

**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 August 8, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners, Richard Malm, Roy Dunnaway, Lynn Luck, Jan Hayes, County Counselor and Linda M Buttron County Clerk.

Vouchers were reviewed and approved by the Counselor and the Board. Tax change orders were signed. A travel request was signed for the Appraiser's office. Shared sick leave donations were signed. The Board signed an investment bid award for the Treasurer. Denison State Bank bid .25% on \$2,000,000. No other bid was received. A purchase card request was signed for a Sheriff's employee. Lynn moved that the minutes of August 1, 2011 be approved as presented. Richard seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Beth Brown, Health Department met with the Board. Beth asked the Board to sign a travel request. The request was signed. She asked about making minor changes to the department's fee schedule for immunizations as costs have changed. The Board indicated that the department can make minor changes in the fee schedule without approval by the Board. She asked the Board about creating a mutual aid agreement for sharing the services of

a Sanitarian in emergency circumstances between Jefferson County and the Northeast Kansas Multi County Health Agency, (Doniphan, Brown and Jackson Counties). The Board agreed to the request.

Francis Hubbard, Road and Bridge met with the Board. Crew work was reviewed. Francis asked the Board if they intended to require compliance with Resolution 1985-13 prohibiting the commercial use of county blacktops by trucks hauling heavy loads of asphalt. The Board indicated that commercial use of the blacktops should be monitored and the resolution enforced. He would like to submit a bridge project for 2013 of which we would have to fund 20% of the cost through the federal exchange program. The Board approved his request by consensus, dependent on funding.

Dan & Debra Barrow and Ronald Brown were present to discuss vacating a portion of King Road west of Valley Falls. They have presented a petition to vacate part of J.W. Rogers (King) Road. A hearing was set for the vacation for September 12, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. Dan asked for some rock to be put on the road before the road is vacated. Richard indicated that the County could probably do a little rock, no more than three truck loads.

Paul Webb, Lake Ridge Estates Sewer District #7 Board of Directors Chairman met with the Board. Paul updated the Board on sewer district operations and finances through August 2011.

Mary Luse, Jefferson County Historical Society Treasurer discussed the 2012 allocation for the Historical Society with the Board.

Phil Drescher & Stephen Euston, Bukaty Agency met with the Board. They presented the Board with renewal options for the health insurance for county employees. Year to date the County

has paid out \$921,000 in claims. Claims expense is expected to total \$1,106,000 with fixed costs an additional \$344,000. The claims expense is significantly higher than what was expected when the premiums were set last fall. Phil stated that while bad years are expected in self insured groups we appear to have had our bad year in year one of being self insured. Phil also discussed employee's difficulties and problems with the Cigna Great West network. They have explored other options for network and are recommending consideration of the Coventry Network of Kansas. Analysis shows that the Coventry Network with the addition of the Preferred Health Systems network (recently purchased by Coventry) provides more access to in-network providers for employees. Based on the providers employees have used this year, they would have found that 97% of their providers would have been in-network. Coventry has agreed to provide access to both networks concurrently, (both Coventry and Preferred Health Systems) thereby averting the problems currently experienced with having the Cigna Great West Network owned by Cigna but a separate network. Phil also discussed the third party administrator's services. He recommended that Coventry be the third party administrator (TPA) of the group to simplify the process and correct some issues occurring with the current TPA. Richard asked that Phil have a representative from Coventry meet with the Board. If the County renews with the current network, stop loss carrier and TPA the premiums will be 33% higher than 2011. Renewal with the Coventry option would be 20% higher.

The Board appointed Richard Malm as the voting delegate for the Kansas Association of Counties annual business meeting and Lynn Luck as the alternate delegate.

Jan asked for an executive session to discuss matters of attorney client privilege. Lynn moved that the Board go into executive

session to discuss matters of attorney client privilege until 3:15 p.m. Richard seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board recessed at 2:55 p.m. Present were Jan, Mike Hayes and the Board. The Board reconvened at 3:15 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 on August 15, 2011.