

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

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May 17, 2021

The Jefferson County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday May 17, 2021. Present were Commissioners Lynn Luck, Richard Malm, David Christy and County Clerk Linda Buttron. Counselor Josh Ney was needed for court matters.

Vouchers were reviewed and approved by the Board. Lynn moved that the minutes of May 10 be approved as presented. David seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

James Tweed, Emergency Services Director met with the Board. James updated the Board on the tower project. The tower should be fully functioning toward the end of June. James has scheduled a radio programming day on June 2<sup>nd</sup> with TBS. The new frequencies will be placed in the radios. He has had three EMT's who have completed their paramedic training through our sponsorship program. He also discussed the America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money that will be received soon. A request for the funds has been submitted. James discussed the administration of the funds. He recommended the Board consider using the same parties that helped with the SPARKS funds. He asked the Board to think about the administration of the program and how the money might be allocated as well as the process for approving projects. James reported that the lawsuit regarding the tower has been dismissed.

Treasurer Lisa Buerman met with the Board. Lisa presented a sealed bid from Doug Simons for Lot 8 Block J Westshore Estates. Doug bid \$300. Richard moved that the bid be accepted as presented. David seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Lisa reported that the tax sale on Friday starts at 9:00 a.m. There are 500 lots in the sale.

Resolutions for equipment reserve and capital improvement transfers were considered. Richard moved that the Board approve Resolution 2021-008 transferring 2020 funds from the Ambulance Fund to the Ambulance Capital Outlay fund in the amount of \$64,000. David seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Richard moved that the Board approve Resolution 2021-009 transferring 2020 funds from various funds and departments to the Equipment Reserve fund in a total amount of \$991,750. David seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Richard moved that Resolution 2021-010 transferring 2020 funds from various funds and departments to the Jefferson County Capital Improvement fund in the total amount of \$123,500 be approved as presented. David seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Richard moved that Resolution 2021-011 be approved transferring 2020 funds from Public Works to the Special Machinery fund in the amount of \$30,000. David seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

James Tweed asked for an executive session. Richard moved that the Board recess into executive session to discuss matters of non-elected personnel with regard to employee recruitment and retention until 1:25 p.m. The Board recessed at 1:18 p.m. Present during the session were James and the Board. The Board reconvened at 1:25 p.m. The Chair announced that no binding action was taken during executive session.

At 1:30 p.m. the Board held a public hearing to consider the proposed vacation of certain county roads. Said County road right of way and public utility easement proposed to be vacated are located on all of that portion of the road right of way existing on the southern property line of the following parcel. The Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter and the East 38 acres of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 7, Township 11 South, Range 20 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> PM according to US Government Survey in Jefferson County Kansas. The chair asked for public comment. No comment was heard. Richard moved that the easement be vacated as described. David seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The hearing was closed.

Kelly Woodward, Community Development Director presented zoning cases to the Board for consideration. Case Z2021-03 a request by Michael and Angela Casey for a change in zoning from suburban residential and agricultural to agricultural (to facilitate an associated Ag Lot Split application) at property located at 6207 58<sup>th</sup> street, Meriden. The applicants were present for the discussion. Kelly reviewed the case. David moved that Case Z2021-03 be approved as presented. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Case Z2021-02, a request by Brett & Shelley Mullenix for a change in zoning from suburban residential and agricultural to rural residential at property located at 7538 Wellman Road. Mr. Mullenix was present for the discussion. Lynn moved that Case Z2021-03 be approved as presented. David seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Lynn moved that the Board approve a request to use the courthouse lawn for the Old Settler's Reunion on June 24-26 with the stipulation that no pony or horse rides be allowed on the lawn. Richard seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Lynn and David discussed the campaign letter sent out by David during the election.

There being no further business to come before the Board they adjourned to meet in regular session on May 24, 2021.