

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

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The Jefferson County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on Wednesday September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners, Richard Malm, Lynn Luck, Wayne Ledbetter and County Clerk, Linda M. Buttron.

A public hearing was convened at 1:00 p.m. for the purpose of hearing comment on the County's 2015 budget. Duane Thiry, McLouth ask questions with regard to the debt service payment increase. The Board indicated that a restructure of the debt resulted in an increased payment for 2015. Other budget issues were discussed. Wayne moved that the budget be approved as published. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Richard moved that the 2015 contract with Delta Dental be approved as presented. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Richard moved that the 2015 contract with Blue Cross and Blue Shield for health insurance be approved. Wayne seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Delta Dental rates will increase slightly. Blue Cross Blue Shield rates will decrease approximately 5%.

As voluntary benefits for new employees will all be effective in this manner, Linda asked that the Board consider making health and dental insurance effective the first of the month following 30 days from the date of hire. Richard moved that health and dental insurance for new employees be effective the first of the month following 30 days from the date of hire to be effective for those hired on or after January 1, 2015. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Wayne moved that the minutes of August 25<sup>th</sup> be approved as presented. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

The Board asked that a letter be written to Delaware #11 Fire Board asking for a progress report on the audit requested by the Commission on March 17, 2014.

Wayne invited the other Board members to an Economic Development Summit September 24<sup>th</sup> with a dinner at 6:30 p.m. and a meeting at 7:00 p.m. at Oskaloosa's Colonial Acres Meeting Room.

Wayne discussed allowing temporary signs on property (as long as they are not in the road right of way) until such time as the zoning regulations can be reviewed. The Board agreed to the proposal by consensus.

The Board discussed writing a letter to US Representative Lynn Jenkins to discuss the possibility of getting help from the federal government in maintaining and fixing roads around the lake such as West Lake Road and Ferguson Road.

Wayne moved that the Board go into executive session to discuss matters of non-elected personnel until 1:40 p.m. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board recessed at 1:30 p.m. Present during the session was the Board. The Board reconvened at 1:40 p.m. The chairman announced that no binding action was taken during executive session.

There being no further business to come before the Board they adjourned to meet in regular session on September 8, 2014.