

**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 June 23 at 1:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners, Richard Malm, Lynn Luck, Wayne Ledbetter, County Counselor Josh Ney and County Clerk, Linda M Buttron.

Vouchers were reviewed and approved by the Counselor and the Board. Resolution 2014-017 transferring \$20,000 from Equipment Reserve to the Health fund was presented for consideration. Richard moved that Resolution 2014-017 be approved as presented. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Wayne moved that the minutes of June 16<sup>th</sup> be approved as presented. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board signed zoning resolutions and the text amendment approved as last week's meeting.

Susan Newell, 911 Director met with the Board. She reported that the batteries for the UPS system have been replaced. She also discussed a failure of long distance coming into Oskaloosa last Thursday that was resolved in less than one-half hour. She will be looking for a backup solution to this type of problem when it occurs in the future. The department will be starting a public education campaign which is expected to cost around \$200. The campaign will include booths at local festivals and events.

Sam Henderson, Planning & Zoning Director met with the Board. Sam reported that the Planning Commission meeting will be held tonight. He asked permission to replace the multi-function copier in the office. The copier would be purchased from Equipment Reserve. The Board agreed to the request by consensus.

Bill Noll, Public Works Administrator met with the Board. Bill reported the stair railings are being installed at the courthouse today. Environmental Pest Control will be used for spraying county buildings. He discussed progress on lease of a skid loader. Road crews are finishing patching work and will be starting chip seal on Wellman road next Monday. Work on the air conditioner was discussed.

Marie Robb, Sarcoxie Township resident (1202 Union Rd.) met with the Board. Marie discussed the condition of the roads in the township. She feels the roads are in bad shape, have erosion issues and have large rocks that are sharp, jagged and dirty. She stated that there appears to be no maintenance on the roads and a grader is rarely seen. Bill Noll stated that the area is one of the toughest to maintain due to the hills and rock ledges. Grading of the area was discussed. Bill reported that the department plans to haul a different grade of gravel from a different quarry to help the situation with the rocks. The drop off on a hill on Washington road was

discussed. Bill stated that the situation was primarily caused by raising the height of the road to cover the rock ledge and that in turn created more of a drop off on the side of the road. The Board asked Bill to see what can be done to fix the problem. Bob Lockwood, Sarcoxie Township Clerk spoke with regard to the condition of the roads. Duane Thiry, Sarcoxie Township Treasurer was also present. Local resident Joyce Williams also addressed her views on the conditions and safety of the roads.

Bids for fencing the Sheriff's gun range were opened. Bids for fencing of the Sheriff's gun range were received from Kansas Fencing, Inc., Topeka and Robinson Fence Company from Springfield, Missouri. Kansas Fencing bid \$42,000. Robinson Fence Company bid \$45,600. The apparent low bid was Kansas Fencing. Undersheriff Robert Chartier was present for the bid opening. The bids will be reviewed and a decision made at next week's meeting.

Linda relayed an inquiry from the auditors as to whether or not the Board wishes to have the internal controls of the District Court audited in conjunction with the County audit. (Specifically with regard to tickets that are processed through the office.) The Board indicated by consensus that the internal controls should be audited.

Linda discussed the employee evaluation software used by the County. The software requires an upgrade due to the discontinuation of support of Windows XP operating system which will cost approximately \$3500. A meeting will be held on Wednesday with Department Heads to discuss whether or not the software is necessary and a report made to the Board next week.

There being no further business to come before the Board they adjourned to meet in regular session on June 30, 2014.