

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

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June 7, 2021

The Jefferson County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday June 7, 2021. Present were Commissioners Lynn Luck, Richard Malm, David Christy and County Clerk Linda Buttron. Josh Ney Counselor arrived at 1:38 p.m.

Vouchers were reviewed and approved by the Counselor and the Board. David moved that the minutes of May 24 be approved as presented. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Emergency Services Director James Tweed met with the Board. James reported that the EMPG Grant from the State was received today in the amount of \$23,786.00. The grant funding is used by Emergency Management. He reported that the radio programming day held on June 2nd updated 135 radios with the 800-megahertz frequency. He asked that they consider using ARPA money to fund two projects for the ambulance department: 1)-Cameras and door locks at the Meriden ambulance station (estimated cost of \$21,000). 2)- COVID Ambulances for the department. He reported that the lawsuit against the County relative to the tower on Ferguson Road was dismissed. An appeal was also denied. With regarding to the ARPA funding, Brian Nyp is willing to serve as the accountant for dispensing the funding. James encouraged the Board to think about how they want requests for projects to be submitted and that the Board would most likely be the decision-making party with regard to requests. Richard suggested that department heads use "Could, Should and Must Have", to prioritize their requests. James recommended Emergency Manager Keith Jeffers serve as a point of contact to submit quarterly reports for the funding.

Public Works Director Ben Domann met with the Board. Ben reported that all the County's chips have been hauled from Hamm's and chip and seal work will start at the end of this week. Crews are doing more overlay work on Ferguson Road. He is still working with FEMA regarding reimbursement for this work. A FEMA coordinator will also view damaged low water crossings with him. This will include crossings at 114th and Sherman and K16 and 170th. Application of dust control treatment will be starting this week with Scotwood Industries. Ben reported that he has received some of the signed road acquisitions on the Wellman Road project. He expects that project will be pushed to next spring. David reported that a resident at 2813 39th St says the County has a large tree in the easement and he would like to see it removed. Ben will look into it.

Kelly Woodward, Community Development Director met with the Board. She stated that a case coming in two weeks might have more public than normal attending the meeting. She suggested they consider how to accommodate the number of people that could be attending.

Treasurer Lisa Buerman met with the Board. Lisa asked the Board to publish for sale and set the minimum bid for Lots 460 Lakewood Hills Unit 3 and Lot 403 Lakewood Hills Unit 2. Richard moved that the lots be published for sale and the minimum bid be set at \$300 per lot. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Mary Luse, Jefferson County Historical Society met with the Board regarding their 2022 budget request. Arti Grimes, Secretary for the Historical Society was also present. The Historical and Genealogy Societies were joined last fall. Mary discussed the changes and various activities held throughout last year and plans for the upcoming year. Mary thanked the Board for supporting the budget. The Historical Society is asking for \$17,000 from the County for 2022.

Salt bids were presented for consideration. There were three bids received. Scotwood Industries bid \$84 per ton. Central Salt LL bid \$69.35/ton and the third company declined to bid. Ben will review the bids and return to the Board with a recommendation.

Richard moved that the Board recess into executive session to discuss matters of attorney client privilege with regard to pending litigation until 2:00 p.m. with James Tweed present as part of the collective client. David seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board recessed at 1:55 p.m. Present during the session were Josh, James & the Board. The Board reconvened at 2:00 p.m. The chair announced that no binding action was taken during executive session.

There being no further business to come before the Board they adjourned to meet in regular session on June 14, 2021.