

COMMISSION MINUTES, February 8, 2016

The Board of County Commission (BOCC) for Washington County met in regular session on Monday, February 8th, 2016 in the Commission room at the Washington County Courthouse. Members present: Tim Mueller, Vice-Chairman, 1st District Commissioner; Roger Otott, 2nd District Commissioner; and Gary Ouellette, Chairman, 3rd District Commissioner. Denae Jueneman, County Clerk, was present to record meeting minutes.

It was noted the next regular meeting will be Tuesday, February 16th, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. due to County offices observing Presidents' Day.

Chairman Ouellette called the meeting to order.

Richard and Zelda Bitz, Washington, requested hangar space at the County airport. The BOCC will check on the status of all hangar spaces and regulations for space rental.

Washington County residents presented environmental information on water and health concerns with the growing number of confined feeding facilities within Washington County. Based on a spreadsheet obtained by the Clerk last September, there are 90 confined feeding facilities in Washington County with a total of 231,283 permitted animals. Of those 90 facilities, 62 are swine facilities with a total of 199,213 permitted animals. Commissioner Mueller said he would gather information from other Counties, the County Attorney, and the State on zoning and ordinances for feeding facilities.

Justin Cordry, Sheriff, discussed receipts and use of the alcohol tax the County collects.

Robert and Luke Boston, Washington, asked about the abatement program the BOCC has been discussing. Luke Boston would like to start a new business in the County and asked about an abatement for a new building in which to operate the new business. An abatement program has been discussed but the program itself has not been designed.

Deb Swoboda, Emergency Management Director, submitted the departmental annual inventory listing. Swoboda asked if year-end transfers were completed. The BOCC stated transfers, if any, would be done by the County CPA when they prepare the 2015 financial statement. Swoboda and the BOCC discussed office space needs.

Gloria Moore, Tourism Director, presented the January tourism report.

Justin Novak, Road & Bridge Supervisor, advised the BOCC the annual township meeting will be held on March 3rd, 2016, in the basement of First National Bank. Novak requested executive session for non-elected personnel. Commissioner Mueller made a motion to enter into executive session. Commissioner Otott seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. No action was taken upon returning to regular session.

Commissioner Otott made a motion to approve consent agenda items including a personnel status reporting form, Change Orders 2015-29 and 2015-31 through 2015-213 abating taxes for electric companies as directed by the Board of Tax Appeals, and Change Order 2015-30 to add intangibles; to decline joining the League of Kansas Municipalities and a snow boot reimbursement request from the Janitor; to table signing a hangar lease with Heinen Brothers. Commissioner Mueller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The BOCC reviewed the County Appraiser's annual inventory listing and Brantford and Strawberry Townships' annual reports.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

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Roger Otott, 2nd District Commissioner

Attest:

Denae Jueneman, County Clerk

Gary Ouellette, Chairman, 3rd District Commissioner