

**Special Jefferson County Commissioner Meeting  
August 2, 2016**

Meeting called to order at 9:00. Those present are Commissioner Farnsworth, Commissioner Hancock, Chairman Raymond, HR/Emergency Management/Park & Rec. /Commissioner Assistant Rebecca Squires, Clerk Colleen Poole; Audrey Moon is clerk of the board. Pledge of Allegiance offered by Chairman Raymond. Prayer offered by Commissioner Hancock.

**Commissioners**

• **Great Feeder**

[9:03:04 AM](#) Chairman Raymond asked to review the motion from the last meeting. Commissioner Hancock brings up some of the issues the Feeder has mentioned. One of the things which is not part of the MOU is that they would like part of the turnaround by the gates removed. Would need to take a backhoe and a truck to load some of this up. Felt it would look better on the roadway. This is on the north side of the headgate. Commissioner Farnsworth said if they need to turn around this area is needed. Chairman Raymond said that in the MOU there was wording to be able to close this area off for scheduled maintenance as needed. Commissioner Hancock said that the legal description has been changed. This new legal description has been walked off by both himself, Thompson Engineering and the Great Feeder. Wanted to have some say on where the barriers are put.

[9:08:29 AM](#) Commissioner Hancock said they indicated they would like to have input on where the barriers are placed. Chairman Raymond said it is the county's risk they are protecting. Have their engineer placing these. Commissioner Hancock said per the MOU they would like a travel plan. In their mind they would have Dave use signage such as speed limit, no trucks, and restricted bridge signs and verify where these are placed. The MOU does mention a travel plan. Rebecca said that in the traffic safety there are standards. In her conversations with Dave signs have been put out to the professional standards. Commissioner Hancock thinks they may need to have a plan that they mutually agree to.

[9:08:30 AM](#) Commissioner Farnsworth asked about weight restrictions on the bridge. Commissioner Hancock said they did not go into that they are more concerned about length. Commissioner Farnsworth questions if they have a big enough turnaround before the bridge. Commissioner Hancock said they were wanting some sort of travel plan. Rebecca reads from the MOU: "County will provide a plan to control the size, length, weight and width of bridge deck traffic limiting same to private passenger vehicles and emergency vehicles to insure public safety and to prevent damage to Feeder owned property. County will provide warning signage in accordance with existing engineering safety standards, reasonable law enforcement patrols, K-rail sufficient to protect the Feeder's shop and storage building from damage by traffic and other necessities as agreed upon by County and Feeder to accomplish the intent of this paragraph." Rebecca is not sure if they have a say in the traffic plan itself. Feels they may have some say about additional signage.

[9:11:18 AM](#) Chairman Raymond agrees with Commissioner Farnsworth that these little additional items can be done after the gates are open. Chairman Raymond said the risk moves to the county once all of the documentation is signed. Commissioner Hancock said he has talked with the board and some of these items are just nitpicky. Commissioner Hancock said he did bring up their trackhoe had damaged the bridge. Feeder said they are working on putting some protection down. Are looking at an approach pad. Commissioner Farnsworth asked about timeframe of an approach pad. Commissioner Hancock said Stan thought it would take around a week. Commissioner Hancock said an approach pad would protect the bridge. Chairman Raymond said this should be done. Not sure the county needs to be involved in this process. Commissioner Hancock asked do they do this now before it's open or open it and then shut it back down. Chairman Raymond said they would like to get the gates open. Chairman Raymond said he would rather they wait till late fall when there is some down time so they do not run into maintenance issues.

[9:15:35 AM](#) Chairman Raymond said they need to look at safe public access. If they need to close this to do maintenance this is allowed within the MOU.

[9:16:54 AM](#) Commissioner Farnsworth asked if they take their trackhoe out to get the debris. Commissioner Hancock said they would have to have a spotter out there so they could tell what they are picking up.

[9:18:25 AM](#) Commissioner Hancock said he has not talked to Dave but according to the Feeder they had spoken with Jerry Ramirez. They were supposed to make one last pass over the riprap before the blade left which did not happen. Commissioner Farnsworth said that he agrees with the legal description. Maybe once this road is open these punch list items could be handled.

[9:20:09 AM](#) Commissioner Farnsworth said in the future would like to see some board involvement in the process. Commissioner Farnsworth said looking back wish that their entire board could have come and met with them and gotten this done earlier. County has not caused any delay in this project. Chairman Raymond said some of the board had come in years earlier but did not have a plan. Chairman Raymond thinks there have been mistakes by both parties. They are here today with a mistake that they can fix on the legal description.

[9:23:06 AM](#) Commissioner Farnsworth said as far as the safety plan this is on the county since the risk is on them. There is a no truck sign at the bridge. May want one sooner where they would be able to turn around. Google maps has this as a travel route may want to see if this can be changed.

[9:25:02 AM](#) Commissioner Hancock said it is his understanding the Feeder has a meeting on Wednesday to make a decision. Commissioner Farnsworth asked if there are nine members. There are nine members.

[9:25:42 AM](#) Chairman Raymond reads motion from July 25. Motion by Chairman Raymond to give the Great Feeder until August 1, 2016 to complete all documentation and have the gates down. Seconded by Commissioner Farnsworth. Passed unanimously. Realized now that the legal description on this was flawed. Now have a corrected survey and legal description in front of them. Feels they have an obligation professionally to extend the time they had given to the Feeder.

[9:26:52 AM](#) **Motion by Chairman Raymond to amend the motion from July 25 and change the date from August 1, 2016 to August 8, 2016. Second by Commissioner Farnsworth. Amend to change this to August 9 which will give them a full week. Roll call taken. Commissioner Farnsworth – aye, Commissioner Hancock – aye, Chairman Raymond – aye. Motion passed.**

[9:28:14 AM](#) Commissioner Farnsworth said that he doesn't care where the barriers are as long as they are covered in the areas where they are supposed to be in place.

[9:29:02 AM](#) Rebecca said that some of the safety plan should include that these barriers should not be in the turnaround. Cautious on the barrier locations that this turnaround is not blocked. Chairman Raymond said they may need some reflective tape on these barricades. Chairman Raymond thinks these are things they can work with Dave on to get completed. Commissioner Farnsworth feels these are punch list items.

[9:30:50 AM](#) **Motion by Chairman Raymond to adjourn at 9:30. Second by Commissioner Farnsworth. All in favor – aye. Motion passed.**

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