

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 December 19, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. Those present were Commissioners, Wayne Ledbetter, Richard Malm, Lynn Luck, County Counselor Josh Ney and County Clerk Linda M Buttron.

Vouchers were reviewed and approved by the Counselor and the Board. Beer licenses were signed. Notices to the township boards for beer licenses were signed. Richard asked that the minutes be corrected to show that John Deere graders were bid by Murphy Tractor and Foley Equipment bid the Caterpillar graders. Lynn moved the minutes of December 12 be approved as corrected. Richard seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Beth Brown, Health Department met with the Board. Beth reported on communicable diseases being seen locally. Influenza activity in Kansas is sporadic according to the CDC. Stomach bug (aka Norovirus) is currently circulating in Jefferson County. Beth gave a Zika update from the CDC. As of December 14th there are 4600 confirmed cases in the United States. There are 2600 infections in pregnant women. On November 28 five first level transmissions in Brownsville Texas occurred. CDC cautioning pregnant women to postpone travel to Miami and Brownsville areas. Mumps have been happening on the MU campus. There are 228 confirmed cases as of December 14.

Janet Allen, Deputy Appraiser met with the Board. The personal property renditions will be mailed December 31. She reported that real estate valuation for 2017 has started.

Lisa Buerman presented sealed bids for Lots 8 & 9 Block S, Lakeshore Estates for Michelle Stauffer. She bid \$300 for each lot. Wayne moved that the bids be accepted. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Bill Noll, Public Works Director met with the Board. Bill recommended the bid of Murphy Tractor be accepted. Richard moved that the bid of Murphy Tractor for road graders be accepted. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Bill reported on the work done during the weekend weather event. They began spreading material Friday at 1:00 p.m. Crews started Saturday at 6:00 a.m. and worked until 10:00 p.m. Crews also made another pass Sunday morning. Crews cleared sidewalks around county buildings yesterday. Bill will be sending a draft resolution to Josh regarding a dust control policy. The low water crossing projects were started last week.

Bill reported he will be creating a Public Works Facebook page to disseminate information about road closings and other events.

Dustin Parks, Planning & Zoning Director met with the Board. He presented cases to the Board for consideration. PR2016-09 a request to consider a final plat of Heinen Acres Subdivision at 6794 154th St, Valley Falls at the request of Joseph and Nathan Heinen. Z2016-09 a request to rezone Lot 2 of the Heinen Acres Subdivision from "AG" Agricultural District to "RR" Rural Residential at 6794 154th St., Valley Falls by Joseph and Nathan Heinen. Joseph Heinen was present for the discussion. Richard moved that PR2016-09 and Z2016-09 be approved as presented. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. CU2016-02 a request to receive a Conditional Use Permit for an in-home daycare, located at 9253 Westlake Rd, Meriden at the request of Jim & Peggy Lewis. Jim & Peggy Lewis were present for the discussion. Wayne moved that CU2016-02 be approved as presented. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Wayne announced that next week's meeting will be on the 27th at regular times.

Lynn moved that for one time only in the 2017 payroll year the Board grant all full time and regular part time two additional discretionary days. Full time employees will be granted two 8 hour days. Regular part time employees will receive 2 days proportional to the percentage of time worked, (i.e. a 50% employee would receive 50% of 8 hours for each day). Wayne seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

James Tweed met with the Board for an executive session. Wayne moved that the Board recess into executive session to discuss matters of non-elected personnel until 1:55 p.m. Richard seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board recessed at 1:50 p.m. Present during the session were James and the Board. The Board reconvened at 1:55 p.m. The Chairman announced that no binding action was taken during executive session.

Josh discussed his work on the process for a tax abatement for the project being started in Meriden. The Board discussed tax abatements in general.

There being no further business to come before the Board they adjourned to meet in regular session on December 27th, 2016.