

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

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August 3, 2020

The Jefferson County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday August 3, 2020. Present were Commissioners Lynn Luck, Richard Malm and Wayne Ledbetter. County Clerk Linda Buttron was delivering election equipment and County Treasurer Lisa Buerman took minutes in her absence. Counselor Josh Ney was absent.

Richard moved that the Board approve the minutes of July 27, 2020. Wayne seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Ben Domann, Public Works Director met with the Board. He reported that there were multiple road closures in the north west part of the county due to heavy rains that caused flooding. There was also flooding in the south west portion of the county that caused road damage that is being repaired. Ben reported that he has moved one grader from the south east district to the south west district to help with flood damage. The damage that was caused is a lot of gulling, ditch blockages, tubes being plugged...etc. Around the intersection of 27th and Detlor Road there were two homes that had water in them due to the heavy rains. Thursday the county received two new graders from Murphy Tractor that are being outfitted with GPS. One is going out this afternoon to active service and other one in the morning. Ben reported that he has been in contact with DJ Gleason with Soldier Creek Transmission Line about their continuous heavy truck traffic on Rogers Road that is causing road failures\blowouts. There are nine to ten areas that need attention. Mr. Gleason is getting bids from several asphalt companies and will hopefully have the patching done by the end of the week, weather permitting.

Lisa Buerman, County Treasurer ask the Board for executive session to discuss non-elected personnel\employee retention.

Wayne reported that Josh Ney called and is in Kansas City. If needed, he can be reached by cell phone.

James Tweed, Emergency Services Director discussed that he just finished meeting with Jim Bodenheimer and will have a phone meeting with Brian Nyp later in the afternoon about the SPARK funding. James informed the Commission that today is the deadline for all the sub recipients to have all their direct aid plans and reimbursements turned in. The hope is that by next Monday, Brian will be able to provide a list of the total reimbursement amounts. From that point they will be able to work on the direct aid. He suggested that there should be a special meeting for final approval on August 13, 2020, with understanding that this is for the first submission. The August 13, 2020 meeting will be confirmed at the Commission meeting August 10, 2020. James also suggested that they have a dual propose meeting on August 13, 2020 to discuss and reevaluate where we are at on the Covid-19 mitigation.

Crystal VanHoutan, Health Department Administrator met with the Board. She agreed that there needs to be a special meeting on August 13, 2020. She is concerned about the local numbers. She reported on the Kansas Covid-19 numbers; 28,876 total cases, 1782 hospitalizations, 365 deaths with an increase of 7 since Friday, and 272,963 negative tests. Jefferson County Covid-19 numbers; last Monday 51 total cases was report, today 73 cases are report, 55 cases recovered out of isolation, 18 active cases that are either ill or mildly ill and still in isolation, total of 6 hospitalizations, 0 deaths, and total of 1482 negative test. There is currently 74 people in quarantine. Crystal reported that her staff is currently working around the clock and weekends doing contact tracing. Crystal wants the public to hear loud and clear, that you need to continue wearing a mask if you can't socially distance and you need to socially distance as much as possible at public events to prevent the spread of Covid-19. Wayne stated even though the Board has not presently adopted the mask mandate, they are not anti-mask. Lynn stated she would like to have a mask mandate in Jefferson County. She also has concerns waiting until August 13, 2020, to discuss were the county is at on the numbers, it could double again. Wayne stated that if there is a follow-up work session on the budget, there is no reason this can't be discussed earlier than August 13, 2020. Lynn moved that the Board follow the States mask mandate. Motion died for lack of a second. Crystal verified that there will be a meeting on August 13, 2020 and the Board set the time for the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Dustin Parks, Community Development Director met with the Board. Dustin let the Board know that they are a little late with the Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, they usually have at least one a year for reorganization. The yearly Board of Zoning Appeal Reorganization meeting is planned for early September. Dustin told the Board he is getting requests on how the business grant is going to be handled for SPARK. He has an application draft done and is waiting on the state. He is working on getting a committee together to review the grants.

Lynn moved that the Board go into executive session for courthouse security\safety planning until 1:30 p.m. Wayne seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board recessed at 1:19 p.m. Present during the session was Jeff Herrig, Sheriff and the Board. The Board reconvened at 1:30 p.m. The chair announced that no binding action was taken during the executive session.

Donna Huffman met with the Board to discuss the July 15, 2020 Kansas Open Records Request. The Board asked that she come back when the County Counselor, Josh Ney was present. Donna said she would reschedule two Mondays from today.

Lynn moved that the Board recess into executive session to discuss matters of non-elected personnel\employee retention until 1:45 p.m. Richard seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board recessed at 1:35 p.m. Present during the session were Lisa Buerman, County Treasurer and the Board. At 1:45 p.m.it was announced that the session would continue for 5 more minutes with the same parties present. The Board reconvened at 1:50 p.m. The chair announced that no binding action was taken during executive session.

Ben Domann, Public Works Director added before the Board adjourned that he received a call from Hamm's about the 62nd Street project, that the start date has been pushed back but they have no concerns on finishing on time.

There being no further business to come before the Board they adjourned to meet in regular session on Monday August 10th.

