

COMMISSION MINUTES, November 23, 2015

The Board of County Commission (BOCC) for Washington County met in regular session on Monday, November 23rd, 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, November 30th, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.

Chairman Otott called the meeting to order.

The BOCC addressed a request to open the landfill on Saturday after Thanksgiving and Christmas. All agreed to open the landfill early on the Monday following the holiday.

Jueneman requested executive session for non-elected personnel. Commissioner Mueller made a motion to enter into executive session. Commissioner Ouellette seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Upon returning to regular session, Commissioner Mueller made a motion keep the maximum allowed weeks for FMLA at 12 weeks as required by law. Commissioner Ouellette seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Ouellette asked Jueneman to schedule department heads for annual reviews in December.

Commissioner Mueller made a motion to approve consent agenda items including, payroll and bills totaling \$370,561.54, payroll change notices, and change orders abating treasurer's tax roll.

Caroline Scoville, EMT, advised the BOCC of proposed legislative changes in continuing education requirements for EMT's and asked the BOCC to contact the Board of EMS during this public comment period to express concerns in raising the education requirements. Scoville indicated the increase in continuing education requirements may discourage future volunteers.

Jueneman asked when the new pay scale will take effect. The BOCC agreed to have pay scale take effect January 10th.

Dan Thalmann, Washington County News, indicated he received a phone call from a concerned citizen regarding the payment made out of the County's general fund for payment on the hospital project. Commissioner Ouellette and Commissioner Mueller had also received phone calls. The BOCC stated they are working on solutions to the shortfall.

The BOCC met with department heads Francine Crome, Appraiser; Sheila Ouellette, Communications Director; and Justin Novak, Road & Bridge Supervisor. Commissioner Ouellette addressed a citizen complaint with Crome.

Commissioner Ouellette made a motion to enter into executive session with Crome for non-elected personnel. Commissioner Mueller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. No action was taken upon returning to regular session.

Commissioner Ouellette made a motion to enter into executive session with Novak and Jueneman for non-elected personnel. Commissioner Mueller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. No action was taken upon returning to regular session.

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The BOCC reviewed three bids on telephone systems for the new County Health building. Commissioner Mueller made a motion to accept the bid from Pugh Communications as low bidder. Commissioner Ouellette seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

BOARD OF WASHINGTON COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

(SEAL)

Tim Mueller, 1st District Commissioner

Roger Otott, Chairman, 2nd District Commissioner

Attest:

Danae Jueneman, County Clerk

Gary Ouellette, Vice-Chairman, 3rd District Commissioner