

COMMISSION MINUTES, December 15, 2014

The Board of County Commission (BOCC) for Washington County met in regular session on Monday, December 15th, 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. Commissioner-Elect Tim Mueller was also present.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, December 22nd, 2014 at 8:30 A.M.

Chairman Mueller called the meeting to order.

A call was received from Jones Trash Service asking for clarification on the closure of the landfill on Saturday the 27th.

Bids for property, liability and workers comp insurance were opened. The Board tabled the decision until next weeks meeting.

Ivan Berger, Chairman of Fire District #1, and Deb Swoboda, Emergency Preparedness Director, discussed the use of the repeater in Palmer and the need for repairs to the repeater. The Board asked Berger to get quotes on the cost to repair the repeater. Berger invited the Board to attend the next fire district meeting on January 14th. Swoboda introduced Chris Pannbacker. Pannbacker will act as the Public Information Officer for Washington County. In her absence, Alison Mueller will act as Public Information Officer. Swoboda presented an estimate for a new computer from Dague's and asked permission to purchase a new computer and desk. Since Swoboda's wages were paid by a grant in the first part of the year, the budget has room for the purchases. The Board approved both purchases.

Duane Bruna, Environmental Science Director, said the landfill has a problem with mixed loads from contractors. The department will start educating contractors on sorting loads but if the problem continues he would like to start fining violators. Closure of the landfill on the 27th was discussed. Chairman Mueller stated that being closed ½ day on a Saturday once in a while should not be a problem but asked Bruna to see if an employee would be willing to open the landfill at 7:00 a.m. on the 29th to accommodate trash haulers who are unable to dump for 3 days due to the Christmas Holiday.

Barbara Donovan, Hanover and Tuttle Creek Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy (WRAPS) Coordinator, presented information on projects completed by the Watershed in 2014 and potential projects for 2015 and 2016.

Sheila Ouellette, Communications Director, requested a budget transfer of \$2,500 to cover the remodel costs of equipment and furniture in the 911 dispatch center.

Justin Cordry, Sheriff, presented contract renewals between the City of Washington and the Sheriff's office. It was noted that the only change to the contract was the removal of animal control. The Sheriff's office does not have the money or equipment to handle animal control so it was removed from the contract. Commissioner Ouellette made a motion to sign the contract. Commissioner Otott seconded the motion. Motion passed. Cordry noted a new contract has been signed for inmate phone service and that work required by the State Fire Marshall has been completed. Cordry said he is actively seeking inmates from other counties and will be contacting with the Kansas Department of Corrections to request an information visit with the Commissioners. Cordry stated he will be implementing the K9 program in 2015 and will need a new SUV to accommodate the K9. Cordry said he is interested in getting a single purpose dog specifically for drug searches. The dogs typically cost between \$5,000 and \$10,000. One officer will be assigned to the dog and will house and take care of the dog. The officer will be required to take a 1 to 2 week training course upon getting the dog. Cordry requested a budget transfer of \$30,000 from the Sheriff's budget and \$30,300 from the Jail's budget to cover a new SUV, the K9 program, Sheriff's equipment, and a new control board in the Jail.

Elizabeth Hiltgen, County Attorney, requested executive session. Commissioner Otott made a motion to enter into executive session under Attorney Client privilege. Commissioner Ouellette seconded the motion. Motion passed. No action taken upon returning to regular session.

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David Willbrant, Public Works Administrator, presented weekly work report. Willbrant reported Hall Bros. finished crack seal in Hanover and Jim Leizler requested a road vacation in Section 2 of Highland Township. Willbrant will contact the other land owner regarding the road vacation. Willbrant asked permission to purchase a pallet of asphalt patch. The Board approved the purchase. Willbrant submitted a lease purchase agreement with Kaw Valley State Bank for a 2014 Etnyre Chip Spreader. Chairman Mueller signed the lease purchase agreement. Chairman Mueller also signed a proposal for MRJ Engineering in Columbus, NE to perform design work on a bridge replacement on Fox Rd., south of 21st, over Mill Creek.

Vic Burks, Shafer, Kline & Warren, Inc., a civil engineering firm in Lenexa, KS, offered information on services the firm could provide the County in implementing road standards to offset the cost of repairs to roads caused by industries such as gas/oil lines, wind farms, and utilities. Chairman Mueller agreed that the standards are needed. When the pipeline came through the County, standards were developed for that specific work but it would have been better to have them in place rather than making them up as each instance arises.

The Board received a notice from Jim Scheetz, Hanover, resigning as the Washington County representative on the Board of Northeast Kansas Area Agency on Aging (NEK-AAA). The Board asked Jueneman to contact the NEK-AAA regarding the appointment of a new representative.

Commissioner Otott made a motion to sign a contract with Lindburg Vogel Pierce Fairs CPA to perform audit services for the year ended December 31, 2014. Commissioner Ouellette seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The Board approved and signed official minutes from Nov. 3, Nov. 10, Nov. 17, Nov. 24, Dec. 1, and Dec. 8.

Upon receiving a recommendation from the Logan Township Board, Commissioner Ouellette made a motion to appoint Bruce Simmons as Logan Township Clerk. Commissioner Otott seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Jueneman discussed the County's flex spending plan. Jueneman offered two quotes by companies who could administer the plan. The Board told Jueneman to select the least expensive option.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 P.M.

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Tim Mueller, 1st District Commissioner

Roger Otott, Chairman, 2nd District Commissioner

Attest:

Dena Jueneman, County Clerk

Gary Ouellette, Vice-Chairman, 3rd District Commissioner