

## COMMISSION MINUTES, June 29, 2015

The Board of County Commission (BOCC) for Washington County met in regular session on Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in the Commission room at the Washington County Courthouse. Members present: Tim Mueller, 1<sup>st</sup> District Commissioner; Roger Otott, Chairman, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Commissioner; and Gary Ouellette, Vice-Chairman, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Commissioner. Denae Jueneman, County Clerk, was present to record meeting minutes.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.

Chairman Otott called the meeting to order.

It was noted that County offices will be closed on Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> in observance of July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday.

The Board discussed budget planning and agreed they would use Monday afternoons for budget preparation.

The Board reviewed Kimeo Townships year-end budget. Commissioner Mueller asked if other Board members thought it would be helpful to ask Kimeo Township Board members to attend a BOCC meeting to discuss needs of the Township. Chairman Otott asked Jueneman to schedule Kimeo Township Board members on the agenda in the coming week.

Kathy Ouellette, Washington, reported she had been in contact with Twin Valley regarding aluminum recycling. Twin Valley used to recycle 12.5 tons of aluminum per year before stopping the service this last April. Washington County is recycling 1.86 tons per year. K. Ouellette expressed a desire to see the County recycle more aluminum and to pass some of those earnings on to a charity of the County's choosing. Commissioner Ouellette stated he would like to check into the cost effectiveness of recycling aluminum on a larger scale.

Duane Bruna, Environmental Science Director, continued the aluminum recycling discussion by stating that aluminum recycling is one of the highest paying commodities; however, he lacks the man power to have specific times for drop off of specific items and then paying customers for the commodity. Bruna added he will look into adding the service for County residents. Bruna requested executive session for non-elected personnel and to include Jueneman in the session. Bruna asked the Board to consider setting a policy to start in 2016 regarding cost sharing of Household and Hazardous Waste (HHW) drop off fees. The Board is taking it under consideration.

Shirley Marrs, District Court Clerk, submitted 2016 budget request and discussed the needs of the department.

Joni Spellmeier, RSVP of Northeast Kansas, submitted 2016 budget request. Spellmeier discussed programs available and volunteer activity in Washington County. Commissioner Mueller stated he would like to hear from volunteers in Washington County and invited them to attend the BOCC meeting next week. Spellmeier will be contacting volunteers.

Deb Swoboda, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, submitted FY2015 Emergency Management Performance Grant application and revised by-laws for the local emergency planning committee. Swoboda reported a meeting was held last Friday with cities, townships, and Justin Novak, Road & Bridge Supervisor, to assess

## COMMISSION MINUTES, June 29, 2015

damages from recent floods. Swoboda also submitted a revised emergency chart for the Board to review and approve at a later date.

Gloria Moore, Tourism Director, presented the June tourism report and invited the Board to a dedication of the Morman Springs Marker, south of Washington, on July 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

Casey Fraser, Martin Tractor, stopped by to see if the County is in need of any new equipment.

Justin Novak, Road & Bridge Supervisor, requested executive session for non-elected personnel. As a result of last weeks conversation regarding the policy on charging townships for road maintenance, Novak submitted a copy of an interlocal agreement dated January 7, 2013 between the BOCC and Kimeo Township for maintenance of roads. The agreement stated the township shall pay the County \$85 per hour for maintaining, operating, and snow plowing the township roads with a motor grader. The agreement is in effect until December 31, 2015. Novak said that if the Board wanted to change how the County charges for service of roads, then future agreements will need changed but this is the current policy. The Board said they will revisit the policy before the end of the year. Commissioner Ouellette reiterated that even though Highland Townships funds were depleted, the County still needs to maintain the roads in Highland Township. Novak responded that his department will continue with road maintenance but the tree removal and brush cleanup will be done at a minimum. The Board and Novak discussed repairs needed on All American Highway south of Barnes. Commissioner Mueller stated he would like to see chevrons added to the curve south of Barnes where accidents have been occurring.

Roxanne Schottel, Washington County Hospital CEO, presented 2014 financial statement.

At 11:40 the Board and Jueneman began acting as the Public Building Commission. The Board returned to regular session at 12:05.

Rhonda Fernandez, Professional Insurance Consultants, reported the earliest the County can get a renewal from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas is September, which is just one month earlier than normal, which would not allow the Board to compare the current plan rates to that of the State's health care plan. Fernandez stated that if the County wanted to participate in the State's health care plan, the State requires a letter of intent prior to September 1<sup>st</sup>. Fernandez presented spreadsheet showing the differences in cost and plan features. Commissioner Ouellette asked for a comparison using amounts that are currently out of pocket maximums for employees. Fernandez will revise the spreadsheets and email them to Jueneman this week. Fernandez voiced her concerns over switching to the State's plan and stated she would be happy to search the market for other alternatives if the Board would approve it. No decisions were made.

The following motions were made, seconded, and unanimously approved:

- To enter into executive session for non-elected personnel with Bruna and Jueneman. No action was taken upon returning to regular session.
- To sign KDOT aviation grant for runway crackseal phase 2 project with Benesch for engineering coordination and construction services.

### **COMMISSION MINUTES, June 29, 2015**

- To enter into executive session for non-elected personnel with Novak. No action was taken upon returning to regular session.
- To sign permit 15-12 agreement for use of public right of way between the County and Oneok.
- To sign agreement between the County and McPherson Contractors, Inc. as construction manager for the County Health Department project.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.