

The Jefferson County Board met in **Regular Session** on Monday, **October 25, 2021**, in the Jefferson County Board Room, located on the lower level of the County Courthouse.

Chairman Cliff Lindemann called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

County Administrator Suzy Tate called the roll:

Board Members present: Steve Draege, James Wilemon, Joey McDermott, Tim Marlow, Randy Edwards, Jeff Williams, Jeff Nowland, Adam Ortgiesen, Wayne Hicks, James Malone and Cliff Lindemann (11)

Board Members absent: Jere Shaw, Michael Young (2)

Legal Counsel present: State's Attorney Sean Featherstun

The invocation was given by Hicks, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Public Input

Mt. Vernon Township Highway Commissioner Kenny Hayes read letter from Amanda Bean in opposition of fire districts coming to townships to get ARPA grant money as townships do not have the ability to apply for money then transfer for fire districts.

Kenny Hays advised the Board that he feels the weed/nuisance ordinance is a dictating ordinance, and does not feel that it is a good ordinance.

Art Holloway would like a ruling from the State's Attorney or State's Attorney General if it is legal to transfer dollars from one tax entity to another tax entity. (Township to Multi Township Assessor)

#### Board Member and Chairman comments

Marlow thanks the first responders, Sheriff and Coroner in regards to Hunter Marlow's accident.

Lindemann announced County Clerk Simmons' brother Jake Arnett has passed and arrangements will be this Thursday.

Motion by Edwards seconded by Hicks to approve the **September 27, 2021, Regular Session Full Board Meeting minutes.**

Voice vote. Motion Carried. (11 aye - 0 nay - 0 abstain)

Highway Committee Chair Marlow presented the October 21, 2021, Committee Meeting minutes.

Marlow moves seconded by Edwards to approve the **monthly claims.**

Roll call vote. Motion Carried. (11 aye - 0 nay - 0 abstain)

Edwards informed the Board that the fuel tank at the Highway Department needs repaired or replaced. It is double walled and possibly cannot be repaired.

Fiscal Committee Chair Williams presented the October 21, 2021, Committee Meeting minutes.

Williams moves seconded by Edwards to approve increasing the **Capital Improvement Fund** by \$450,000.

Roll call vote. Motion Carried. (11 aye - 0 nay - 0 abstain)

Williams moves seconded by Edwards to approve the quote from **Ward's Pressure Washing** in the amount of \$29,600 to clean the Courthouse.

Roll call vote. Motion Carried. (11 aye - 0 nay - 0 abstain)

Williams moves seconded by Hicks to approve **Johnson Controls** for HVAC improvements (**air sanitizing**) in the Courthouse and Justice Center in the amount of \$227,900.

Roll call vote. Motion Failed. (0 aye - 11 nay - 0 abstain)

Sheriff Bullard had stated that more info was needed due to longevity of system and annual maintenance.

Motion by Hicks seconded by Ortgiesen to get more info on Johnson Controls system.

Voice Vote. Motion Carried. (11 aye – 0 nay – 0 abstain)

Williams moves seconded by Hicks to approve the **tentative Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget** in the amount of \$13,246,947.

Roll call vote. Motion Carried. (9 aye - 2 nay Ortgiesen, McDermott - 0 abstain)

Williams moves seconded by Draege to approve the **tentative Fiscal Year 2021-2022 levies** as presented.

Roll call vote. Motion Carried. (8 aye - 3 nay McDermott, Nowland, Ortgiesen - 0 abstain)

Williams moves seconded by Edwards to approve the **monthly paid claims** as presented.

Roll call vote. Motion Carried. (10 aye - 0 nay – 1 abstain McDermott)

Williams moves seconded by Edwards to approve the **Payroll Distribution Report** as presented.

Roll call vote. Motion Carried. (11 aye - 0 nay - 0 abstain)

Land, Tax and Appointments Committee Chair Hicks stated they did not meet this month.

Public Safety Committee Chair Malone stated they did not meet this month.

Motion by Malone seconded by Nowland to accept the **Animal Shelter Report** as presented.

Voice vote. Motion Carried. (11 aye - 0 nay - 0 abstain)

Technology Committee Chair Ortgiesen presented the October 21, 2021, Committee Meeting minutes.

Ortgiesen moves seconded by Wilemon to approve **Revize Website** for the revision of the County website in the amount of \$14,490 for the first year, and \$2,500 each year thereafter.

Roll call vote. Motion Carried. (11 aye - 0 nay - 0 abstain)

Services Committee Chair Draege presented the October 21, 2021, Committee Meeting minutes.

