

## Jefferson County Commissioner Meeting Minutes July 14, 2014

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am. Those present are Commissioner Hegsted, Chairman Raymond and Emily Kramer. Edidt Ramirez is clerking the board. Chairman Raymond leads in the Pledge of Allegiance and Commissioner Hegsted offered the prayer. Commissioner Farnsworth is present at 9:03 a.m.

### Assessor-Cody Taylor

- **Value change request**

**Motion made by Commissioner Hegsted to reconvene on BOE; motion is seconded by Chairman Raymond. Motion passes**

Cody and Kathy are present from the assessor's office value of land was changed from agricultural value to market value so they need to remove the overage charge. They request permission to make that change

**Motion made by Commissioner Hegsted to make the change of value on parcel number RP002510010010 in the amount of \$903.00 for Josiah and Angela Bigelow; motion is seconded by Commissioner Farnsworth. BOE continues in recess at 9:05 a.m. until end of the business day. Commissioner Farnsworth-aye, Commissioner Hegsted-aye, Chairman Raymond-aye.**

**Motion passes**

9 minute recess.

Robin Dunn is present at 9:11 a.m.

### Weed Department-Mitch Whitmill

- **Trailer Purchase Request**

Mitch informs commissioners about a dump trailer that was purchased a couple of years ago in union with Road & Bridge. There have been some conflicts with the use/need of it because it is being shared. He is requesting to purchase another dump trailer so there is continued access to both departments. The estimated price for the dump trailer is \$7,200.00. Mitch explains there are different options for the way this is purchased. Mitch says will talk to the public works administrator to work something out with the purchase.

- **Budget Question**

Mitch lets commissioners know he will not be present from the 17-28 of July. He requests to meet with commissioners on July 28<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon or sometime later on. Mitch asks if a pay scale has been adopted as for increases of employees. Emily recommends having a pay scale adopted or a percentage for employee increases. However, before adopting a pay scale more discussion would have to be held. Commissioners state they are in favor of permitting Mitch to move forward with the purchasing process of the trailer and come back with bids when they are available.

## Commissioners

- **Executive Session 67-2345(F)-Legal**  
**Motion to go into Executive Session by Commissioner Hegsted at 9:44 a.m.; motion is seconded by Commissioner Farnsworth. Commissioner Farnsworth-aye, commissioner Hegsted-aye, Chairman Raymond-aye. Motion passes**  
Open session at 10:04 a.m.  
Update on legal issues no decisions were made

## Carlos Aponte

- **Health Insurance**  
Carlos hands a check to clerk for the prescription rebate. Carlos hands the commissioners a packet of reports. The county is at a 96% loss ratio. Carlos reviews graphs and reports with the commissioners. Large claims report reflects the issues they are having currently. Report for June will show if these are going down or are remaining. Blue Cross has paid \$81,000.00 on the stop loss ratio. Commissioners direct some questions to Carlos and ask him to report back with some numbers in a future meeting.

Robin Dunn leaves room at 10:07 a.m.

## P&Z-Naysha Foster

- **Executive Session 67-2345(B)-Personnel**  
**Motion by Commissioner Hegsted to go into executive session seconded by Commissioner Farnsworth. Commissioner Farnsworth-aye, Commissioner Hegsted-aye, Chairman Raymond-aye. Motion passes**  
Open session 10:52 p.m.  
Discussion held about pay a shortage. Naysha has spoken to the pay clerk whom asked that discussion be brought to commissioners before any change was made in payroll.  
**Motion made by Commissioner Farnsworth to pay this employee the pay shortage in the amount of \$2,098.80 for 33 pay periods and increase to \$.75 an hour; motion is seconded by Commissioner Hegsted. Commissioner Farnsworth-aye, Commissioner Hegsted-aye, Chairman Raymond-aye**  
**Motion passes**

Robin Dunn present at 10:43 a.m.

