

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

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July 20, 2020

The Jefferson County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday July 20, 2020. Present were Commissioners Lynn Luck and Wayne Ledbetter and County Clerk Linda M Buttron. Counselor Josh Ney was also present. Richard Malm was absent attending the National Association of Counties annual business meeting via electronic meeting.

Vouchers were reviewed and approved by the Counselor and the Board. Wayne moved that the minutes of July 13, 2020 be approved as presented. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Treasurer Lisa Buerman asked the Board to publish the following lots for sale: Lots 4 Blk J Lakeshore Estates and Lot 48 Block S Lake Ridge Estates. Wayne moved that the lots be advertised as presented and that the minimum bid be set at \$300 per lot. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

The Commissioners adjourned as the Board of Commissioners and reconvened as the Jefferson County Land Bank Board at 1:03 p.m. Tom Travis joined the meeting by phone as an interested person in the purchase of lots located in Hilldale South subdivision. The Board and Mr. Travis negotiated a price of \$300 per lot for Lots 5-12 Block B and Lot 5 Block A in Hilldale South Subdivision. Wayne moved that the Board approve the sale of the lots to Tom Travis in the amount of \$2,700 for all lots, (\$300 each). Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Josh Ney discussed advertising for Lots 9-12 Block 47 in the City of Valley Falls. Wayne moved that the Board publish an intent to sell Lots 9-12 Block 47 in the City of Valley Falls and that the Land Bank convene on August 24th at 1:30 p.m. for an open bid on the lots. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board recessed as the Land Bank and reconvened as the Board of Commissioners at 1:07 p.m.

Public Works Director Ben Domann discussed chip and seal work and repair on the Coal Creek bridge.

Emergency Services Director James Tweed reminded the Board about the special meeting to be held this evening at 7:00 p.m. at the Oskaloosa City hall regarding the SPARKS (Cares Act) funding. He also informed the Board that the State said they should appoint a secondary point of contact and a secondary signing person for the project. Lynn moved that Richard be designated as the secondary signer and that James Tweed be designated as the secondary point of contact. Wayne seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. James mentioned that he would be looking at replacing an ambulance soon due to increasing repair costs.

Crystal VanHoutan, Local Health Officer updated the Board on COVID statistics. Worldwide there have been 14.5 million cases with 600,000 deaths. In the United States there have been 3.7 million cases with 140,541 deaths. In Kansas 21,965 cases with 299 deaths and in Jefferson County 43 cases, 7 active cases in isolation, 29 cases in quarantine, 36 recoveries, 3 hospitalizations and 0 deaths. Crystal announced the Home Health Nurse position has been filled.

Community Development Director Dustin Parks presented quarterly zoning statistics to the Board for review. There have been 33 new construction permits issued in Jefferson County so far in 2020. Dustin inquired about the rock quarry case in the Mooney Creek area. The Commissioners are waiting for the engineer's report from Mid States. Ben Domann reported that an engineer's report from the County's engineer (Finney and Turnipseed) has been received.

Linda announced that Delta Dental refunded the County \$9,260.28 (the entire amount of the April premium) as a relief payment, due to the COVID 19 pandemic and the fact that most dentist offices were closed during that time.

Wayne moved that the Board recess into executive session to discuss matters of attorney client privilege with regard to legal advice until 1:35 p.m. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board recessed at 1:21 p.m. Present during the session was the Board and Josh. At 1:35 the Board announced it would extend for 10 minutes with the same parties present. The Board reconvened at 1:45 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 July 27, 2020.