

March 1, 2010

The Jefferson County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on Monday, March 1 at 1:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners Richard Malm, Roy Dunnaway, Lynn Luck, Jan Hayes, County Counselor and County Clerk, Linda M. Buttron.

Vouchers were reviewed and approved by the Counselor and the Board. Tax change orders were signed. A beer license was signed. A letter of appointment for Kevin Fowler to the Oskaloosa Township and Fire District Boards was signed. Lynn moved that the minutes of Feb 22, 2010 be approved as presented. Roy seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

George Mathews, McLouth addressed the Board with regard to his views on the implementation of a bed tax. He stated that he felt that any bed tax should be used only for the purpose intended in the statute and not for the administration of the Economic Development Commission.

Francis Hubbard, Road and Bridge met with the Board. Fuel quotes were discussed. Francis clarified that the County actually bids delivery of the fuel, not the cost of fuel itself. The Board discussed the process and decided by consensus to leave the process the same as it has been. Francis reported on the calculation of savings on staying in the guaranteed buyback program for graders versus letting the buyback expire. The cost to operate is calculated as follows: A recent purchase cost was \$179,263.99. The total for 5 years of maintenance on the grader totals \$85,938.38. Added together this totals \$265,202.37. That number divided by the current 6,502 hours on the grader yields an operating cost of \$40.78 per hr. When you factor in the guaranteed buy back or trade in of \$105,000 it makes the per hour cost \$24.64 per hour. Crews are pot hole patching, patching bridge decks and other road maintenance. Francis said he hoped to hear about work beginning on the bridge at Little Slough soon. Shirley Walbridge, McLouth asked when rock would be put on 94th from Washington road east to the highway.

The Board discussed the Bledsoe fence view with Jan. No decision was made on the fence view.

Sheriff Jeff Herrig met with the Board with regard to the tow service policy. The Board indicated that Jeff should manage the policy that governs the dispatch of tow services. Jeff indicated he was willing to take on that responsibility. Jeff reported he had just returned from a law enforcement training that was paid for by the federal government.

Lynn moved that the resignation of County Appraiser Kathy Wagner be accepted. Roy seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Advertising the position was discussed. The Board asked that Jan work with Kathy to draft a contract for work as interim appraiser during the time a replacement is being interviewed and hired.

Jan asked for an executive session for attorney client privilege. The Board recessed into executive session to discuss attorney client privilege regarding legal matters until 2:40 p.m. Present during the session were Jan and the Board. The Board recessed at 2:25 p.m. The Board reconvened at 2:40 p.m. The chairman announced that no binding action was taken during executive session.

The Board discussed the courthouse hours as the decision in December said the hours would be reviewed in March. Dale Heston stated that he had a few people tell him they would like to see the courthouse stay open late on the last Friday of the month. Richard and Lynn both said they had heard little or nothing from the general public about the hours. Richard asked that the issue be discussed next week.

Lynn moved that the bid of Assured Title Company of North East Kansas be accepted for abstracting the tax sale. Richard seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

The Board discussed their views on the bed tax. The Board decided by consensus to take no action on implementation of the tax.

Carolyn Schultz, Oskaloosa met with the Board regarding petition Z2008/03. Others present were: Marilyn Wylie, David Tenpenny, Rynette Reiling, Butch Means and Mike Nickels. Lynn discussed the availability of water meters on the property and the number of lots proposed to be on the property. Butch Means discussed water meters available on the property. He indicated that no meters would be available off of Nemaha but unlimited meters are available off of 102nd street. Carolyn discussed how she might modify the lot layout to accommodate the meter issue off of Nemaha road. She stated that she intended to create four lots on the 18 acres if possible. Eloise discussed what the County procedure would be in reviewing a change in the lot configuration. Richard moved that the request be approved. Roy seconded. Discussion was held. Mike Nickels, Oskaloosa spoke with regard to the request. Carolyn spoke with regard to her commitment not to develop more than four lots on the property. 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 March 8, 2010.