JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PROCEEDINGS
December 30, 2024

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

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

Public comments: None.

It was moved by Dimmitt, seconded by Drish that the minutes for the December 16th, 2024 meeting be acknowledged. All "Aye". Motion carried.

Supervisors met with the County Engineer.

The Board met with the Ambulance Director.

At 9:00 A.M., it was moved by Dimmitt, seconded by Drish that the public hearing on vacating various streets and alleys in East Pleasant Plain be opened. All "Aye". Motion carried.

Chair Sandquist called for public comments. Public comments received were as follows: Hilary Lanman asked if the driveway off 116th Blvd. would be split. Heintz stated that it would. Dave Crone asked if a survey could be done of the boundaries. Heintz stated that would be the responsibility of the property owners.

It was moved by Drish, seconded by Dimmitt to close the public hearing. All "Aye". Motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION VACATING CERTAIN STREETS AND ALLEYS IN EAST PLEASANT PLAIN AND CONVEYING SAID ALLEYS TO ADJOINING PROPERTY OWNERS.

WHEREAS, a request has been made with Jefferson County asking that several streets and alleys located in the East Pleasant Plain Plat located in Penn Township, specifically in Section 11, Township 73 North, Range 9 West, be vacated, and

WHEREAS, these streets and alleys are more specifically described as follows:

1. All of platted 115th Street from the West edge of Redwood Ave on the East and the East edge Parcel "A" running East and West between Out Lot 10 and Parcel "A" on the South;

2. All of platted Mather Street from the West edge of Redwood Ave on the East to the East edge of Parcel "A" on the West running East and West between Blocks 6,7, 8, and 9 on the South and Out Lots 10-16 on the North;

3. All of platted Wright Street from the West edge of Redwood Ave on the East to 116th Blvd on the West running East and West between Blocks 6 and 7 on the North and Block 10 on the South;

4. All of platted 6th Street from the South edge of 115th Street on the North and 116th Blvd on the South running North and South between Out Lot 11, Block 6, and Block 10 on the East and Out Lot 12 and Block 7 on the West;

5. All of platted 7th Street from the South edge of 115th Street on the North and 116th Blvd on the South running North and South between Out Lot 13 and Block 7 on the East and Out Lot 14 and Block 8 on the West;

6. All of platted 8th Street from the South edge of 115th Street on the North and 116th Blvd on the South running North and South between Out Lot 15 and Block 8 on the East and Out Lot 16 and Block 9 on the West;

7. All of the alley running North and South located between Out Lot 14 and Lot 2 of Block 8 on the East and Out Lot 15 and Lot 3 of Block 8 on the West;

8. All of the alley running North and South located between Out Lot 12 and Lots 2 and 7 of Block 7 on the East and Out Lot 13 and Lots 3 and 6 of Block 7 on the West;

9. All of the alley running North and South located between Out Lot 10 and Lots 2 and 7 of Block 6 and Lots 2 and 7 of Block 10 on the East and Out Lot 11 and Lots 3 and 6 of Block 6 and Lots 3 and 6 of Block 10 on the West;

10. All of the alley running East and West from the West edge of Redwood Ave on the East and the West edge of Lot 2 of Block 8 on the West;

11. All of the alley running East and West in Block 10 from Redwood Ave on the East to 116th Street on the West.

WHEREAS, Jefferson County has determined that the 11 specific streets and alleys listed above are not being used as such and have not been for some time and have been grown over, and,

WHEREAS, Jefferson County has also determined that these streets and alleys are therefore of no benefit to the public, and,

WHEREAS, Jefferson County believes the property will be better cared for and put to better use if were owned by the adjacent property owner, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Jefferson County, Iowa, that the Board officially vacates several streets and alleys in the East Pleasant Plain Plat located in Penn Township as allowed by Iowa Code Section 354.23. The East Pleasant Plain Plat is located in Section 11, Township 73 North, Range 9 West.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that Jefferson County hereby conveys ownership of these vacated streets and alleys to the adjoining property owners:

To Dave Crone and Terri Crone:

1. The South half of 115th Street from the West edge of Redwood Ave on the East to the northerly extension of the midline of the alley running North and South between Out Lot 12 and Out Lot 13,

2. Mather Street from the West edge of Redwood Ave on the East to the midline of the alley running North and South in Block 7 on the West,

