

**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 22, 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. Lynn moved that the minutes of August 15 be approved as presented. Richard seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Francis Hubbard, Road and Bridge met with the Board. The Board signed a right of way permit for Century Link. A traffic study on the north end of Ferguson road was discussed. Southbound traffic averages 178.3 vehicles per day. Northbound traffic averages 163.4 vehicles per day. Average speed was around 48.4 mph over the nine day period of the study. Crew work was discussed. Francis requested approval for the purchase of a used crack sealer. No decision was made on the request.

James Tweed, Ambulance Director met with the Board. James presented plan documents from the architect for construction of the second ambulance station to be located in Meriden. He stated that the project is ready to go for bid. He also discussed lease purchasing the building. Interest on a lease purchase would

be 4.50%. The Board asked to see estimates of utility and general maintenance expenses for the proposed station.

The health insurance for county employees was discussed. Blue Cross Blue Shield submitted a proposal at the request of the employee committee for both self insured and fully insured coverage. The self insured proposal is competitive with the proposal submitted by Coventry (through the Bukaty Agency) at last week's meeting. The total cost for the fully insured proposal is less than Coventry's self insured proposal if the employees contribute a little more toward the cost of the monthly premium. Lynn moved that the County accept the fully insured option offered by Blue Cross Blue Shield for a term of fifteen months, (October 1, 2011 – December 31, 2012). Roy seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board stated that the employee's portion of the premium would increase by \$25.00 per month for those employees who have plans with a \$1500 deductible. As it's been in past years, employees who want a lower deductible of \$1000 or \$500 must pay the premium difference between the cost for the \$1500 deductible and the cost of the premium for the lower deductible plan.

Lynn moved that the budget be submitted for publication with a 3.5 mill levy increase for 2012. Roy seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board stated that they are disappointed to have to levy a mill increase but circumstances in the economy and a need for services constitute the need for an increase. Five percent (5%) cuts were made to all budgets with additional amounts taken from various budgets and the limited use of reserve funds to reduce the mill levy increase needed to fund expenses of the County. The budget hearing will be held on September 12, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.

Eloise Tichenor, Planning & Zoning met with the Board. Eloise presented a request for an agricultural lot split appeal made by Ryan Blosser on property (2675 Clark Rd) located in the SE ¼ of Section 17, Township 11 South, Range 17 East. Mr. Blosser was present for the discussion and spoke in favor of the request. Roy moved that the request be approved as presented. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Teresa Hattemer, Appraiser asked for an executive session to discuss matters of non elected personnel until 2:15 p.m. Richard moved that the Board go into executive session to discuss matters of non-elected personnel until 2:15 p.m. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board recessed at 2:03 p.m. Present during the session were Teresa, Mike and Jan Hayes and the Board. The Board reconvened at 2:08 p.m. The chairman announced that no binding action was taken during executive session. The Board agreed by consensus agreed to allow Teresa to advertise for the position of Personal Property Clerk II.

Mike & Jan Hayes, County Counselors asked for an executive session to discuss matters of attorney client privilege. Richard moved that the Board go into executive session to discuss matters of attorney client privilege until 2:45 p.m. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board adjourned at 2:10 p.m. Present during the session were Mary Underwood, Treasurer (to facilitate the discussion) Jan, Mike and the Board. The Board reconvened at 2:45 p.m. The chairman announced that no binding action was taken during executive session.

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voted in favor of the motion. The Board adjourned at 2:50 p.m. Present during the session were Mary Underwood, (to facilitate the discussion) Jan, Mike and the Board. The Board reconvened at 3:10 p.m. The chairman announced that no binding action was taken during executive session.

Richard moved that the Board to into executive session to discuss matters of attorney client privilege until 3:25 p.m. Lynn seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. The Board adjourned at 3:12 p.m. Present during the session was Sheriff Jeff Herrig (to facilitate the discussion) Mike, Jan and the Board. The Board reconvened at 3:25 p.m. The chairman announced that no binding action was taken during executive session.

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There being no further business to come before the Board they adjourned to meet in regular session on Monday August 29, 2011.