

COMMISSION MINUTES, February 22, 2016

The Board of County Commission (BOCC) for Washington County met in regular session on Monday, February 22nd, 2016 in the Commission room at the Washington County Courthouse. Members present: Tim Mueller, Vice-Chairman, 1st District Commissioner; Roger Otott, 2nd District Commissioner; and Gary Ouellette, Chairman, 3rd District Commissioner. Denae Jueneman, County Clerk, was present to record meeting minutes.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, February 29th, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.

Chairman Ouellette called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Mueller made a motion to approve the consent agenda which included change orders 2015-214 and 2015-215 abating the Treasurer's tax roll, claim voucher #31403 contributing to an employees' HSA, and official minutes from January 19 and 25 and February 1 and 8. Commissioner Otott seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The BOCC all agreed to pay the utilities for the old County Health Department building out of Courthouse funds as County Health will now be paying for the new building's utilities.

The BOCC reviewed the annual report from Lincoln Township and the monthly report from Washington County Senior Citizens.

Last week, the BOCC received a letter from Roxanne Schottel, Washington County Hospital CEO, stating Washington County Hospital has chosen not to be a draw site for Quest lab which is the preferred lab for the State Employee Health Plan (SEHP). Currently, employees in the County who work for the City of Washington, USD 108, KDOT, and Washington County all participate in the SEHP; therefore, lab work performed at the hospital will be out of network and charges to employees will be significantly higher. Chairman Ouellette asked Schottel to join the meeting to discuss the hospital's decision and alternatives for employees. Schottel stated the decision was based on the expense of staff time and paperwork to be a draw site for Quest and that FedEx does not have a regular courier service to Washington. Jueneman was asked to gather more information from SEHP and Quest Diagnostics and report back next week on options.

The BOCC discussed Sheriff Cordry's request of Emergency Management Director, Deb Swoboda, to move out of the Law Enforcement Center and into the Courthouse. Commissioner Mueller said he feels the Law Enforcement Center is not just for 911 and Sheriff but it should also service as the emergency operations center. Chairman Ouellette stated the decision to move or to stay in the Law Enforcement Center was left up to Deb Swoboda.

Don Alldredge, Janitor, reported on work being performed. The BOCC approved the removal of the Health Department sign at the old building.

Mary Oelschlager, Interim County Health Administrator, and Stephanie Knoettgen, RN, stated the Marshall County Health Department would perform lab work for County employees as they are a draw site for Quest Diagnostics. The Marshall County Health Department draws every morning and employees would need to provide the lab order from their doctor and their Quest card. The BOCC approved the disposal of an old copier with Central Office Supply when the new copier arrives. Chairman Ouellette asked Oelschlager if one of the two $\frac{3}{4}$ time employees at County Health could work more hours until an Administrator is hired. Oelschlager said she would ask the employees.

Sonya Hiltgen, Register of Deeds, presented reports showing filing fees collected in December and January.

Elizabeth Hiltgen, County Attorney, presented an agreement between the BOCC and Burt Farm and Ranch Realty to retain services as broker/auctioneer to conduct the tax sale/auction on February 23rd. Commissioner Mueller made a motion to sign the agreement. Commissioner Otott seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Dan Thalmann, Washington County News Editor, asked each elected official if they would be seeking re-election this year.

Justin Novak, Road & Bridge Supervisor, discussed asphalt needs and types of asphalt for 2016. The BOCC approved the purchase of asphalt from Hall Brothers. Novak asked permission to give each employee who drives a motor grader up to two loads of rock per year to maintain their personal

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driveway. Commissioner Otott said he was not in favor of giving the operators rock for their personal driveway but Commissioner Mueller and Chairman Ouellette agreed to allow the rock as long as there is a limit of two loads per year.

The meeting adjourned at noon.

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Roger Otott, 2nd District Commissioner

Attest:

Dena Jueneman, County Clerk

Gary Ouellette, Chairman, 3rd District Commissioner