

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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February 1, 2021

The Jefferson County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday February 1, 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. Lynn moved that the minutes of January 25, 2021 be approved as presented. David seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Crystal VanHoutan, Health Department Administrator updated the Board on COVID statistics. There are 1,532 total cases, 64 hospitalizations, 24 deaths and 4,985 negative tests. The county is now at 7% positive rate. The first Phase II vaccination clinic was completed last Tuesday. 333 people were vaccinated. Clinics will continue this week. She asked the Board to continue the mask mandate. Lynn moved that the mask mandate be continued until February 16. David seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Ben Domann, Public Works Director met with the Board. Ben discussed the conditions of the roads due to the weekend rain. Ben reported that the department used SPARK funding to purchase no contact hand dryers for the buildings and they are in the process of being installed in County buildings.

Kelly Woodward, Community Development Director met with the Board. She asked about the requirement of proof of water supply on ag lot split applications. Josh spoke with regard to the subdivision regulation requirements. Steve Tufte, Oskaloosa requested the ag lot split regulations be modified to not require proof of water supply for ag lot split applications. He stated that surrounding counties require it at the building permit process not the land division process. Steve's client, Ron Kranz was present for the discussion (he has a pending ag lot split application). Josh said that he didn't feel the current regulations required water supply proof for ag lot splits. It may have been a best practice but not a requirement. By consensus, the Board determined, based on counsel opinion, that there is no requirement for proof of water supply on ag lot split applications and the Board directs the zoning staff to update the application.

Lynn asked David if he had turned his evidence over to the proper authorities regarding the accusations made in the newspaper during his campaign. He stated that it had been "asked and answered". When asked what that phrase means, he said that means that his answer was in the newspaper article.

Richard moved that the Board recess into executive session to discuss matters of attorney client privilege regarding upending litigation until 1:45 p.m. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board recessed at 1:30 p.m. Present during the session were Josh and the Board. The Board reconvened at 1:45 p.m. The chair announced that no binding action was taken during executive session.

Josh discuss the fence view conducted December 7, 2020 for Anderson and Myslivy. The Board signed a decision on the fence view stating that the fence in question meets or exceeds the minimum specifications as set forth in K.S.A. 29-101 et seq.

Josh announced that new District Court Judge Christopher Etzel was sworn in today in Jefferson County. He also stated there are going to be some infrastructure changes upstairs and that the new Judge and the Chief Judge would be meeting with the Commission in the near future regarding the changes.

There being no further business to come before the Board they adjourned to meet in regular session on February 8th, 2021.