

COMMISSION MINUTES, December 28, 2015

The Board of County Commission (BOCC) for Washington County met in regular session on Monday, December 28th, 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, January 4th, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.

Chairman Otott called the meeting to order.

Chairman Otott noted the walk through of the new Health Department that was scheduled for the morning of the 30th has been delayed due to delays in construction.

Commissioner Ouellette made the following motions with Commissioner Mueller seconding the motions. Motions passed unanimously. To sign an interlocal agreement with Kimeo Township to maintain township roads. To give each employee 4 hours paid time off (PTO) to use at their discretion as a way of saying thank you for their work during the year since the County does not give bonuses or gifts. This PTO must be used by March 31, 2016, or it will be lost.

A concerned citizen asked the BOCC when Washington County will start tagging commercial vehicles. The BOCC stated they have asked the Treasurer multiple times to get training and offer the service to our residents but no progress has been made on their request.

Commissioner Mueller made a motion to enter into executive session to conduct annual review for Don Alldredge, Janitor. Commissioner Ouellette seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. No action was taken upon returning to regular session.

Janice Kearn, County Health Administrator, asked questions about the LPN position in the Health Department. Kearn asked how the BOCC determined the position should be part-time at 20 hours per week. The BOCC based their decision on the number of hours worked this year and stated that was the hours requested by the LPN. Part-time positions are not eligible for benefits. The BOCC told Kearn she could set the work schedule based on departmental needs. Commissioner Mueller made a motion to enter into executive session to conduct annual review for Kearn. Commissioner Ouellette seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Upon returning to regular session, Commissioner Mueller made a motion to terminate Kearn effective January 1, 2016. Commissioner Ouellette seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Justin Cordry, Sheriff, discussed time clocks for the law enforcement center. Commissioner Mueller made a motion to enter into executive session for matters relating to security measures. Commissioner Ouellette seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. No action was taken upon returning to regular session.

Staff from the County Health Department expressed disappointment in the termination of Kearn. Commissioner Mueller made a motion to enter into executive session for non-elected personnel and to include Mary Oelschlager, Deputy County Health Administrator. Commissioner Ouellette seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Upon returning to regular session, Commissioner Mueller made a motion to appoint Oelschlager as interim County Health Administrator. Commissioner Ouellette seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Justin Novak, Road & Bridge Supervisor, presented payroll change notice for Melissa Gross hired as new Office Manager. Commissioner Mueller made a motion to sign the payroll change notice. Commissioner Ouellette seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Highland Township road maintenance was discussed. The BOCC told Novak to schedule road maintenance at least once per month. Commissioner Mueller made a motion to enter into executive session to conduct annual review for Novak. Commissioner Ouellette seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. No action was taken upon returning to regular session.

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Dan Thalmann, Washington County News, asked questions regarding the termination of Kern. The BOCC stated Oelschlager will take over during the hiring process.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15.

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(SEAL)

Tim Mueller, 1st District Commissioner

Roger Otott, Chairman, 2nd District Commissioner

Attest:

Dena Jueneman, County Clerk

Gary Ouellette, Vice-Chairman, 3rd District Commissioner