

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'
PROCEEDINGS
April 4, 2016

At 9:00 A.M., Chair Dimmitt called the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order.

Board members present were: Lee Dimmitt, Chairman; Richard C. Reed, Vice-Chair; Becky Schmitz, Supervisor.

It was moved by Schmitz that the minutes for the March 28, 2016 meeting be acknowledged. All "Aye". Motion carried.

The Board met with the County Engineer.

It was moved by Reed that the Engineering Services Agreement with French-Reneker-Associates, Inc. to provide the required inspection services in connection with the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline be approved. All "Aye". Motion carried.

At 9:30 A.M., Schmitz moved that the public hearing regarding the Ordinance Amending Jefferson County Code of Ordinances (2010), Adding Chapter 6-60 Regulating All-Terrain and Off-Road Utility Vehicles on Jefferson County Roadways be opened. All "Aye". Motion carried.

Chair Dimmitt called for public comments. Public comments received were as follows:

- Kelly Spees wanted to know what came about driving in the County parks. Dennis Lewiston, County Conservation Director, replied that the roads within the parks are park roads, not Secondary Roads and that the County Conservation Board has not made any decisions because there isn't any real issues right now.
- Spees asked who would be obligated to stop the vehicles and check for permits. Gregg Morton, County Sheriff, replied that law enforcement would and that there had been zero calls for farm to farm. The operator would just need to pass their inspection.
- Joe Ledger asked about having his grandkids ride with him for the Ag exemption. Morton stated that he doesn't need a permit if he's only traveling from farm to farm because the ordinance changes nothing for Ag.

- Lewiston stated that Van Buren County has an ATV/UTV ordinance. Morton stated that ATV/UTV ordinances have worked for other counties.
- Scott Cline, County Engineer, stated that they would have to stay on County roads, not subdivision roads.
- Chris Estle asked if it would apply to towns such as Batavia and Lockridge. Dimmitt replied that it would not; they could pass their own ordinance.
- Estle asked how a car vs ATV/UTV accident would play out. Morton stated that it would be investigated just like any other accident.
- Lewiston asked about crossing state highways. Pat McAvan, Assistant County Attorney, stated that you would be able to cross by the most direct route.
- Cline stated that he didn't see anything reminding anyone about not being in towns and on subdivision roads. McAvan replied that operators need to be educated that it only applies to County roads.
- Spees asked whether the reflective/slow moving sign had to be a certain size. Morton stated that there was no penalty for making the triangles smaller.
- McAvan stated that it is not a requirement for a helmet, it is a recommendation.
- Joe Ledger stated the a slow-moving vehicle sign on his side by side saved him.

Reed made a motion to move out of the public hearing. All "Aye". Motion carried.

Motion was made by Reed to pass the Ordinance Amending Jefferson County Code of Ordinances (2010), Adding Chapter 6-60 Regulating All-Terrain and Off-Road Utility Vehicles on Jefferson County Roadways from the 1st reading to the 2nd and to set the second public hearing for April 18, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. All "Aye". Motion carried.

It was moved by Reed that the Family Farm credit claims be approved or disallowed as the Assessor has recommended. All "Aye". Motion carried.

It was moved by Dimmitt that the Business Property Tax Credit applications be approved or disallowed as the Assessor has recommended. All "Aye". Motion carried.

Schmitz reported on her meeting with Ed Morrison, IMWCA Loss Control Representative and the upcoming interviews for the Mental Health Advocate position.

Reed reported on his Crime Commission meeting. Dimmitt reported on his Regional Planning Affiliate, SIEDA, FEDA and 10-15 Transit meetings.

Public comments: None.

It was moved by Schmitz to allow the claims against the county and to direct the county auditor to issue checks against the various funds of the county in payment of the claims allowed. All "Aye". Motion carried.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

ATTEST:

Scott D. Reneker
County Auditor

Lee Dimmitt, Chairman
Board of Supervisors