

COMMISSION MINUTES, November 3, 2014

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

The next regular meeting will be Monday, November 10th, 2014 at 8:30 A.M.

Chairman Mueller called the meeting to order.

Jueneman said the Medicare informational meeting presented by Professional Insurance Consultants last week was well attended. Jueneman presented a weekly jail report.

The Board received a letter from Charles Turk regarding County Government Day to be held on November 24th.

Discussion was held on options for business development in the County. Chairman Mueller said she would like to consider hiring another person in the Appraisers office who could write grants and handle business opportunities for the County. No decision was made.

The Board received a notice from KDHE indicating a swine facility located in section 34 of Clifton Township has applied for a permit modification to decrease the number of permitted animal units. The notice will be on file in the Clerk's office for public viewing. Comments are due by November 29, 2014.

Gloria Moore, Tourism Director, presented the October Tourism report. Moore indicated that having the Fall Fest on the same weekend as the Hwy. 36 Treasure Hunt has not helped increase attendance at either event. The Board told Moore that she would need to start tracking hours worked, as had been done in the past, in order to comply with reporting requirements of the Affordable Healthcare Act.

The Commissioners asked Jueneman about the time clock systems being looked at in the Clerk's office. Jueneman said one company wanted to do a demo on the 4th but since this was Election Day, Jueneman said it would not be possible. The demo is being rescheduled.

Rhonda Fernandez, Professional Insurance Consultants, presented options decreasing the cost of health insurance to the County. Three options would increase the maximum out of pocket expenses for each employee and two options were available to have the County be partially self-funded. Since the County did not budget enough in the 2015 budget to go to a self-funded plan and the Board did not see increasing out of pocket expenses for each employee to \$6350 for individuals and \$12,700 for families as a viable option, the Board chose to stay with the current plan. The Board decided to work toward a self funded plan in future years and to possibly have employees pay a part of the premium. Commissioner Ouellette made a motion to accept the 2015 Blue Cross Blue Shield renewal. Commissioner Otott seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

David Willbrant, Public Works Administrator, presented weekly work report. Willbrant requested executive session for non-elected personnel. No action was taken upon returning to regular session. Commissioner Ouellette asked Willbrant to check on a box culvert on Prairie Rd. North of 8th. Hall Brothers plan to start work on the Mahaska Road this week.

Elizabeth Hiltgen, County Attorney, presented an order for a fence viewing in Lincoln Township. Chairman Mueller asked Hiltgen to get a bid package together to hire an architect for the Health Department project.

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The meeting adjourned at 12:15 P.M.

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(SEAL)

Alison Mueller, Chairman, 1st District Commissioner

Roger Otott, Vice Chairman, 2nd District Commissioner

Attest:

Dena Jueneman, County Clerk

Gary Ouellette, 3rd District Commissioner