3. The North half of Wright Street from Redwood Ave on the East to the midline of the alley running North and South between Blocks 6 and 10 on the West and all of Wright Street from the midline of the alley running North and South between Blocks 6 and 10 on the East to the midline of the alley running North and South through Block 7 and 116th Blvd on the West,

4. All of platted 6th Street from the South edge of 115th Street on the North and 116th Blvd on the South running North and South between Out Lot 11, Block 6, and Block 10 on the East and Out Lot 12 and Block 7 on the West,

5. The East half of the alley running North and South located between Out Lot 12 and Lots 2 and 7 of Block 7 on the East and Out Lot 13 and Lots 3 and 6 of Block 7 on the West,

6. The portion of the alley running North and South located between Out Lot 10 and Lots 2 and 7 of Block 6 on the East and Out Lot 11 and Lots 3 and 6 of Block 6 on the West to the midline of Wright Street,

7. The West half of the of the alley running North and South located between Lots 2 and 7 of Block 10 on the East and Lots 3 and 6 of Block 10 on the West from the midline of Wright Street on the North to 116th Street on the South,

8. The portion of the alley running East and West from the West edge of Redwood Ave on the East to the midline of the alley running North and South between lots 2 and 7 on the East and lots 3 and 6 on the West all in Block 7,

9. The portion of the alley running East and West in Block 10 from the midline of the alley running North and South in Block 10 on the East to 116th Blvd on the West,

To J A Fisher Homes Inc.:

1. The South half of 115th Street from the northerly extension of the midline of the alley running North and South between Out Lot 12 and Out Lot 13 on the East and Parcel "A" on the West,

2. Wright Street from the midline of the alley running North and South through Block 7 on the East to 116th Blvd,

3. Mather Street from the midline of the alley running North and South in Block 7 on the East to 116th Blvd and Parcel "A" on the West,

4. All of platted 7th Street from the South edge of 115th Street on the North and 116th Blvd on the South running North and South between Out Lot 13 and Block 7 on the East and Out Lot 14 and Block 8 on the West,

5. All of platted 8th Street from the South edge of 115th Street on the North and116th Blvd on the South running North and South between Out Lot 15 and Block 8 on the East and Out Lot 16 and Block 9 on the West,

6. All of the alley running North and South located between Out Lot 14 and Lot 2 of Block 8 on the East and Out Lot 15 and Lot 3 of Block 8 on the West,

7. The West half of the alley running North and South located between Out Lot 12 and Lots 2 and 7 of Block 7 on the East and Out Lot 13 and Lots 3 and 6 of Block 7 on the West,

8. The portion of the alley running East and West from the midline of the alley running North and South between lots 2 and 7 on the East and lots 3 and 6 on the West all in Block 7 to 116th Blvd. on the West.

To Matthew Lanman and Hilary Lanman:

1. The South half of Wright Street from the West edge of Redwood Ave on the East to the midline of the alley running North and South between Blocks 6 and 10 on the West,

2. The East half of the of the alley running North and South located between Lots 2 and 7 of Block 10 on the East and Lots 3 and 6 of Block 10 on the West from the midline of Wright Street on the North to 116th Street on the South,

3. The portion of the alley running East and West in Block 10 from the West edge of Redwood Ave on the East to the midline of the alley running North and South in Block 10 on the West.

Ayes	Nays
Dee Sandquist	None
Lee Dimmitt	
Susie Drish	

Passed and approved this 30th day of December, 2024.

ATTEST:
Scott Reneker
Jefferson County Auditor

The Board discussed the proposed Sunrise Trail Urban Renewal Area.

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

RESOLUTION OF FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

WHEREAS, Jefferson County, Iowa is a participating jurisdiction in the AHEAD Regional Housing Trust Fund (RHTF); and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors supports the programs and services of the AHEAD RHTF.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to support the on-going efforts of the AHEAD RHTF Jefferson County, Iowa has fully committed a base contribution of $ 3,133.00 plus an additional $0 as local match to the AHEAD RHTF upon its FY2026 funding by the State Housing Trust Fund/Iowa Finance Authority.

Adopted this 30th day of December, 2024.

Jefferson County Board of Supervisors
Dee Sandquist, Chairperson
Susie Drish, Supervisor
Lee Dimmitt, Supervisor

ATTEST:
Scott Reneker
County Auditor

Dimmitt reported on the information he had sent to a student who wanted to learn more about Jefferson County.

