

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on March 15, 2016 at 8:30 AM.

Those present were Chairman James “Jim” Murphy, Comm. Charles “Ben” Clayton, and Comm. Betsy Blecha. County Administrator Kent Crowder and Clerk to the Board, Hayle Johnson was also present.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Road Supervisor, Andy Norris joined the meeting to give the road and bridge supervisor’s report. Sup. Norris requested permission to authorize Conrad Alcorn to carryover 8 days of unused vacation. The BOCC was in agreement to authorize the carryover as requested.

Sup. Norris reported that the State Highways road shoulders still are in need of repair, and requested the BOCC take formal action to protest CDOT for the needed attention. Discussion was had.

Jim Dustin, Jackson County Lions Club joined the meeting to address the parking issue on JCR 37 at Lions Pond. Tammi Gonzales, property owner also joined the meeting.

Mr. Dustin expressed his concerns with the parking at Lions Pond and requested that the BOCC post no parking signage. It was decided that the property belonged to the JC Lions and that any signage or enforcement of the postings would be the concern of JC Lions Club rather than the County.

County Treasurer, Tish Willcox joined the meeting to give the Treasurer’s report. Discussion was had.

Comm. Blecha presented an update on the Michigan Ditch Project. The project is anticipated to take place May-Oct. 2016. The ditch road will be closed, but not the Highway. The contractor is not local, but the crews will be staying at a local hotel. Discussion was had.

CTSI loss control, Ted Lindtveit was unable to attend the meeting.

Working Lunch with Bill Masino, SVP New Ventures, SandRidge Energy.

Comm. Blecha made the motion, seconded by Comm. Clayton to approve the request made by SandRidge Energy to withdraw their Special Use Permit Application and cancel the public hearing scheduled. Motion passed unanimously.

Sheriff Gary Cure joined the meeting to discuss the nightly closure of the courthouse floors. The new custodian cleans in the morning, and does not secure the building after hours as the previous custodian did. The Sheriff has been requested to do so, however cannot comply due to the dispatch system not allowing dispatchers to leave their station and officers are not always available at 5PM. Chairman Murphy reported that he and Comm. Clayton had received keys to the front door and would volunteer to ensure the courthouse was secure after the offices closed at night.

Deputy Assessor, Wendy Larsen joined the meeting to present a petition for abatement for the North Park Medical Clinic taxes. Due to late filings with the State, the NPMC had their tax status revoked. The tax status has recently been reinstated, therefore the Department of Property Taxation has ordered the Jackson County Assessor to reinstate their tax exempt status and abate any and all taxes scheduled to be collected for the 2015 tax year.

Comm. Blecha made the motion, seconded by Comm. Clayton to authorize the Assessor to settle the abatement as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

The 2016 Annual Operating Plan (AOP) was presented to the BOCC for their approval.

Comm. Clayton made the motion, seconded by Comm. Blecha to authorize Chairman Murphy sign the AOP as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2016-iii-15, a Resolution Concerned with the Board of County Commissioners of Jackson County Approving Appointments of Members of the Northwest Regional Workforce Development Board, Provider for One Stop Workforce Services, and Designation of Regional Chief Elected Official was presented for the BOCC's consideration.

Comm. Blecha made the motion, seconded by Comm. Clayton to adopt Resolution 2016-iii-15 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

The custodian's recommendation in regard to the return of the damage deposit posted by the Jackson County Republican Central Committee for their Assembly held on March 12, 2016 at the Wattenberg Center was presented for the BOCC consideration. The custodian recommended that the deposit be returned, but warned that the deposit may not be returned in the future if noted items were not improved upon in future rentals of the facility. Republican Chair, Wendy Larsen joined the meeting to dispute the noted discrepancies as the restroom facilities were used by organizations other than the JCRCC.

Comm. Blecha made the motion, seconded by Comm. Clayton to return the damage deposit posted by the JC Republican Central Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

Comm. Blecha made the motion, seconded by Comm. Clayton to approve the minutes from the previous meetings, February 29, 2016 as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: County Administrator, Kent Crowder requested that the BOCC consider increasing the E-911 surcharge. Chairman Murphy suggested that the E-911 board be invited to attend the next BOCC meeting to discuss the possibility.

Comm. Blecha made the motion, seconded by Comm. Clayton to go into executive session to discuss a personnel issue at 3:12PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

