

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

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August 17, 2020

The Jefferson County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday August 17, 2020. Present were Commissioners Lynn Luck, Wayne Ledbetter, Richard Malm and County Clerk Linda M Buttron. Counselor Josh Ney was absent.

Vouchers were reviewed and approved by the Counselor and the Board. Richard moved that the minutes of August 10 for the canvass of the election and the regular meeting be approved as presented. Wayne seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Wayne moved that the minutes of special meeting on August 13 be approved as presented. Richard seconded. Lynn voted in favor. Wayne voted in favor. Richard abstained as he was not present at the meeting on the 13th.

Treasurer Lisa Buerman met with the Board. She asked the Board to advertise Lot 14 block P, Lake Ridge Estates for sale for the standard \$300 minimum bid. Wayne moved that the lot be advertised for sale with a minimum bid of \$300. Richard seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Ben Domann, Public Works Director met with the Board. Ben discussed installation of tubes and ditching on Detlor road where flooding occurred recently. He reported that Caterpillar did not present a bid to go against the John Deere bid. They could not find a machine to compete with John Deere's bid. Ben will consult with Josh to make sure we have met the legal obligations and will seek other bids if possible. The Board agreed to that by consensus. Ben reported that there is a positive COVID case in the department with 5 others in quarantine. Crew work has been adjusted to allow for this. Ben presented supplemental agreements for the 62nd street project from McAfee Henderson Solutions. Wayne moved that the agreements be approved. Richard seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The agreements were signed. The roughness of Ferguson road was briefly discussed.

Crystal VanHoutan, Health Department Administrator met with the Board. Crystal presented draft copies of the 2021 Wellness program. Changes include only requiring the biometric screening to participate in the program and splitting out the health risk assessment as a separate option; removing the requirement that a certain number of points be obtained from health screenings; points for weight loss were increased; the program no longer requiring that an employee be excluded when not successful over 3 years with the smoking cessation program. Lynn moved that the proposed 2021 wellness program be accepted. Richard seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Crystal gave a COVID update. There are currently 16 active cases, 81 people have recovered and there are 97 total cases. There are 93 people in quarantine. The department is contacting 110 people (active cases and those in quarantine) every couple days. Currently there are no hospitalizations and no deaths. The Board discussed communications

efforts letting the public know that they recommend wearing masks, washing hands and social distancing. Crystal discussed her concerns with the County workforce with employees who have children that might be quarantined as school starts next week. She stated that she calculated the County's " % positive" for this week and we are at 9.2%. That is down slightly from last Thursday.

Richard moved that the 2021 budget be approved for publication. Wayne seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The budget to be published will show a mill levy rate that is .02 lower than the rate to fund last year's budget.

Lynn asked Commissioner Candidate David Christy about a letter she had that accused all three sitting Commissioners of wrongdoing while in office. She stated that she objected to the accusations included in the letter. Christy acknowledged that he had disseminated it and in response to a question posed by Lynn he said he had turned over evidence to authorities as he had promised prior to the election. The Board and Christy briefly discussed the allegations.

There being no further business to come before the Board they adjourned to meet in regular session on August 24, 2020.