

COMMISSION MINUTES, September 28, 2015

The Board of County Commission for Washington County met in regular session on Monday, September 28, 2015 in the Commission room at the Washington County Courthouse. Members present: Tim Mueller, 1st District Commissioner, and Gary Ouellette, Vice-Chairman, 3rd District Commissioner. Roger Otott, Chairman, 2nd District Commissioner was absent. Denae Jueneman, County Clerk, was present to record meeting minutes.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, October 5th, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.

Vice-Chairman Ouellette called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Mueller made a motion to approve all consent agenda items. Vice-Chairman Ouellette seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously to approve payroll and bills totaling \$219,269.42; payroll change notice for Gary Bunch due to resignation; and a one year contract with Marlene Stamm, d.b.a. NCK Environmental, LLC, to act as an independent contractor to implement and enforce the Washington County Sanitary Code.

The Board discussed an invoice to publish delinquent real estate taxes and agreed the fees should be charged to the Treasurer's budget within County General.

Jueneman informed the Board asbestos abatement on the County Health Department remodel project will begin on Wednesday of this week. Construction is scheduled to begin sometime next week after the asbestos has been removed.

Jueneman presented information on the savings that will be realized by the County by switching to the State of Kansas Non-State Group Health Insurance Plan. Depending on the options the employees choose, the County can expect \$550,000 to \$700,000, 6.6 to 8.6 mills respectively, in savings.

Jueneman also presented information on costs associated with providing dental and vision insurance. Commissioner Mueller made a motion to have the County pay dental premiums for all employees and their dependents for the year 2016. The County will not pay vision premiums. Commissioner Ouellette seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. In other action regarding employee health insurance, Commissioner Ouellette made a motion to pay for costs associated with the wellness program HealthQuest. The County will pay for the first three months so employees have an opportunity to earn points through the wellness program. Commissioner Mueller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Verle Decker, Hollenberg, requested gravel on Hollenberg Avenue.

Bev Finlayson, Deputy Appraiser, distributed information on the costs associated with either fixing or replacing the map plotter in the Appraiser office. Commissioner Mueller asked Finlayson to return with three or more quotes while Commissioner Ouellette suggested it may be less expensive to have maps printed elsewhere and not repair or replace the plotter since the Appraiser's office doesn't print more than 25 maps per year.

Sheila Ouellette, Communications Director, presented 911 statistics for the month of September.

Justin Novak, Road & Bridge Supervisor, stated he was interested in how much the County had spent in repairs to All American Road south of Barnes over the last five years. After reviewing the budgets, Novak reported \$150,232 has been spent on a 2 ½ mile stretch of asphalt and that records show some work has been done on the road every year for the past five years. Due to a recent resignation, Novak evaluated three employees in the Road & Bridge Department and recommended all three be promoted to an Equipment Operator III. Payroll change notices will be submitted next week. The Board addressed Decker's concerns noted earlier in the session. Novak asked permission for himself and Jim Finlayson, Assistant, to take County vehicles home during inclement winter weather. The Board approved Novak and Finlayson taking a County vehicle home in order to check road conditions. Commissioner Ouellette received a call from Darrell Doebele, Hanover, regarding a new channel being cut in the Little Blue River and asked Novak to check into the matter.

Elizabeth Hiltgen, County Attorney, stated Hearts N Things recently purchased a building in Washington and wanted to gift the building to the County since they cannot gift the building to the County hospital. Hiltgen contacted the County's insurance provider for quotes on insuring the building. No decisions were made.

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At 12:00 noon, the Board, along with Jueneman, began acting as the Public Building Commission. The Board returned to regular session at 12:15.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

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COMMISSIONERS

(SEAL)

Tim Mueller, 1st District Commissioner

Roger Otott, Chairman, 2nd District Commissioner

Attest:

Dena Jueneman, County Clerk

Gary Ouellette, Vice-Chairman, 3rd District Commissioner