

## COMMISSION MINUTES, August 3, 2015

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

The next regular meeting will be Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.

Chairman Otott called the meeting to order.

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

- Payroll and bills totaling \$147,889.24
- Two releases of temporary right-of-way easements
- Transfer of earned time
- Change orders 2014-200 and 2014-202 for clerical changes
- Payroll change notice for Becky Simon as new hire for Environmental Science Department
- Official minutes from July 20<sup>th</sup> and July 27<sup>th</sup>

In the citizen contact session, Otott indicated he received a call from Tim Ohlde regarding Kimeo Township road problems. Jueneman stated she received questions regarding the election process for disorganizing Lowe Township.

The BOCC received the following correspondence: A thank you note from Linn Lutheran School for sponsoring the DARE program; Notice of housing needs public hearing to be held in Topeka on August 5<sup>th</sup>; KDHE notice regarding a swine facility located in section 17 of Brantford Township. The KDHE notice will be on file in the County Clerk's office for public viewing. Comments are due by August 29<sup>th</sup>.

Alan Stigge, Washington, expressed frustration over notification he received regarding work he performed on a Washington Township road that gives access to his fields. Otott said Stigge should have contacted either the Township Board or the Road & Bridge Supervisor prior to doing work on the township road. Stigge said he didn't have time to contact anyone because of all the rain or his field would have flooded. After a lengthy discussion regarding improper use of tax dollars by the Washington Township Board, Otott said the BOCC would visit with the County Attorney.

Duane Bruna, Environmental Science Director, asked permission to hire Kathie Otney, former Secretary for the Environmental Science Department, on a temporary basis to train the new Secretary Becky Simon. Ouellette made a motion to hire Otney on a temporary as-needed basis. Mueller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mueller asked Jueneman to schedule the Fair Board in a meeting before the end of the year.

Calvin Roop, Washington, shared concerns of road maintenance issues in Highland Township where he rents land. The BOCC explained that Highland Township has a very small budget due to lower values and fewer people; however, the Road & Bridge Department will perform as much work as needed and the BOCC assured Roop they would visit with the Road & Bridge Supervisor regarding his concerns.

Denae Jueneman, County Clerk; Sheila Ouellette, Communications Director; and Justin Novak, Road & Bridge Supervisor, gave updates on department activities. It was noted the proposal agreed on last week to purchase two dump trucks was unsuccessful. Ouellette made a motion to purchase one dump truck through Freightliner in Salina. Mueller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Novak will seek bids from local banks for the lease purchase agreement. Novak indicated the Road & Bridge Department ran out of fuel last week. All local vendors were contacted to deliver fuel; however, several vendors were unable to deliver on short notice so Novak purchased one load of fuel from Kramer Oil who had the lowest quote. Otott reminded Novak that the bid process needs to occur to purchase more fuel on contract. The BOCC visited with Novak regarding road issues discussed earlier in the session.

At 11:45, the Board and Jueneman began acting as the Public Building Commission. The Board returned to regular session at 12:05.

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Ouellette made a motion to publish the proposed 2016 budget which lowers the mill levy from 80.020 to 78.552. Mueller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The public hearing is scheduled for Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Room of the Courthouse.

The meeting adjourned at 12:25.

**BOARD OF WASHINGTON COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS**

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Tim Mueller, 1<sup>st</sup> District Commissioner

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Roger Otott, Chairman, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Commissioner

Attest:

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Danae Jueneman, County Clerk

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Gary Ouellette, Vice-Chairman, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Commissioner