

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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April 5, 2021

The Jefferson County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday April 5, 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 March 29 be approved as presented. David seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

County Treasurer Lisa Buerman met with the Board. Lisa asked the Board to open a sealed bid for Lots 70 & 73 Block U Lake Ridge Estates. A bid was received from James E Bowen. Mr. Bowen bid \$1,176 for Lot 70 Block U. He also bid \$1,176 for Lot 73 Block U Lake Ridge Estates. David moved that the bids be accepted as presented. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Lisa discussed replacing the carpet in the Treasurer's office. She estimates the current carpet at 30 years old. She received two informal bids one from Perry Carpet Shack for \$3,650 and one from H & H -for \$4,504. Perry Carpet Shack will be used. She also plans to replace the modular office systems in the back half of the office. The current ones have been in place for 20 years. Navrat's provided an informal bid of \$21,029.75 for the systems and the installation. She will have work done on the weekend so she can stay open during the process.

Sheriff Jeff Herrig discussed updating the camera systems at the Law Enforcement Center. The current cameras have been in place since the jail was built. He will be adding cameras where needed. The cameras will be recorded and the majority of them equipped with microphones. The cost will be approximately \$40,000 to replace everything and add a 16-terabyte server to store the data. The project cost will probably be paid from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund or possibly from the money received from the federal new stimulus package.

Ben Domann, Public Works Director met with the Board. Ben reported on a meeting with Adra Burks, Attorney last week regarding the Wellman road project. He has a meeting this week with the property owners for Circle S Ranch regarding the road vacation recently requested at 15th and Wallace Rd. Hamm's is now making chips and they are being hauled to our stockpile. He has a cost share grant due Friday. The Slough Creek & Ferguson road project (turning lanes) has preliminary engineering documents ready for consideration. Lynn moved that the preliminary engineer's contract for Project #44C-5057-01 be approved as presented. David seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

James Tweed, Emergency Services Director met with the Board. James reported that the county website has been updated with better information about how to get permission to burn. The website has the Central Burn line (785-403-0108) displayed to assist those needing to request permission to burn. It also provides a list of the information needed when requesting to burn; (*address/location of the burn, type of burn, name of individual responsible for the burn, phone number of direct contact in case of emergency*). James provided a press release from APCO regarding the legislation here in Kansas that was signed by the Governor March 24th. 911 Dispatchers are now designated as emergency responders. James reported that the Board will soon see a voucher for the preventative maintenance for their Auto Pulse units. The

cost for the maintenance agreement is approximately \$2,800. James reported on American Relief Plan Act (the second stimulus package) signed in March 2021. The National Association of Counties has been providing information on the package, Jefferson County's share is expected to be \$3,693,273. The money is for the use of Jefferson County government. The money will be distributed in two phases, one in 2021 and one in 2022. Other parts of the plan provide funding for various other entities and businesses.

Ben Domann, Public Works Director asked for an executive session to discuss matters of non-elected personnel. Richard moved that the Board recess into executive session to discuss matters of non-elected personnel regarding employee retention until 1:35 pm with Josh & Ben invited to stay to facilitate the discussion. David seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board recessed at 1:28 P.M. Present during the session were Josh, Ben and the Board. The Board reconvened at 1:35 p.m. The Chair announced that no binding action was taken during executive session.

Lisa Buerman, County Treasurer asked for an executive session to discuss matters of attorney client privilege regarding pending litigation. Richard moved that the Board recess into executive session to discuss matters of attorney client privilege with regard to pending litigation with Lisa and Sheriff Herring present as part of the collective client until 1:50 p.m. David seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board recessed at 1:36 p.m. Present during the session was the Board, Jeff, Josh and Lisa. The Board reconvened at 1:50 p.m. The chair announced that no binding action was taken during executive session.

Lynn left the meeting for an appointment at 1:52 p.m.

Catherine Stenger, 8057 West Shore Court, Meriden met with the Board. She stated that individuals from Kansas City bought lots next to her property and are using the lots as a campground. The individuals have a 5th wheel camper that is there year-round and they host anywhere from 10-40 people on the lots on the weekends. The guests run 4-wheelers on the property on the weekend. She was told she couldn't have a camper without water and sewer and wonders how they are allowed to have the camper and what its sewage situation is. She stated that the problems are jeopardizing the sale of her property. Sheriff Jeff Herring addressed what he knew about the ownership and use of the property. David moved that the Board defer this issue for one week to investigate and seek legal advice on how to handle the situation. Richard seconded. Richard and David voted in favor of the motion.

Linda asked the Board to sign an agreement with Gordon CPA to prepare the annual budget for the County for a cost of \$2,750. Richard moved that the agreement be signed. 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 April 12, 2021.