

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

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August 24, 2020

The Jefferson County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday August 24, 2020. Present were Commissioners Lynn Luck, Wayne Ledbetter, Richard Malm, Counselor Josh Ney and County Clerk Linda M Buttron.

Vouchers were reviewed and approved by the Counselor and the Board. Wayne moved that the minutes of August 17 be approved as presented. Richard seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Crystal updated the board on COVID statistics There are currently 16 active cases. Eighty seven of 103 cases have recovered. There are 107 total cases with 103 positive and 4 probable cases. There are 64 people in quarantine. There have been a total of 9 people hospitalized and currently there are two people in the hospital in ICU. There have been 1,949 negative tests. She reported that schools are starting this week and she expects they will start in a "Green" status. The color indicates a gating guidance as was discussed in a prior Commission meeting. She reported that flu shots will be given differently this year. Three large drive through clinics will be spread throughout the county. One day a week a "car hop style" clinic will be held at the health department for those over 18. Regular clinics will be held on Thursdays by appointment. She asked for permission to use Everbridge to get that information about to the public. The Board agreed. CDC is recommending that people get their flu shots in October so that the vaccine lasts through the whole flu season. Upon a Commissioner's question, Crystal discussed the cost of COVID testing for patients. New testing equipment has been requested through the SPARKS funding that would allow for a certain number of free tests to be done by the County health department.

Dustin Parks, Community Development Director announced that there will be a Planning Commission meeting tonight at the Oskaloosa City Hall. Four cases will be heard.

Ben Domann, Public Works Director met with the Board. Ben discussed what the Board would like to do on the grader issue previously reported. He has solicited bids from other vendors but neither vendor has responded. He asked Josh Ney how to proceed. Richard moved that the Board waive the requirements of the bid policy given the emergency situation regarding the grader and approve accepting the bid of John Deere as presented at an earlier meeting. Wayne seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. He also reported that the County has been approved for two grant projects through the Watershed Land Institute. The projects will fix low water crossings at 170th and K16 and 114th and Sherman near Meriden. The projects will be done one in 2021 and one in 2022. He presented a memorandum of understanding for consideration between the county and the Land Institute for the projects. Josh reviewed the document and

recommended the Board approve it as presented. Wayne moved that the MOU with the Watershed Land Trust Inc. be approved. Richard seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Josh asked for an executive session. Wayne moved that the Board recess into executive session to discuss matters of contract review with Ben Domann present to facilitate the discussion until 1:30 p.m. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board recessed at 1:21 p.m. Present during the session were Josh, Ben and the Board. The Board reconvened at 1:30 p.m. The Chair announced that no binding action taken during executive session.

At 1:30 p.m. the Board adjourned as Board of Commissioners and reconvened as the Land Bank Board to hold an auction for lots in Valley Falls. The minimum bid for these lots is set for \$5,000. The only bidder present was Jeffrey D. Brown, Valley Falls. Jeffery bid \$5,005 for the lots. Lots 9, 10, 11 & 12 in Block 47 (500 Frazier St), Valley Falls. No other bids were heard. Richard moved that the bid of \$5,005 be accepted. Richard seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board reconvened as the County Commissioners at 1:34 p.m.

Sharon Blankenship, Lakeshore Estates resident discussed the potential of “Trap, Neuter, Vaccinate and Return” program for feral cats. The program would trap, neuter, vaccinate and return cats to where they were picked up and is expecting that the feral cat population would then decrease by natural attrition. They would be working with the KSU Veterinary school to provide the services. Sharon asked the County to provide a building to operate the program from. She would need a kitchenette, bathtub or shower for washing traps, tables for pre-surgery area and twelve white plastic tables. The Board discussed the program and the request. The Board indicated that while they understood the need, they don’t have a facility that can be used. They discussed other possibilities for a location and suggested she talk to the cities to see if they could help.

Josh requested an executive session to discuss matters of legal compliance. Wayne moved that the Board recess into executive session to discuss matters of legal compliance until 2:05 p.m. Richard seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board recessed at 1:52 p.m. Present during the session were Josh and the Board. The Board reconvened at 2:05 p.m. The chair announced that no binding action was taken during executive session.

Wayne moved that the Board recess into executive session to discuss matters of non-elected personnel, employee recruitment and retention until 2:10 p.m. with just the Board present. Richard seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board recessed at 2:06 p.m. Present during the session was the Board. The Board reconvened at 2:10 p.m. The chair announced that no binding action was taken during executive session.

Lynn moved that Linda Buttron be nominated to the KWORCC Board of Trustees. Wayne seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Wayne moved that Linda be appointed as the voting delegate for Jefferson County at the annual meeting of KWORCC to be held virtually on October 14 and Richard be appointed as the alternate delegate. Richard seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

There being no further business to come before the Board they adjourned to meet in regular session on August 31, 2020.