

## COMMISSION MINUTES, December 5, 2016

The Board of County Commission (BOCC) for Washington County met in regular session on December 5, 2016 in the Commission room at the Washington County Courthouse. Members present: Gary Ouellette, Chairman, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Commissioner; Roger Otott, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Commissioner; and Tim Mueller, Vice-Chairman, 1<sup>st</sup> District Commissioner. Denaë Jueneman, County Clerk, was present to record meeting minutes.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.

Chairman Ouellette called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Mueller moved to enter into executive session for a period of 30 minutes under confidential data exception to discuss conditional use permits and to include Elizabeth Hiltgen, County Attorney; Denaë Jueneman, County Clerk; Sam Massey and Vicky Post, NextEra Energy, and Alan Anderson, Polsinelli P.A.. Commissioner Otott seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. No action was taken upon returning to regular session.

A public meeting was held at 8:30 where Massey and the Commissioners answered questions regarding the potential wind turbine project.

The Commissioners received the 2016 inventory list from Tourism, an employee count on the largest employers in Washington County, and a letter from a property owner regarding tax increases over the last 5 years.

Justin Novak, Road & Bridge Supervisor, discussed department activities.

Vince Cox, Cavanaugh, Biggs, and Lemon P.A., and Randy Hiesterman, Willow Creek Dairy, asked the Commissioners to sign a conditional use permit for the dairy to construct two wind turbines on Willow Creek's property. A conditional use permit provides a lifetime tax abatement for the project. If the permit is not signed prior to December 31, 2016, wind generation will be taxed identically as other forms of electricity after 10 years. No action will be taken until the Commissioners have time to confer with the County Attorney.

Jueneman reported Dan Meyer accepted the position of Independence Township Treasurer, leaving the Clerk position open. The Independence Township board asked the Commissioners to appoint Lawrence Tegtmeier as Independence Township Clerk. Commissioner Mueller moved to appoint Lawrence Tegtmeier as Independence Township Clerk. Commissioner Otott seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Mueller moved to approve the 2017 pay scale. Commissioner Otott seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Otott moved to approve the consent agenda which included bills and payroll totaling \$203,905.51, personnel status reporting forms, and change orders 2016-2, 2016-3, and 2016-7 through 2016-11 abating the Treasurer's tax roll. Commissioner Mueller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

David Roblez, temporary Janitor, asked about procedures for snow/ice removal. The Commissioners advised Roblez to have the main sidewalk into the Courthouse cleaned and free from ice/snow prior to 8 a.m. but to maintain his regular work hours of 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Randy Hubbard, Emergency Management Coordinator, provided a list of changes in membership to the LEPC Committee and asked the Commissioners to approve the changes so membership could be submitted to the State. Commissioner Mueller moved to approve the changes in membership. Commissioner Otott seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Dean Lovgren, airport advisory committee member, discussed changes to the draft of a new airport policy.

Sheila Ouellette, Communications Director, and Justin Cordry, Sheriff, discussed various personnel topics. Sheila Ouellette asked the Commissioners to pay the holiday pay rate of double time to employees in law enforcement for the actual holiday and the day the holiday is observed. The Commissioners declined the request. S. Ouellette asked if they Commissioners would grant 1 extra day of PTO leave for those employees who have to work the actual holiday. The Commissioners declined the request. S. Ouellette asked to have the handbook policy on breaks and meals changed for law enforcement personnel. No decision was made. Commissioner Mueller stated on-call time for Sheriff's department will remain at 1/3 time and will be added to handbook. Commissioner Mueller moved to give a cell phone stipend of \$15 a month to Deputy Sheriff's for the use of their personal cell phones. Commissioner Otott seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ouellette moved and Otott seconded to adopt a Notice of Public Hearing on Adoption of Neighborhood Revitalization Plan for Washington County pursuant to K.S.A. 12-17, 117, as presented by Elizabeth Hiltgen, County Attorney. Said Notice sets a public hearing on December 19, 2016, at 11:30 a.m., for the purpose of considering whether Washington County should adopt a Neighborhood Revitalization Plan pursuant to K.S.A. 12-17, 114 et seq. for designated areas within Washington County, Kansas. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Board of County Commissioners will consider findings necessary for the adoption of the proposed Neighborhood Revitalization Plan and the proposed Area, as provided for in K.S.A. 12-17, 114 et. seq. Denae Jueneman, County Clerk, was directed to cause the Notice to be published in the official county newspaper for two consecutive weeks.

The Commissioners received a bid on fuel for the Road & Bridge department. Commissioner Mueller moved to award the bid to Kramer Oil as low bidder. Commission Otott seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.