

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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July 6, 2020

The Jefferson County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday July 6, 2020. Present were Commissioners Lynn Luck, Richard Malm & Wayne Ledbetter and County Clerk Linda M Buttron. Assistant County Counselor Ryan Kriegshauser was present at the beginning of the meeting and Counselor Josh Ney arrived at 1:30 p.m.

Vouchers were reviewed and approved by the Counselor and the Board. Wayne moved that the Board approve the minutes of June 29 & July 2. Richard seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

James Tweed, Emergency Services Director met with the Board. James updated the Board on COVID statistics. There are 32 total cases in Jefferson County with 5 active cases. He also discussed the SPARK funding and the special meeting to be held tonight for representatives from the cities, schools and other entities. Tonight's meeting will assist with forming the plan for spending this money. The required County resolution regarding the funding must be done by next Monday. Then we would want the other entities to sign a similar resolution to the County. The Commissioners discussed the program. James asked the Board to appoint an official signer for the program. Wayne moved that the Chair be designated as the official signer. Richard seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. By next week he would like to see the Board appoint a Direct Aid plan writer who might also serve as administrator for the program.

Ben Domann, Public Works Director met with the Board. Ben discussed crew work and plans for upcoming maintenance. The Board signed agreements for projects for acceleration and deceleration lanes.

Dustin Parks, Community Development Director met with the Board. Dustin presented a draft zoning complaint form for the Board's review. The Board approved the use of the form by consensus. Dustin asked the Board when the rock quarry in the Nortonville area would be on the agenda. Richard indicated that the two engineering firms need to get together before the date is set for next hearing.

Donna Huffman, Oskaloosa met with the Board regarding issues with the Lake Bound Corner Store parking lot repair done in 2016. She discussed the open records request she made at the time and the records provided to Commission Candidate David Christy for his request. She requested that the County tighten up the process of how open records are provided. She also discussed a recent article in the newspaper regarding misuse of property. She would like the matter referred for prosecution. Josh addressed the issues she outlined. Josh offered to work with her to resolve the issues with the open records request. David Christy spoke with regard to the documents produced when he made an open records request.

Jennifer Vererkamp, McLouth spoke to the Board with regard to a letter she wrote to the newspaper. The letter addressed the action of the Board from last week's meeting regarding the mandatory face mask order. She asked that the Board reconsider their decision and mandate the wearing of face masks/coverings while in public places.

Dr. Rick Gomez, Ozawkie met with the Board by phone. Dr. Gomez discussed the corona virus and what we should do to slow the spread of the virus. Tools provided to us include good hygiene, avoiding crowds and wearing masks where we can't stay apart from people. He stated that currently there are hospital beds available in our area but if cases continue to increase there will be a time when there aren't beds available. He pleaded with the Board that as officials charged with the safety and welfare of the citizens, they change their minds and reconsider their action regarding mandating the wearing of face masks while in public places.

There being no further business to come before the Board they adjourned to meet in regular session on July 13, 2020.