

COMMISSION MINUTES, February 23, 2015

The Board of County Commission (BOCC) for Washington County met in regular session on Monday, February 23rd, 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, March 2nd, 2015 at 8:30 A.M.

Chairman Otott called the meeting to order.

Don Alldredge, Janitor, requested reimbursement for use of his personal ATV during the snow storm on the 2nd of February. Commissioner Ouellette made a motion to pay Alldredge \$25. Commissioner Mueller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Janice Kern, County Health Administrator, submitted a KDHE grant application which Chairman Otott signed. Kern announced that Whitney Meyer would be starting this week as the new Bookkeeper/Clerk/Receptionist in the Health Department. Kern questioned the current county employment application because it does not have an area that allows applicants to mark whether or not they can be bonded. Jueneman will check into the matter.

The Board signed change order 2014-41.

The Board approved \$100 to Linn High School for After Prom Activities.

Commissioner Ouellette made a motion to implement a select provider program for work-related illnesses and injuries. Commissioner Mueller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Jueneman will contact Dragastin Agency to get the program started.

Duane Bruna, Environmental Science Director, asked permission to offer one tank of chemical free-of-charge to each township for bind weed control. The Board agreed to allow the offering. Chairman Otott believes the Weed Department will need more equipment to apply the chemicals to all townships and asked Bruna to bring in estimates of the costs of additional equipment. Bruna will also get quotes to replace the furnace at the transfer station shop. Bruna indicated the transfer station still needs a new track loader. Commissioner Mueller asked how many hours the current loader has on it to which Bruna replied he would have to get check and get back to the Board.

Commissioner Mueller asked Jueneman and Bruna if the County prepares an OSHA 300 form for work-related accidents. Jueneman stated she had recently received the forms from OSHA requesting the information be tracked for 2015. Since all work-related accidents are reported through the Clerk's office, Jueneman will do the tracking for OSHA.

Travis Lehman, Washington, brought concerns and confusion to the Board regarding a recent event. Lehman reported he recently started a business called Cedar Ridge Outfitters LLC which will provide guided hunting tours and lodging. While attending a trade show in Pennsylvania, a large sign was placed on his booth informing him to call the State of Kansas. When a call was placed to the State of Kansas, Lehman was informed that the County Tourism Director, Gloria Moore, had reported him as not having paid taxes. Lehman was frustrated because he has yet to conduct any business and the lodge, which will be located north of Morrowville, has not yet begun renovation so he didn't believe he owed any taxes. The Board agreed and asked Jueneman to schedule Moore in next Monday's meeting.

Casey Fraser, Foley Equipment, presented bids for a backhoe for the Road & Bridge Department. Jueneman informed Fraser that bids are being opened next Monday, March 2nd, at 11:30 a.m. The Board asked Fraser about new and used track loaders for the landfill. Fraser gave them estimates of new and used equipment with additional parts that would be needed for the landfill operations.

Roxanne Schottel, Washington County Hospital CEO, handed out unofficial minutes and the most recent financial statement. Schottel indicated the hospital has changed some of the hospitals rates and gave an update on equipment. Schottel indicated the hospital is looking into the Rural Health Clinic and 340B Pharmacy plans.

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At 11:15, the Board began acting as the Public Building Commission. The Board returned to regular session at 11:30.

Larry Bruna, Hutton Construction, gave an update on the hospital renovation. Larry Bruna reported the work is approximately 2 months behind but the project is still on target for the total cost.

Jim Finlayson, Interim Public Works Administrator, presented weekly work report and reported that bids will be opened next week at 11:30 a.m. for the G-10.5 bridge project and the purchase of a backhoe. Commissioner Mueller made a motion to participate in the statewide fracture critical program and to have Cooke, Flatt & Strobel Engineers perform engineering services. Commissioner Ouellette seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Chairman Otott signed an application for Department of the Army permit for repairs to a bridge located on 9th Rd. and east of Madison Rd.

The Board reviewed the Greenleaf Township annual report.

Gerald Johnson and Vic Burks, Shafer, Kline & Warren (SKW), visited with the Board about their on-call services available to Washington County during the search for a Road & Bridge Superintendent. SKW also develops road standards to assist counties during energy projects. Commissioner Mueller said the County lacks a long-term plan for road and bridge projects and said he would like to see a plan developed rather than just making repairs as they arise. SKW can develop a Capital Improvement Plan which could be followed by the Superintendent if the County chose to hire an operations/management Superintendent rather than a professional engineer.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.