

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

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May 1, 2020

The Jefferson County Board of Commissioners convened in special session on Friday, May 1 at 9:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Lynn Luck, Wayne Ledbetter and Richard Malm. Also present were Counselor Josh Ney and County Clerk Linda M. Buttron.

Crystal Vanhoutan, Local Health Officer reviewed the Governor's plan to reopen Kansas unveiled at a news conference last night. The order allows local government to impose equal or more stringent restrictions on businesses during the phases. Crystal recommended that in addition to the Governor's requirements, all entities that sell self-service food or drink be prohibited from allowing the public to serve themselves. She also highly recommended that high risk people stay home, people stay home if sick and people wear masks in public settings. She stated that now is not the time to let our guard down and we should be vigilant through the next two weeks as the virus is still very active (an increase of 500 cases was reported yesterday). With regard to the County offices, the Board and Crystal indicated that they would remain closed to public foot traffic until May 18 at which time that restriction will be reevaluated.

Josh Ney asked for an executive session. Wayne moved that the Board recess into executive session to discuss matters of attorney client privilege with regard to legal compliance until 9:25 a.m. with Crystal present as part of the collective client. Richard seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board recessed at 9:12 a.m. Present during the session were Josh, Crystal and the Board. At 9:25 a.m. the Board announced that they would extend the session until 9:37 a.m. with the same parties present. The Board reconvened at 9:37 a.m. The chair announced that no binding action was taken during executive session.

Crystal stated that a Local Health Officer order will be released later today. She encouraged citizens to comply with the Governor's order 2020-029 with the additional local provision of prohibition of self-service as noted above.

The meeting was then adjourned.