

COMMISSION MINUTES, December 1, 2014

The Board of County Commission (BOCC) for Washington County met in regular session on Monday, December 1st, 2014 in the Commission room at the Washington County Courthouse. Members present: Alison Mueller, 1st District Commissioner, Chairman; Roger Otott, Vice Chairman, 2nd District Commissioner; and Gary Ouellette, 3rd District Commissioner. Denae Jueneman, County Clerk, was present to record meeting minutes.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, December 8th, 2014 at 8:30 A.M.

Chairman Mueller called the meeting to order.

Gloria Moore, Tourism Director, presented the November tourism report and discussed the need for more lodging both locally and nationally.

Duane Bruna, Environmental Science Director, indicated he will be running help wanted ads to fill an Office Manager position.

Sonya Hiltgen, Register of Deeds, presented a letter she would like to send to lenders and title companies establishing deadlines and fees for the coming year. The Board approved the letter.

Commissioner Otott made a motion to enter into executive session under non-elected personnel. Commissioner Ouellette seconded the motion. Motion passed. No decision was made upon returning to regular session.

Elizabeth Hiltgen, County Attorney, presented a resolution to rescind resolution 13-12 which established salaries for newly elected personnel. Commissioner Ouellette made a motion to sign Resolution 09-14. Commissioner Otott seconded the motion. Motion passed. Hiltgen continued discussion from last week regarding the removal of the County intangible tax. Hiltgen said that if a citizen wants to remove the tax, they would be responsible for circulating a petition and should contact the Clerk's office regarding a petition. The County has a separate intangibles tax rate from several cities and Townships within the County and a separate petition would have to be done for each. If the Commissioners want to remove the tax, they can do so in two ways. They could remove it by Resolution or by an advisory election to be held separately from a general election. An advisory election is used to get the opinion of the public but it is not binding and the Commissioners could go against the election results.

Chairman Mueller made a motion to change the Christmas Holidays for law enforcement, jail, and 911 dispatch to December 24th and 25th. Friday, December 26th will be paid at regular time for those 3 departments. The rest of the County offices will recognize Christmas on the 25th and 26th. Commissioner Otott seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Commissioner Ouellette made a motion to enter into executive session under non-elected personnel and to include Hiltgen. Commissioner Otott seconded the motion. Motion passed. No decision was made upon returning to regular session.

David Willbrant, Public Works Administrator, reported Hall Bros. should finish the airport project this week. Hall Bros. agreed to meet the County half way on the overages on the airport project.

The Board signed change orders 2014-9, 2014-17, 2014-23, 2014-24, 2014-26, 2014-27, and 2014-28.

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The meeting adjourned at 12:00 P.M.

BOARD OF WASHINGTON COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

(SEAL)

Alison Mueller, Chairman, 1st District Commissioner

Roger Otott, Vice Chairman, 2nd District Commissioner

Attest:

Dena Jueneman, County Clerk

Gary Ouellette, 3rd District Commissioner