

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

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April 12, 2021

The Jefferson County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday April 12, 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. The Board signed a purchase card request for an employee. David moved that the minutes of April 5 be approved as presented. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Lisa Buerman, County Treasurer met with the Board. She asked the Board to advertise Lot 5 Block I Westshore Estates for sale and set the minimum bid at \$300. Richard moved that Lot 5 Block I Westshore Estates subdivision be advertised for sale and the minimum bid set at \$300. David seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

James Tweed, Emergency Services Director met with the Board. James announced that this week is National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week. Dispatchers will be recognized with various activities during the week. He has received notification that we have received a grant through the State of Kansas Board of EMS. The grant is a Kansas Revolving Assistance fund (KRAF) grant. The application is for replacing stair chairs for the ambulances. The grant award is \$13,000 with the County's portion being under \$3,300. A stipulation of the grant is that we keep and maintain the equipment for 3 years. There is also a grant for Emergency Management for a Commodities Flow Study. The grant is for \$90,000 for 3 counties (Jefferson, Douglas Osage) for compiling information in 2021. The grant will study everything that travels on rails, road and highway, by air and by water. Jefferson County Emergency Management staff will compile the information and it will be given to the Emergency Planning Commission for Emergency Planning. State and Federal highways will be one focus of the study. Those gathering the data will sit along highway and monitor truck traffic. Money received by Jefferson County from the grant will be used to reimburse our staff cost for compiling the data.

Kelly Woodward, Community Development Director met with the Board. Kelly reported on the progress of the update of the Comprehensive Plan. The Planning Commission would like to meet with the Commissioners to discuss the update. The Board tentatively set the date for the meeting on May 3 after the Commission meeting.

Crystal Vanhoutan, Health Department administrator updated the board on COVID statistics. There have been 1,689 total cases, 69 hospitalizations, 33 deaths, and 6 new cases since last Monday. There have been 5,756 negative tests. There have been 16 positive cases in the last 10 days, (April 2 – 11). Jefferson County's percent positivity for today is 4.73%. There is now information on the variants on the KDHE website. Two variants have been identified in Jefferson County, (B117 and B1429). The department has given 6,198 COVID vaccines. More clinics are scheduled this week. They have gone through their "wait list" and those calling in now will be scheduled for the week's clinic. J & J vaccine allocations have been decreased due to manufacturing issues.

Whitney Tempel, District Representative for US Representative Jake LaTurner met with the Board. She is visiting today to gather information about what's happening in Jefferson County to take back to Representative LaTurner. She said the Representative's staff will be present for mobile office hours on the first Monday from noon until 1 p.m. at the Oskaloosa City Library.

Chrissy Heikkila, Executive Director of the Sexual Trauma and Abuse Care Center. met with the Board. Lynn moved that the Board proclaim April as Sexual Trauma and Awareness month in Jefferson County. David seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Chrissy reported that the agency has served 14 Jefferson County folks in the last year.

Josh reported that the tax sale has been scheduled for May 21 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board they adjourned to meet in regular session on April 19, 2021.