determine which properties received personal service regarding the tax sale, so that people buying the lots might have an idea of the status of the title.

Richard moved that the Board recess into executive session to discuss matters of attorney client privilege regarding pending litigation until 1:40 p.m. David seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board recessed at 1:35 p.m. Present during the session were Josh and the Board. The Board reconvened at 1:40 p.m. The chair announced that no binding action was taken during executive session.

An applicant met with the Board for an interview at 1:44 p.m. Richard moved that the Board recess into executive session for purposes of discussing an interview for non-elected personnel until 2:15 p.m. David seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board recessed at 1:44 p.m. Present during the session were the applicant and the Board. At 2:15 p.m. the Board extended the session for an additional 10 minutes. The applicant left the session for 4 minutes and then returned. The Board reconvened at 2:24 p.m. The chair announced that no binding action was taken during executive session.

Richard announced that Dustin Parks has accepted the position of Community Development Director. He will start February 22, 2022.

There being no further business to come before the Board they adjourned to meet in regular session on January 31, 2022.