

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

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The Jefferson County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on Monday March 3 at 1:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners, Richard Malm, Lynn Luck & Wayne Ledbetter, Josh Ney, County Counselor and County Clerk, Linda M Buttron.

Vouchers were reviewed and approved by the Counselor and the Board. A shared sick leave donation was signed. The Board signed a letter authorizing new signatories for the Jefferson County Economic Development Commission bank account. Lynn moved that the minutes of February 28<sup>th</sup> be approved as presented. Wayne seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Bill Noll, Public Works Administrator met with the Board. Bill discussed snow removal in the County after the weekend storm. Wayne moved that Jerry White, Ozawkie and Stephen Phillips, Perry be appointed to the Planning & Zoning Board of Appeals with terms to expire at the end of March 2017. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board will review a proposal for cost sharing of noxious weed chemicals and discuss at next week's meeting.

Kim Griffitts, Oskaloosa was present to hear discussion on the fence view done last week on a fence separating his property from Clyde Sarlls. The Board discussed their views on how responsibility for the fence should be divided between the landowners. The Board agreed the decision should read as follows: 1) To the extent that each party desires to enclose his land, each party is assigned the right and responsibility for erecting, removing and maintain a legal partition fence on that half of the property line that, when standing on his own property facing the property line, exists on the left hand side, comprising approximately 659.045 feet of the property line; 2) each party shall only be entitled to remove the hedge trees existing on or within three feet (3') of that half of the property line that is his responsibility; 3) should Mr. Griffitts desire to build a fence at his sole expense on the half of the property line assigned for purposes of this fence view to Mr. Sarlls, Mr. Griffitts may build said fence on his side of the property line. Under no circumstances, however, shall Mr. Griffitts remove or damage any hedge tree existing on or within three feet of that half of the property line assigned to Mr. Sarlls, except that Mr. Griffitts shall be entitled to trim any branches extending more than three feet from the property line; 4) Nothing in this fence view shall be interpreted to alter the property lines existing at the time of this order, nor shall the building of any fence removed from the property line be construed to trigger any time period for

purposes of adverse possession. Lynn moved that the decision be approved. Wayne seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The decision of the fence viewers will be recorded in the Register of Deeds office.

Lynn moved that Resolution 2014-005 be approved regarding an annual review of the purchasing policy for Jefferson County. Wayne seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Wayne moved that Resolution 2014-006 be approved stating that commercial traffic on the following portions of county roads shall be prohibited until further notice: the portion of Clark Road running from a point 3000 feet south of the northwest corner of Section 16, Township 11S, Range 17E, of the sixth p.m. to the north line of said section; and the portion of 31<sup>st</sup> street running from Butler Rd to Clark Rd, all within rural Jefferson County Kansas; and that signs designating said restriction of commercial vehicle traffic be posted by Jefferson County Public Works Department in appropriate locations. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Richard moved that a request by the Sheriff to grant an additional discretionary day to Thomas Ryan, III for saving the County \$5500 on a state maintenance contract be approved, (as per the provisions of Employee Handbook Policy #384). Wayne seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Wayne updated the Board on the recent meeting of the Jefferson County Economic Development Commission and its progress in hiring a director.

The Board announced that an offer was made and accepted by Sam Henderson for the position of Planning & Zoning Administrator at an annual salary of \$55,000. Sam plans to start around March 5, 2014. He worked for Garden City and Finney County in the similar capacity.

There being no further business to come before the Board they adjourned to meet in regular session on March 10, 2014.