## SOCIAL SERVICES – EDIDT RAMIREZ

**Motion to go into executive session 67-2345 (D) at 10:58 a.m. made by Commissioner Hegsted, motion is seconded by Chairman Raymond. Roll call taken: Commissioner Hegsted aye, Chairman Raymond aye, Commissioner Farnsworth aye. Motion passes.**  
Open session at 11:01 am  
**Motion made by Commissioner Farnsworth to deny indigent case number 2014-77 due to lack of cooperation, and to deny indigent case number 2014-75 due to lack of cooperation; motion is seconded by Commissioner Hegsted.**  
**Roll Call taken, Commissioner Hegsted-aye, Commissioner Farnsworth-aye, Chairman Raymond-aye. Motion passes.**

Lunch break at 11:35 a.m. resuming at 1:00 p.m.

### **Planning & Zoning-Naysha Foster**

- **Public Hearing-Zone Text Amendment-Ordinance #2014-03**

Applicant is Aaron McCracken is to have the commercial one zoning ordinance amended to allow the land use table portion to allow green houses in commercial one zoning. This request was seen by the Planning and Zoning commission. No public testimony in favor, one was in opposition and two were neutral. The planning and zoning commission is recommending approval of change of this ordinance.

**Motion made by Commissioner Hegsted to adopt ordinance #2014-03 as amended to have the zoning ordinance allowing the greenhouses con commercial one zoning; motion is seconded by Commissioner Farnsworth. Commissioner Farnsworth-aye, Commissioner Hegsted-aye, Chairman Raymond-aye. Motion passes**

- **Public Hearing-Zone Map Amendment-Ordinance #2014-04**

Chad Billman is requesting a zone map amendment for partial rezoning between county line road. Property to the north is residential 1 and property to the south is Commercial 1. The portion to be rezoned is 5.45 acres. June 5<sup>th</sup> it was presented to the planning and zoning commission. No public testimony spoke neutral, one person from across the street is in opposition. The planning and zoning commission recommends allowing the zone change of the 5.45 acres; Naysha reads the recommendation reasons. Joyce tucker is a neighbor and speaks saying she is neutral to this zone change.

**Motion made by Commissioner Hegsted to adopt ordinance # 2014-04 amending the change in the ordinance; motion is seconded by Commissioner Farnsworth. Commissioner Farnsworth-aye, Commissioner Hegsted-aye, Chairman Raymond-aye. Motion passes**

10 minute recess

### **Commissioners**

- **Solid Waste Fee Options**

Chairman Raymond speaks to the public present welcoming everybody present today. Public hearing was held on this issue and the public spoke about their feelings in regards to the two proposals. Chairman Raymond says they have requested to get information from a Zion's representative about a bond option. Zion's representative will be present telephonically. Cameron Arial is present telephonically representing Zion's Bank public finance. He put together an analysis and talked to the county about what they can consider to refinance or replace the current revenue stream with another revenue stream. Jefferson County refinanced in 2012. Cameron explains what a bond bank is and its functions. The Bond bank policy says as long it enhances the credit it is recommendable. It would take a new revenue stream where the county would have to tell citizens that they would pay with property tax revenue. What would then happen is they would have to take the current payment and created a bond levy on county property value to be equal to the current bond payment. This option would be very costly. The bank is not proposing at this time but they are presenting different options. Commissioners would have to get approval by majority of the constituents in order to be able to do this because taxes would

go up. A geo bond cannot be pre-paid and would remain in place until bond is completely paid off; not having to be renewed. The way the geo bond works is; county pays 3% but is only making 10% on the escrow which is the negative draw on the financing. This is an option that could be done legally but financially wouldn't make sense for the county to pay off now it would be costly and have a worse impact on constituents. Commissioners have more ideas to contemplate and information to collect.

