

August 16, 2010

The Jefferson County Board of Commissioners convened in special session on Monday August 16th at 1:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners, Richard Malm, Lynn Luck and Roy Dunnaway, Mike Hayes, County Counselor and County Clerk, Linda M. Buttron.

Vouchers were reviewed and approved by the Counselor and the Board. Tax change orders were signed. A travel request was signed for the Planning & Zoning office. Lynn moved that the minutes of August 9th, 2010 be approved as presented. Roy seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Teresa Hattermer, Appraiser met with the Board. Richard moved that the Board go into executive session to discuss matters of non-elected personnel until 1:10 p.m. Roy seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board adjourned at 1:02 p.m. Present during the session was Teresa, Linda, Mike and the Board. The Board reconvened at 1:10 p.m. The chairman announced that no binding action was taken during executive session. The Board agreed by consensus to allow Teresa to fill the position of Field Appraiser.

Employee Handbook Vacation Benefits Policy #303 was discussed. The Commissioners asked that the policy be amended to round the accrual up to the nearest fifteen minutes and that vacation leave be allowed to accumulate throughout the year, but must be used down to 200 hrs by pay period #22 of each year. At that time, hours in excess of 200 will be lost. Beginning with pay period #23 of each year, employees will be allowed to accumulate more than 200 hrs until the next year at the same time. The Board also discussed changes to the Employee Handbook Policy #392 regarding KPERS retirement. Several law changes have occurred since the policy was adopted and the amended policy addresses those changes. Richard moved that the policies (#303 & #392) be approved as amended. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Eloise Tichenor, Planning & Zoning met with the Board. Eloise reported that there is an applicant for the vacant position on the Planning Commission. Lynn moved that Mary Prewitt, Lawrence be appointed to the Planning Commission. Roy seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Patrick Gottstein, Kentucky Fire District #2 Trustee met with the Board. Pat asked about the status of his request from earlier this year for the fire district to acquire property north of Perry near 31st street. Richard indicated that the Corp of Engineers expects to give the County a quit claim deed to the County and if that occurs the County will in turn give a quit claim deed to the Fire District excluding the right of way.

A public hearing was held regarding the improvement of Northwind Drive to be known as Road Benefit District #3. Sarah Steele, Gilmore & Bell was present for the hearing. Several residents of the district were also present. Jon Cross spoke in support of the benefit district. Chilton & Sue Miller were present. Lee Diepenbrock spoke in support of the district. No one spoke in opposition to the district. The public hearing was closed for comment. Lynn moved that Resolution 2010-021 be approved establishing the special assessments on certain property to pay the costs of internal improvements in Jefferson County, Kansas as heretofore authorized by the County; and providing for the collection of such special assessments for Northwind Drive. Roy seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The group stated that they expected to close on the bond issuance by September 22 with construction to begin soon after. Residents will be given until August 24th to prepay the assessment.

Vickie Boose, ABATE Corporate Secretary met with the Board to update them on the 2010 Biker's Rally. She stated that the association president will be meeting with the neighbors in the area soon. The Board asked that the group be sure to communicate with the neighbors during preparations for the event.

James Tweed, Ambulance Director met with the Board. Lynn moved that the Board go into executive session to discuss matters of non-elected personnel until 2:35 p.m. Roy seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board recessed at 2:26 p.m. Present during the session were James, Mike and the Board. The Board reconvened at 2:35 p.m. The chairman announced that no binding action was taken during executive session.

Mike Hayes stated that the petition submitted July 26, 2010 by residents in the Meriden area that want to create a library district is not correctly done and is not sufficient.

Representatives from the Humane Society met with the Board. Present were Board members - Kip Elliott, Keith Haney, Virginia Richards, Delores Werner and Marilyn Sharkey. Kip Elliot reported that the center has six board members and has five staff members working 25 to 35 hours per week. From the period between July 1, 2009 & June 30, 2010 the center cared for 355 animals. Sixty percent (60%) of the animals came from rural Jefferson County, eight two percent (82%) were adopted and eleven (11%) percent were returned to their owners. They stated that they are withdrawing their request for funding in 2011 and would ask that the County use the money to provide for low-income spay and neutering costs through vouchers or possibly spay/neuter clinics at the shelter. They offered to administer the program for the County and provide the County with an accounting of the monies.

There being no further business to come before the Board they adjourned to meet in regular session on August 23rd.