

COMMISSION MINUTES, December 12, 2016

The Board of County Commission (BOCC) for Washington County met in regular session on December 12, 2016 in the Commission room at the Washington County Courthouse. Members present: Gary Ouellette, Chairman, 3rd District Commissioner; Roger Otott, 2nd District Commissioner; and Tim Mueller, Vice-Chairman, 1st District Commissioner. Denae Jueneman, County Clerk, was present to record meeting minutes.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, December 19th, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.

Chairman Ouellette called the meeting to order.

Commissioner elect David Willbrant was present.

NextEra Energy representatives Sam Massey, Alan Anderson and Vicky Post were present and presented a proposed Conditional Use Permit for the Commissioners' consideration. Elizabeth Hiltgen, Washington County Attorney, was also present. The conditions of the permit were discussed, including that prior to construction the following will be negotiated and entered into: a road maintenance agreement, de-commissioning agreement to either remove or replace the structures at the end of life, and a contribution agreement. After further discussion, Commissioner Mueller moved, and Commissioner Otott seconded to approve Resolution 09-16 as presented, approving and granting a conditional use permit and wind energy district for Washington Republic, LLC to develop, construct, own and operate a wind power project in Washington County. Motion passed unanimously.

At 9:00 a.m., the Commissioners and Jueneman began acting as the Public Building Commission. The Commissioners resumed regular session at 9:15 a.m.

Hiltgen discussed a draft proposal of a neighborhood revitalization plan. Notice of a public hearing has been published and the hearing will be held on December 19th at 11:30 a.m.

Commissioner Otott moved to approve the consent agenda which included change orders 2016-12 through 2016-14 adding to the Treasurer's tax roll, a personnel status form, recognizing New Year's Day on January 2, 2017, and approving a cereal malt beverage license for Cedar Hills Golf Course. Commissioner Mueller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

In other business, the Commissioners decided to have the landfill open for a half day on Friday, November 24, 2017 but closed on Saturday, November 25th, 2017. The new cell phone stipend for the Sheriff's department will start on the first paycheck of 2017 and will be given once a month on the first paycheck of each month. The two sky lights at the Noxious Weed office will be replaced by the contractor who replaced the four other lights.

The Commissioners received the Register of Deeds inventory listing, a summary of findings by Lindburg Vogel Pierce Fairs CPA firm, a five year capital improvement plan for roads and bridges from Cook Flatt and Strobel Engineers, and a public notice from KDHE regarding a renewal permit for an existing cattle facility located in section 11 of Linn Township. Comments are due January 7th. A copy of the notice is on file in the Clerk's office for public viewing.

Gloria Moore, Tourism Director, reported on meetings for the months of November and December.

Rhonda Fernandez, Professional Insurance Consultants, presented information on the County's current short term disability policy and compared it to three other options available through other companies. With the current 74 employees of the County, the County is spending \$17,366.40 a year or \$234.68 per employee per year on a short-term disability and life insurance policy. Fernandez stated she felt "It's a small amount for employee piece of mind" and encouraged the Commissioners to keep the policy. The policy pays 66% of an employees' salary when the employee is away from work for a period up to 26 weeks and the employee does not have enough leave time to cover the time off. Of the four companies compared, the County current plan is the least expensive. Chairman Ouellette asked Fernandez to see if the County could drop the life insurance policy and keep the short-term disability policy. Fernandez will talk to the insurance company and report back to the County Clerk before the next Commissioner meeting.

Dean Lovgren, Airport Board Member, stated the Airport Board agrees with the draft of an airport policy and offered no changes to the policy. The Commissioners stated the policy will be reviewed in one year for possible changes at that time.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

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Tim Mueller, Vice-Chairman, 1st District Commissioner

Roger Otott, 2nd District Commissioner

Attest:

Denae Jueneman, County Clerk

Gary Ouellette, Chairman, 3rd District Commissioner