**Motion made by Chairman Raymond to table the 2 options for solid waste option until further notice; motion is seconded by Commissioner Hegsted. Commissioner Farnsworth-aye, Commissioner Hegsted-aye, Chairman Raymond-aye. Motion passes**

Commissioners will make sure nothing has been changed until all options are covered. They will move ahead with the public hearing about possibility of doing bond to fulfill annual obligations with the payment of the courthouse. Chairman Raymond informs those present that Fremont County now delivering out of county waste to the landfill and after 6 days they have delivered 104 tons of solid waste to the county landfill.

- **Public Defender Contract**

Commissioner Raymond had a discussion with Madison county commissioner and Fremont County Commissioner. Madison has decided to have an hourly attorney, Fremont County is also getting an hourly attorney but it is going out to bid. Fremont County decided to budget double what they normally do for the Public defender position. They have been informed there needs to be a public defender present for problem solving court, court staffing, and in courtroom as officers of the courts. There is an MOU from district administrative judge and the juvenile justice coordinator. Chairman Raymond suggests that the county should have an hourly public defender and have the attorneys show their proposal.

Emily will send out information to attorneys so they can present their proposals if interested in the next commissioner meeting.

- **Extension Office Claim-Lori Dye**

Lori explains to the commissioners that the air conditioning in the building was broken and they purchased an AC unit hoping it would be taken out of the maintenance budget. It was a replacement AC unit Lori emailed commissioners and was unsure how to proceed so they bought the AC unit replacement since it was needed for almost daily use. This was paid for on county credit card

**Motion made by Commissioner Farnsworth to pay AC unit claim for the extension office in the amount of \$489.72; motion is seconded by Commissioner Hegsted. Commissioner Farnsworth-aye, Commissioner Hegsted-aye Chairman Raymond-aye**

- **Approve Claims**

**Motion made by Commissioner Hegsted to approve claims dated from 6-23 -14 through 7-11 -14 in the amount of \$532,899.16; motion is seconded by Commissioner Farnsworth**

- **Approve Commissioner Meeting minutes**

**Motion to approve meeting minutes dated 6-23-14 made by Commissioner Farnsworth; motion is seconded by Commissioner Hegsted. Motion passes**

- **Sign Certificates or Residency**  
Certificates signed
- **Sign EIPH District Board of Directors Appointment**  
Commissioners sign appointments
- **ICRMP – Valuations- Assessor Cody Taylor**  
Cody is present on behalf of Chris Boulter in regards to a letter received about the valuations of the county buildings. Some building values went down while others went up. Insurance coverage needs to go up where needed.
- **Appointment to NG 911 Task Force**  
Mike miller is being recommended to form part of the committee for NG 911 task force (next generation) Mike accepts responsibility and commissioners appoint Mike.
- **911 Center Grant Letter of Endorsement Signature**  
Mike Miller reports they are completing application for a grant to update their 911 center. The grant is currently incomplete because they are still missing the amounts for some of the pricings. The application asks for all 3 commissioners signatures in addition to a letter of support. This is not requesting any county monies it is just approving the filing of application for the grant and the commissioners support. Commissioners will sign this and Emily will hold it until amounts are in. Commissioners will sign application and letter of support.
- **Phone Contract**  
There will be a report at the last commissioner meeting in August for 2014 before signing.

**ATTORNEY – ROBIN DUNN**

- **EXECUTIVE SESSION 67-2345(F) –Legal**  
**Motion made by Commissioner Farnsworth to go into executive session 67-2345(F) at 3:35 p.m. motion is seconded by Commissioner Hegsted. Roll Call taken Commissioner Farnsworth-aye, Chairman Raymond-aye, and Commissioner Hegsted-aye Motion passed unanimously**

Open session 4:01 p.m.

General discussion on legal issues.

**Motion to adjourn BOE by Commissioner Hegsted; motion is seconded by Commissioner Farnsworth**

**Motion to adjourn meeting at 4:04 p.m.by Commissioner Farnsworth, motion is seconded by Chairman Raymond.**

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*Chairman of the Board*

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*Clerk of the Board*

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*County Clerk*