

COMMISSION MINUTES, May 18, 2015

The Board of County Commission (BOCC) for Washington County met in regular session on Monday, May 18th, 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 Tuesday, May 26th, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. County offices will be closed Monday, May 25th, in observance of Memorial Day.

Chairman Otott called the meeting to order.

Verle Decker, Hollenberg, expressed concerns over road damages during last weeks storms. The Board said it is being worked on.

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 and the following items were signed:

*** May 11 official minutes**

*** Airport project agreement with KDOT**

The Board discussed citizen interest in creating a revitalization plan for Washington County. Ann Hawk, Treasurer, and Kathy Fritz, Deputy County Clerk, joined the conversation to provide information on the previous plans the County offered. The Board also discussed County cell phone plans. No decisions were made on either plan.

The Board received a thank you from Linn Public Schools for the DARE program and sponsoring a trip to the Kansas City Royals game.

Justin Novak, Road & Bridge Supervisor, discussed options with the Board regarding repairs of road damage near Hollenberg. The Board directed Novak to discuss dirt and rock cost with Midwest Products and to call the engineers on contract with the County to have them visit the site.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to sign two permits for the use of public right of way with JBN Telephone Co., Inc. and Kansas Gas Service.

Don Alldrege, Janitor, asked approval to call someone with a boom to remove dead limbs from trees on the Courthouse lawn. The Board approved the request. Alldrege stated he has been asked by the public to mow more often to keep the lawn looking nice. Alldrege said that mowing more often would be nice so windrows don't pile up on the lawn. Chairman Otott commented that he should just raise the mower deck. The Board said it was OK to mow twice this week so the lawn looks nice for Memorial weekend.

Janice Kearn, County Health Administrator, stated the Health Department was awarded a \$1,600 grant from the Community Foundation. Kearn presented monthly totals for office visits

and home health visits since the first of the year. Kearn invited the Board to visit the Health Department to see the activity for themselves.

David Willbrant, Hollenberg, asked about plans to repair the road around Hollenberg. The Board said it is being worked on.

Jan Taylor, Kathie Otney, Mary Wiltzius, and Jan Overbeck updated the Board on the Washington County Senior Citizens meal sites. They informed the Board of changes in staff, the need for board members, and repairs needed on the Washington meal site.

Justin Dragastin, Dragastin Insurance Agency, requested executive session to include Jueneman. Commissioner Mueller made a motion to enter into executive session under non-elected personnel and to include Jueneman. Commissioner Ouellette seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. No decision was made upon returning to regular session.

Diana Svanda, Payroll Clerk, presented three payroll change notices. Chairman Otott signed payroll change notices for Emil S. Miller, summer help in Environmental Science; Garrett Andersen, promoted to Deputy Sheriff III; and Sheldon Kenworthy, newly hired Corrections Officer.