

COMMISSION MINUTES, August 10, 2015

The Board of County Commission (BOCC) for Washington County met in regular session on Monday, August 10th, 2015 in the Commission room at the Washington County Courthouse. Members present: Tim Mueller, 1st District Commissioner; Roger Otott, Chairman, 2nd District Commissioner; and Gary Ouellette, Vice-Chairman, 3rd District Commissioner. Denae Jueneman, County Clerk, was present to record meeting minutes.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, August 17th, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.

Chairman Otott called the meeting to order.

It was noted the Board met on Tuesday, August 4th at 1:00 in the Commission room at the Courthouse to review and vote on an asbestos bid and demolition contract for the County Health project. Commissioner Ouellette made a motion to accept the low bid from B&R Insulation for asbestos abatement in the amount of \$14,650. Commissioner Mueller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Mueller made a motion to sign the demolition contract with McPherson Contractors with a guaranteed maximum price of \$18,916.38. Commissioner Ouellette seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed consent agenda items. Mueller made a motion to approve all consent agenda items. Ouellette seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- Public Building Commission minutes from March, April, May, June and July.
- Payroll change notice for Kandice Haile due to resignation; Ronnie Woodward and Andrew Bergstrom due to completion of 6 month training period.
- Purchase order for 2015 Western Star dump truck from Truck Center for \$129,350.

Jerry Miller and Lonnie Leidig, Washington and former Highland Township Board members, visited with the Board regarding their frustrations on road maintenance in Highland Township since the township disorganized in 2012. Miller and Leidig said many roads have not been graded since it snowed earlier this year and with the unusual large amounts of rainfall this year, those roads have become un-driveable. Commissioner Ouellette confirmed his presence at a meeting on Friday to apply for FEMA money for Highland Township. Chairman Otott agreed the County needs to do a better job of taking care of the roads in Highland Township. Commissioner Mueller said he felt embarrassed and apologized for the lack of involvement.

Duane Bruna, Environmental Science Director, received a request from a Nebraska company wanting to dispose of construction and demolition (C&D) products in the County's landfill from a demo project located in Nebraska. Bruna and the Board agreed not to allow the disposal in the County's landfill.

Don Alldredge, Janitor, discussed Courthouse repairs.

Janice Kearn, County Health Administrator, asked the Board if they thought the County had enough money set aside to complete the Health Department project. The Board said they feel there is enough money set aside and there has been some added to the 2016 budget in the event the project exceeds the current amount in capital improvement. Kearn expressed concerns with the County's current health insurance because it does not cover preventative care, vaccinations, and annual exams at 100%. These items are required under the affordable health care act; however, since the County's policy is grandfathered, the plan does not cover many items that are now required by law.

Sonya Hiltgen, Register of Deeds, reviewed the impact of changes in law regarding the mortgage registration fee.

Justin Novak, Road & Bridge Supervisor, asked permission to purchase another dump truck exactly like the one approved earlier in the session. The Board approved the purchase. The department is in need of propane. Chairman Otott said all county propane businesses should be afforded the opportunity to bid since the County uses approximately 7,000 gallon/year. Novak will proceed with bids on propane. The Board discussed Highland Township roads with Novak. Commissioner Ouellette passed along information received from Larry Hauschel and Commissioner Mueller stated he had a call from Alison Mueller regarding Upland and 7th Rd.

Rhonda Fernandez, Professional Insurance Consultants, presented information on the State Employee Health Plan and noted she has been in contact with the County's Blue Cross Blue Shield contact. The renewal for the current plan will not be available until late September or early October and if the County wants to join the State plan, it needs to be done by September 1st. Fernandez

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noted that as of January 1st, the County's current plan is going to be calculated on an age-rating basis; therefore, she is uncertain what the premiums for 2016 will look like and, because of the age-rating, believes the County's current plan will not even be available next year. Fernandez said she would be happy to shop the market for other alternatives if the Board would like her to do so. No decision was made.

Deb Swoboda, Emergency Management Director, presented a County Emergency Operations Plan. Chairman Otott signed the plan.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50.

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(SEAL)

Tim Mueller, 1st District Commissioner

Roger Otott, Chairman, 2nd District Commissioner

Attest:

Dena Jueneman, County Clerk

Gary Ouellette, Vice-Chairman, 3rd District Commissioner