At 9:30 A.M., it was moved by Drish, seconded by Dimmitt that the public hearing on repeal of the County Nuisance Ordinance be opened. All “Aye”. Motion carried.

Chair Sandquist called for public comments. Public comments received were as follows: Joe Ledger stated that he had heard from three residents who don’t think repealing the ordinance is a good idea.

It was moved by Drish, seconded by Dimmitt to close the public hearing. All "Aye". Motion carried.

County Attorney, Chauncey Moulding, read the following informal resolution into the minutes:

Informal Resolution

Pursuant to Iowa Code Section 23.9, the parties have agreed to the following terms and have executed an agreement (Informal Resolution) indicating consent to be governed by these terms:

1. The Board will acknowledge at an open meeting that there are sufficient facts to show the conversation between a majority of the Board discussing matters within in the policy-making responsibilities of the Board could be found to be a violation of Iowa Code chapter 21. This acknowledgement will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting and minutes will be provided to IPIB.
2. The Board will provide information to IPIB as outlined below regarding Thomas’ records request:

   to inspect or obtain copies of public records that relate to the employment, investigations(s), behavior, accusation(s), and performance of Brian Thomas. This includes, but is not limited to, relevant information stored on paper or electronically, text messages, emails, written documents, voicemail, data files, program files, temporary files, website information, archival tapes, and any audio recordings. This request encompasses County-issued phones, computers, and other electronic items as well as personal phones, personal computers, and other personal electronic items that contain relevant information. At a minimum, the record request shall include Chauncey Moulding, Lee Dimmitt, Susie Drish, Dee Sandquist, Jack Reed, Jon Thomas, Brent Heisel, and other individuals possessing relevant information.

a) This response will include information regarding what public records were provided, whether records were withheld as confidential, and the reason for the confidentiality.
b) The Board will provide information on the process and procedure used for obtaining relevant documents from the County and identified individuals, and if applicable, their personal emails, texts, etc. in response to the request.
c) Any documents discovered that have not previously been provided will immediately be provided, at no cost, to Thomas.

3. The Board will conduct training during an open meeting for members of the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors regarding Iowa Code Chapters 21 and 22. Supervisors Sandquist is not required to attend, but any newly-elected Supervisors are highly encouraged to attend. The Board will work with the Iowa State Association of Counties or the Iowa Public Information Board staff to schedule and provide the training. Additional Board and County staff or local government bodies may be invited to the training at the discretion of the Board.
4. The County will approve this Informal Resolution during an open meeting and include the full text in the minutes of said meeting. The minutes will be provided to IPIB.

The term of the Informal Resolution will be completed within 60 days of the date of approval of this Informal Resolution by all parties. Upon showing of proof of compliance, the IPIB will dismiss this complaint as successfully resolved.

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

Brian Thomas, Complainant Date

Dee Sandquist 12/13/2024
Jefferson County Board of Supervisors Date
Title: Chair, Jefferson County Board of Supervisors

It was moved by Dimmitt, seconded by Drish to acknowledge that there are sufficient facts to show the conversation between a majority of the Board discussing matters within the policy-making responsibilities of the Board *could* be found to be a violation of Iowa Code chapter 21. All "Aye". Motion carried.

It was moved by Dimmitt to approve the Informal Resolution.

It was moved by Sandquist that Jim Schwarz be appointed to the Board of Health for a 3-year term expiring December 31, 2027.

It was moved by Dimmitt, seconded by Drish that Jim Schwarz be appointed to the Board of Health for 3-year terms expiring December 31, 2027. All "Aye". Motion carried.

It was moved by Dimmitt, seconded by Sandquist to increase to six members and appoint Phil Miller and Amber Meixner to the Board of Health for 3-year terms expiring December 31, 2027. Dimmitt “Aye”. Sandquist “Aye”. It will be placed on a future agenda to increase the size of the Board to six members.

It was moved by Drish, seconded by Dimmitt that Phil Miller be appointed to the Board of Health for a 3-year term expiring December 31, 2027. All “Aye”. Motion carried

It was moved by Sandquist, seconded by Drish to allow the claims against the county in the amount of $12,335.39 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.

It was moved Dimmitt, seconded by Sandquist to adjourn. All “Aye”. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Scott D. Reneker	Dee Sandquist, Chairman
County Auditor	Board of Supervisors