

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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June 21, 2021

The Jefferson County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday June 21, 2021. Present were Commissioners Lynn Luck, Richard Malm, David Christy and County Clerk Linda Buttron. Josh Ney Counselor was also present.

Ben Domann, Public Works Director met with the Board. Ben recommended that the Board accept the bid of Central Salt for 2021 salt bids. Richard moved that the bid of Central Salt be accepted. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion He reported that Scotwood Industries is done with dust control treatment in the County. He also discussed repairs needed on West Lake Road. A contractor doing a private job for someone used the road as a haul route and caused damage to the road. Crews started on repair today. The entity responsible will pay for the repairs. Patch work is starting on the north stretch of Ferguson Road. Ben will continue to work with FEMA for reimbursement. Grader Operator Dennis Turner's last day will be June 28. Dennis is retiring after 27 years of service to the County. Ben asked for permission to spend \$50 on supplies for a retirement dinner. The Board agreed by consensus.

Health Department Administrator Crystal VanHoutan updated the Board on COVID statistics. Jefferson County has had 1,754 cases, 74 hospitalizations and 38 deaths. Currently there are no active cases in the County.

County Attorney Josh Ney, Judge Chris Etzel and Judge Mike Elder met with the Board. Judge Elder discussed renovations to the Court office and other areas. Josh reviewed changes he would like to see in the Attorney's office. The Board indicated that it would most likely have to be a project over several budget cycles. The total cost is estimated at \$295,000. The Commissioners also indicated that they would need to see how the budget comes out before the project could be considered. They also asked that a second bid be obtained for the work.

Undersheriff Bob Chartier was recognized for 25 years of service to Jefferson County.

Z2021-04 a request to consider a change in zoning from Rural Residential to Agricultural for two parcels on the west side of Thompsonville Road between 22nd street and US 24 Highway made by Patrick & Kerry Schafer. Patrick Schafer was present for the discussion. David moved that the request be approved as submitted. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

DP2021-01 a request to consider an amended development plan for planned improvements at an existing agri-entertainment farm business permitted as conditional use CU2002-01. This request is on property located at 5991 17th St. Grantville brought by Gary's Berries. Kelly Woodward reviewed the case. Owner Gary Starr spoke with regard to the request and the recommended conditions made by the Planning Commission. Crystal VanHoutan & Sanitarian John Heston

spoke with regard to septic systems on the property. They stated that any new septic permits would be handled by KDHE due to the size of the business. Gary Starr spoke about the business. Gary's attorney Tim Resner spoke with regard to the request. Gary's Berries employee Dreanna McClurg spoke with regard to the request. Mae Brown, Tracy Brown and Ernie Prosser spoke with regard to the request. Richard moved that the Board recess into executive session to discuss matters of attorney client privilege with regard to legal advice until 3:00 p.m. with Kelly Woodward present as part of the collective client. David seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board recessed at 2:53 p.m. Present during the session were Kelly, Josh and the Board. The Board reconvened at 3:00 p.m. The chair announced that no binding action was taken during executive session. David moved that the Board table the issue for one week and asked that Gary and his attorney return to the Board with an exact number of days they would be holding events during a year's time. Richard seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Richard moved that the Board recess into executive session to discuss matters of non-elected personnel regarding employee recruitment and retention until 3:10 p.m. with Ben Domann present to facilitate the discussion. The Board recessed at 3:02 p.m. Present during the session were Ben and the Board. The Board reconvened at 3:10 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 28, 2021.