Draege moves seconded by Edwards to accept the **Public Defender's Report** as presented.

Voice vote. Motion Carried. (11 aye - 0 nay - 0 abstain)

Draege moves seconded by Nowland to approve **natural gas** from Constellation for **48 months** at a rate of \$0.514 for County buildings.

Roll call vote. Motion Carried. (11 aye - 0 nay - 0 abstain)

Draege moves seconded by Hicks to approve the Weed/Nuisance Ordinance.

Voice vote. Motion Failed. (0 aye - 11 nay - 0 abstain)

Motion by Williams seconded by Malone to form **Weed/Nuisance Committee** with Nowland, McDermott and Mt. Vernon Township Highway Commissioner Kenny Hayes for recommendations and come back at November meetings.

Voice vote. Motion Carried. (11 aye – 0 nay – 0 abstain)

ARPA Committee minutes from October 6, 2021, were presented the Chairman Lindemann.

Lindemann moves seconded by Hicks to approve premium pay for **JFPD** volunteers and paid firefighters as well as the purchase of equipment and SCOTT packs depending upon ARPA eligibility.

Roll call vote. Motion Carried. (11 aye - 0 nay - 0 abstain)

Lindemann moves seconded by Hicks to approve upgrades to **Justice Center bathrooms** which includes hands free devices and any other necessary improvements.

Roll call vote. Motion Carried. (11 aye - 0 nay - 0 abstain)

Lindemann moves seconded by Malone to approve upgrades to the **Courthouse bathrooms**, install hot water throughout the building, hands free devices and any other necessary improvements.

Roll call vote. Motion Carried. (11 aye - 0 nay - 0 abstain)

Lindemann moves seconded by Nowland to approve repairs/upgrades to the **Courthouse sewer lines**.

Roll call vote. Motion Carried. (11 aye - 0 nay – 0 abstain)

Lindemann moves seconded by Hicks to approve the **Mt. Vernon Outland Airport sewer project**.

Roll call vote. Motion Carried. (10 aye - 1 nay Nowland - 0 abstain)

Motion by Hicks seconded by Draege to approve **all Committee Reports** as presented.

Voice vote. Motion Carried. (11 aye - 0 nay - 0 abstain)

### Old Business

The Coroner's use of County vehicle was discussed. Nowland expressed concern over an accident while on "personal" time. Coroner Hayse stated that coverage is there if there is an accident, and he sees no personal liability on the County. Malone believes the vehicle should be marked. Sheriff Bullard stated to come to his office if want to make a formal complaint.

Motion by Edwards seconded by Malone to approve the **Ordinance 2021-05** for budget amendment regarding Treasurer and County Board salaries.

Roll call vote. Motion Carried. (11 aye -0 nay - 0 abstain)

### New Business

Motion by Ortgiesen seconded by Hicks to approve **2021 Senior Saints Resolutions** for

Doris Wallace

Mark & Sharon Terry

Hope Stuckey

Cheryl Settle

Joyce Secret  
Sharon Belcher  
David Keen  
Dale Colwell  
Rev. William "Ron" Lash, Sr.  
Richard & Claudette Porter  
Jacqueline Mays-Nesbitt  
Larry & Brenda Pearson  
Gary Phillips

Voice vote. Motion Carried. (11 aye - 0 nay – 0 abstain)

Sheriff Bullard informed the Board that he is against mandating COVID vaccinations, testing and masks per Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board requirements. He would like funds for legal counsel against training board as two C/O's refused admission.

Chairman Lindemann stated that we cannot take action on redistricting proposal from Bellwether until we get voting district numbers.

Motion by Malone seconded by Nowland to add Juneteenth to County's Holiday Calendar since is now a Federal Holiday.

Roll call vote. Motion Failed. (5 aye Nowland, McDermott, Marlow, Malone, Edwards – 6 nay – 0 abstain)

**County Board Member's terms beginning in 2022** were drawn:

Four year terms – Districts, 2, 3, 6, 8, 11, 12, and 13

Two year terms – Districts 1, 4, 5, 7, 9, and 10.

Chairman Lindemann announced the **November Meetings** will be:

Committee Meetings – Thursday, November 18, 2021

Full Board Meeting – Monday, November 22, 2021

Motion by Draege seconded by Hicks to **adjourn** at 9:40 p.m.

Voice vote. Motion Carried. (11 aye - 0 nay - 0 abstain)

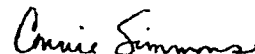


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Connie Simmons, County Clerk & Recorder

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