

January 12, 2009

The Jefferson County Board of Commissioners met as the Board of Canvassers at 8:30 a.m. to canvass the special question election for the City of McLouth. There were no changes to the totals as a result of the canvass. The results were as follows: Yes-90, No-104.

The Jefferson County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on Monday, January 12, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Don Edmonds, Roy Dunnaway, Richard Malm, Linda Buttron County Clerk and Jan Hayes, County Counselor.

Reorganization of the Board was held. Roy moved that Richard Malm be appointed as chairman. Richard seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Roy moved that Don Edmonds be appointed as Vice-Chairman. Richard seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Don moved that the Oskaloosa Independent be designated as the official newspaper. Roy seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Don moved that the official County depositories be approved as listed by the County Treasurer. Roy seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Don discussed moving the Commission meeting to the afternoon from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. on Monday with 4:00 – 5:00 reserved for executive sessions. Don moved the schedule be changed as proposed. Roy seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Don moved that the courthouse hours remain the same. Roy seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

The chairman signed a beer license for Circle S Ranch. Travel requests were signed for the Treasurer and the Health Department. A letter of support was signed for the Jefferson County Service Organization.

Francis Hubbard, Road and Bridge met with the Board. Francis reported that vandalism occurred at the construction site on 162nd street, North Cedar and Barber. The County's backhoe and trackhoe were damaged in the incident. Don moved that a \$1000 reward be offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those involved in the incident. Roy seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Don moved that the minutes from January 5 & January 9, 2009 be approved as presented. Roy seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Eileen Filbert, Health Department met with the Board. Eileen reviewed the Department's role in administration of the various sewer districts in the County. She also updated the Board on maintenance and needs of each district. Other department activities were discussed. She discussed coordinating with Planning & Zoning to ensure that someone building a structure where there is an existing home does not build over the sewer system.

Eloise Tichenor, Planning & Zoning met with the Board. Eloise presented CU2008/8 to the Board for consideration. The request was made by Pro-Dig LLC; Michael Charlton, Manager for a Light Manufacturing & Assembly Facility on land described as: 10 acres in the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of Section 17, Township 10S, Range 19E. None of the involved parties were present for the discussion. Don moved that the request be approved as presented. Roy seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Eloise discussed the draft zoning & subdivision regulations under consideration for adoption. She invited the new board members to come to her office and review the regulations. Eloise asked that the Board consider allowing her to use some of the space being vacated by the GIS office in the basement, shifting one office over for herself and staff and creating storage space in her current office.

Caleb Stegall, County Attorney met with the Board. Caleb asked that the funds transferred out of the County Attorney's budget during the 2009 budget process be transferred back through moving money from Equipment Reserve-Attorney back to the 2009 operating budget in the amount of \$40,000. He reported that he has retained two assistant county attorneys and one support staff position. If the transfer is approved he would hire another support staff person. Don moved that the issue be tabled until next week. Roy seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Mary Underwood, County Treasurer met with the Board. Mary presented investment reports and bid awards to the Board. High bids paid 1.16% for 6 months on \$1,634,385.53 and 1.26% on \$538,720.55. Changes to the motor vehicle fees and the upcoming tax sale were discussed.

Cindy Williams, David Hallauer & Kathy Wagner met with the Board regarding the use of the soon to be vacated space in the basement. They asked that the space currently used as the GIS/IT Director's office be used as a meeting room as it was in the past. The Board will take the request under advisement.

Chris Schmeissner, GIS/IT Director met with the Board. Chris discussed the aerial photography project. Douglas, Shawnee & Leavenworth counties have partnered in this project. The group has selected a vendor for a total of \$86,000 (Jefferson County's portion). (The funding for Jefferson County will come from the following: \$20,000-grant secured by 911 Communications; United States Geographic Survey-\$25,000, Register of Deeds Technology Fund (previous transfer)-\$25,000 and \$16,000-offered by various other departments.) Don moved that the expense be approved. Roy seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Kathy Wagner, Appraiser met with the Board to give her monthly update. She briefed the new Commissioners on the natural storage gas field taxation issue. Don moved that the Board go into executive session to discuss matters of non-elected personnel until 11:22 a.m. Roy seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board adjourned at 11:08 a.m. Present during the session were Jan, Kathy and the Board. The Board reconvened at 11:22 a.m. The chairman announced that no binding action was taken during executive session.

Susan Newell, 911 Director met with the Board. Susan discussed a 2009 grant award from the State from the wireless money. The grant funds will pay for a new generator and UPS systems and new computers through State of Kansas Grant. Susan asked for approval to sign for the purchase of four computers with the grant funds. Don moved that the request be approved. Roy seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Susan discussed an upcoming meeting with fire chiefs.

Linda asked the Board whether or not they want to meet on Tuesday when a holiday falls on a Monday. They agreed by consensus to meet next Tuesday, January 20 and to consider the other holiday meeting schedules as they come up. They also agreed by consensus to continue the practice of a study session from 12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. on Mondays.

Don moved that the Board go into executive session to discuss matters of attorney client privilege until 12:00 p.m. Richard seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board adjourned at 11:41 a.m. Present during the session were Jan and the Board. The Board reconvened at 12:00 p.m. The chairman 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 Tuesday January 20, 2009.

ATTEST:/s/Linda M Buttron, County Clerk /s/Richard Malm, Chairman