

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PROCEEDINGS
October 10, 2022

At 8:30 A.M., Chair Hamilton called the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order.

Board members present were: Daryn Hamilton, Chairman; Susie Drish, Vice-Chairman; Dee Sandquist, Supervisor.

It was moved by Drish, seconded by Sandquist that the minutes for the October 3, 2022 meeting be acknowledged. All "Aye". Motion carried.

It was moved by Sandquist, seconded by Drish that the minutes for the October 4, 2022 meeting be acknowledged. All "Aye". Motion carried.

It was moved by Sandquist, seconded by Drish that the minutes for the October 5, 2022 meeting be acknowledged. All "Aye". Motion carried.

Supervisors met with the County Engineer.

It was moved by Sandquist, seconded by Drish that the following resolution be approved:

INFORMAL RESOLUTION
22FC:0049

Tom Drish and the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors

Tom Drish filed formal complaint 22FC:0049 on May 26, 2022, alleging that the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors (Board) violated Iowa Code chapter 21 on May 25, 2022.

Mr. Drish alleged that the Board held a closed session on May 25, 2022, without posting it on the agenda, without a public vote to go into closed session, and without stating the reason for holding the closed session.

Legal counsel responded to the complaint and acknowledged that the Board did go into closed session on a matter that had not been placed on the agenda. He explained that the need for the closed session came up at the last moment. He agreed that the Board did not vote in open session to hold the closed session and did not state the reason for the closed session.

Iowa Code chapter 21 requires that a governmental body follow a specific procedure to properly hold a closed session. These include placing the matter on the agenda (Iowa Code section 21.4(1)(a)), holding a vote in open session to go into closed session (Iowa Code section 21.5(2)), and announcing the reason for the closed session in open session (Iowa Code section 21.5(2)).

The Iowa Public Information Board (IPIB) accepted this complaint on July 21, 2022. Pursuant to Iowa Code section 23.9, the parties have agreed to the following terms;

1. The Jefferson County Board of Supervisors acknowledges that the closed session on May 25, 2022, did not follow the requirement of Iowa Code section 21.5.
2. The minutes and recording for the closed session will be made publicly available.
3. The Jefferson County Board of Supervisors shall conduct training for all board members on Iowa Code chapters 21 and 22 (Sunshine Laws). They may utilize the powerpoint training available on the IPIB website as a group at a properly noticed meeting or schedule a similar training through the Iowa State Association of Counties or the County Attorney's Office.
4. The Jefferson County Board of Supervisors shall approve this resolution during an open meeting and include the full text in the minutes of said meeting. Said minutes shall be provided to the IPIB.

The terms of this informal resolution will be completed within 60 days of acceptance by all parties. Upon showing proof of compliance, the IPIB shall dismiss this complaint as successfully resolved.

THIS INFORMAL RESOLUTION HAS BEEN REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING:

Tom Drish 8-23-2022

Daryn J. Hamilton 8-22-2022
Jefferson County Board of Supervisors

Passed this 10th day of October, 2022.

AYES:
Daryn J. Hamilton
Susie Drish
Dee Sandquist

NAYS:
None

Attest:
Scott Reneker, Jefferson County Auditor

Supervisors discussed a Courthouse plumbing problem.

Sandquist reported on her Advisory Board meeting.

Public comments: Tom Drish expressed his dissatisfaction with the resolution. Chris Estle asked for more information about the building purchased by the Supervisors. Complete comments are available at <https://www.youtube.com/c/FairfieldMediaCenter/videos>.

It was moved by Drish, seconded by Sandquist 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, it was moved by Drish, seconded by Sandquist to adjourn. All "Aye". Motion carried.

ATTEST:
Scott D. Reneker
County Auditor

Daryn J. Hamilton, Chairman
Board of Supervisors