

COMMISSION MINUTES, July 27, 2015

The Board of County Commission (BOCC) for Washington County met in regular session on Monday, July 27th, 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, August 3rd, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.

Chairman Otott called the meeting to order.

It was noted the Board met on Wednesday, July 22nd, 2015 in the Commission room to work on the 2016 budget with the County's auditing firm. A budget hearing will be held on August 27th at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission room. During this meeting, Don Alldredge, Janitor, asked permission to call Bill Walter to repair cement on the ramp in front of the Courthouse. The Board approved the repairs.

The Board reviewed consent agenda items. Commissioner Mueller made a motion to approve all consent agenda items. Commissioner Ouellette seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- Payroll change notices for Ron Prothe, Andrew Bergstrom and Ronnie Woodward for back pay and change of title due to securing CDL's.
- Resolution 01-15 for Highland Township to increase taxes beyond the Consumer Price Index of 1.6%.
- Letter of support for Domestic Violence Assn. of Central Kansas (DVACK) as they apply for Justice Assistance Grant funds.

The Board received notice from KDHE regarding an application for a permit for construction at an existing swine facility owned by Quivira Pork, LLC, located in section 26 of Highland Township.

Verle Decker, Hollenberg, asked the Board if the County could take over the maintenance of roads in Franklin Township that are not being maintained by the Township Boards. The Board said they would talk to the County Attorney.

Bob Chambers and Kevin Holland, Cook Flatt & Strobel (CFS), presented a preliminary capital improvement plan. CFS had a few questions regarding the Board's expectations prior to completing the final product. Holland indicated the overall road network in Washington County is good but there are a few areas that need significant repair and those repairs could potentially cost the County an entire years' budget. Holland offered three solutions to All American Rd. south of Barnes. The solutions revolved around staying within the current budget. Those solutions included turning the 3 ½ mile stretch of asphalt to gravel, repairing pavement as needed, or start all over and pave it new. Starting over, using the current road budget, would only allow for ½ mile per year. Chambers discussed bridges in need of repair and replacement. The county has 308 bridges, some of them more than 100 years old. Chambers submits larger bridge projects to KDOT in order to stretch the county dollars further by having federal and state funds pay for the larger projects. Holland and Chambers indicated the final capital improvement plan should be available next week.

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Duane Bruna, Environmental Science Director, continued the discussion from last week of selling chemicals. Commissioner Ouellette stated the County should not be cutting into the profits of local businesses by selling chemicals at a cheaper rate. Bruna feels his job is to serve the needs of County residents. Commissioner Mueller asked for a list of chemicals the County sells. Bruna said he would return later in the session with the list. After further discussion, the Board and Bruna agreed that a better option may be to limit the quantities of chemicals sold to each individual.

In county officer and department head reports, Sheila Ouellette, Communications Director, presented a contract for the county-wide emergency alert system IRIS. The contract is for 5 years. This years' cost is \$375. Chairman Otott signed the contract. Gloria Moore, Tourism Director, presented the July tourism report and a trail map drawn in the 1960's. Moore informed the Board the King Post bridge in Barnes has been put in place and is awaiting planks and finish work. Elizabeth Hiltgen, County Attorney, was asked by Chairman Otott to follow up on the demolition work for the County Health project. Commissioner Mueller asked Hiltgen to check into the question posed by Verle Decker earlier in the session. Justin Novak, Road & Bridge Supervisor, gave weekly work report.

Roxanne Schottel, Washington County Hospital CEO, submitted the hospital board minutes from last month and most recent financial report.

Bruna returned with a list of chemicals available for sale through the Noxious Weed department.

At 11:43, the Board and Jueneman began acting as the Public Building Commission. The Board returned to regular session at 12:10.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15.