

**PUBLIC FORUM & SPECIAL CALLED**  
**COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

Jefferson County Community Building, Jefferson County 4H Fairgrounds

DATE 07-28-2022

Commissioner Ron Lee called the meeting to order, and led The Pledge of Allegiance along with Robert Little and David Bramer. Commissioner Lee opened the meeting by reading a draft resolution that was prepared by the County attorney.

***RESOLUTION OF JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS***

*WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners is the executive body of Jefferson County as established by Indiana Code Section 36-2-2-2;*

*WHEREAS, each member of the Board of Commissioners has taken an oath of office to uphold the Constitutions of the United States of America and the State of Indiana, and to faithfully, impartially and diligently discharge the duties of the Office of Commissioner;*

*WHEREAS, residents of Jefferson County have asked the Board of Commissioners to affirm their obligation to uphold the Constitutions of the United States of America and Indiana, particularly with respect to the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution and Article I, Section 32 of the Indiana Constitution;*

*WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners acknowledges that the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution states that "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed" and that Article I, Section 32 of the Indiana Constitution states that "The people shall have the right to bear arms, for the defense of themselves and the State;"*

*WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners supports the rights of Jefferson County residents created by the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution and Article I, Section 32 of the Indiana Constitution and the laws associated with both as enacted by Congress and the Indiana State Legislature, and as interpreted by State and Federal Courts.*

*IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners as follows:*

*The Jefferson County Board of Commissioners supports the Second Amendment and Article I, Section 32 rights granted to all Jefferson County residents.*

Following the reading of the above resolution, Commissioner Lee read aloud the Commissioner's oath of office. The Commissioners then opened the floor for the public forum to begin. Various residents voiced their opinions and concerns regarding the prepared resolution and the possibility of considering Jefferson County as a second amendment sanctuary. There were both opposing views and agreeing views on the second amendment sanctuary. In 2020, a sample ordinance for a second amendment sanctuary was given to the Commissioners, along with approximately 2700 signatures on a petition requesting Jefferson County to be a sanctuary. The commissioners will begin reviewing the sample ordinance and would like to see everyone work together to create an ordinance that would accommodate all residents. Further review will follow and if a draft ordinance is created, it will be shared on the facebook page and county website. The sign in sheet is attached.

Commissioner Robert Little made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner David Bramer seconded. Motion passed 3/0.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Heather Huff, Auditor

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Ron Lee, President

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Robert Little, Member

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David Bramer, Member