

## COMMISSION MINUTES, August 25, 2014

The Board of County Commission (BOCC) for Washington County met in regular session on Monday, August 25, 2014 in the Commission room at the Washington County Courthouse. Members present: Alison Mueller, 1<sup>st</sup> District Commissioner, Chairman; Roger Otott, Vice Chairman, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Commissioner; and Gary Ouellette, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Commissioner. Denae Jueneman, County Clerk, was present to record meeting minutes.

County offices will be closed next Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, in observance of Labor Day.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 at 8:30 A.M.

Chairman Mueller called the meeting to order.

Gloria Moore, Tourism Director, presented the August Tourism report.

Commissioner Otott asked who was in charge of mowing and spraying at the airport because weeds were tall and it didn't look good last time he was out there. Chairman Mueller said Duane Bruna, Environmental Science Director, should be maintaining the airport. Chairman Mueller called the Noxious Weed office and was told that Bruna was out there spraying as they spoke.

Jueneman reported Todd Hughes, Farmington Township Trustee, resigned his position. Jueneman will contact the other Farmington Township Board members to request a replacement name which will be presented to the BOCC for appointment. Jueneman said Debbie Montague will perform cleaning duties and Rick Svanda will do the mowing while Don Alldredge is out on leave. Jueneman advised the Board that several phone calls had been placed to Kimeo Township Board members but Kimeo Township has failed to come into the Clerk's office to complete a 2015 budget.

The Board received a letter and payment from Darcy Kunze, Randolph, requesting a fence viewing.

The Board received a call from Norbert Demelo, Blue Rapids Museum, stating he was interested in purchasing the interior double doors of a building the County recently purchased. Demelo indicated the Blue Rapids Museum is renovating and would like the doors for the renovation if the County were to sell them.

The Board discussed the County's chip spreader. Commissioner Otott asked if it were worth the County purchasing a spreader or if maybe one should be leased when needed. Chairman Mueller thought the County needed to own a spreader so it is available when needed. Washington County has 60 miles of asphalt it maintains.

Larry Bruna and Tyler Ellis, Hutton Construction, joined the Board and Janice Kearn, County Health Administrator, to discuss the layout of the new health department. Ellis presented a rough draft of a floor plan and asked Kearn for her input.

Justin Dragastin, Dragastin Insurance Agency, stated the Fair Board entered into a lease agreement with the City of Washington to lease 4 buildings on the Fairgrounds. Per that lease agreement, the Fair Board is to pay property insurance. The Fair Board thought the insurance rates were too high and told Dragastin to put the buildings on the County's policy since the County supports the Fair Board. Chairman Mueller said the County supports the Fair Board with tax dollars but doesn't dictate how the money is spent. She said the buildings are Washington City buildings and the County doesn't interfere with City property and suggested the City include the premiums in the lease agreement. Commissioner Ouellette suggested having the City pay for the insurance and then having the Fair Board reimburse the City for the premiums.

David Willbrant, Public Works Administrator, gave his weekly report. Willbrant said that both he and Duane Bruna are responsible for mowing the airport. The Board discussed the chip spreader with Willbrant and Commissioner Otott said he felt that the County was being cheated by Van Keppel because the County purchased a chip spreader for \$94,000, which has not worked since it arrived, and now Van Keppel will only give the County \$90,000 back unless it is used as a trade-in. Dave Griffin, Van Keppel used equipment manager, presented new figures for the trade-in of the chip spreader and the purchase of a new 2WD or 4WD spreader. After discussion, Commissioner Ouellette made a motion to purchase the 2WD for \$170,587 less discounts and trade-in allowances for a total due of \$60,482. Commissioner Otott seconded the motion.

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Motion passed unanimously. Willbrant told the Board that Public Works is three pickups short and has six motor graders over 10,000 hours so new equipment will need to be purchased next year.

At 11:50, the Board began acting as the Public Building Commission (PBC). The PBC adjourned at 12:10.

The Board reconvened as the BOCC at 12:10 P.M. and discussed the health department facility with Larry Bruna. Chairman Mueller said the County will be going out for bids for the project per the County Purchasing Policy.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 P.M.

**BOARD OF WASHINGTON COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS**

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Alison Mueller, Chairman, 1<sup>st</sup> District Commissioner

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

Attest:

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Dena Dimler, County Clerk

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Gary Ouellette, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Commissioner