

## COMMISSION MINUTES, January 11, 2016

The Board of County Commission (BOCC) for Washington County met in regular session on Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in the Commission room at the Washington County Courthouse. Members present: Tim Mueller, 1<sup>st</sup> District Commissioner; Roger Otott, Chairman, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Commissioner; and Gary Ouellette, Vice-Chairman, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Commissioner. Denae Jueneman, County Clerk, was present to record meeting minutes.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.

Chairman Otott called the meeting to order.

It was noted County offices will be closed on Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Commissioner Ouellette made a motion to approve the consent agenda which included personnel status reporting forms, change order 2015-28 adding intangibles, and 2016 wage adjustments forms. Commissioner Mueller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The BOCC received notice from KDHE regarding a swine permit renewal in section 29 of Independence Township for a decrease in the permitted animal units from the previous permit. Comments are due by February 6, 2016. A copy of the notice is on file in the Clerk's office for public viewing.

The BOCC reviewed monthly reports and financial statements from the Washington County Senior Citizens Board.

Commissioner Mueller made a motion to change the LPN position in County Health back to a full-time position effective immediately. Commissioner Ouellette seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Otott signed a travel request for the Environmental Science Director.

Brad Portenier, Washington, stated his business, Bradford Built, needs a larger facility and would like to add on to the existing facility and employ approximately 20-30 more people over the next 10 years. Portenier asked the BOCC to grant a tax abatement over the next 10 years at a rate of 10% each year. Commissioners Ouellette and Mueller agreed an abatement program would encourage growth in the County. Chairman Otott said he was unsure he would agree to such program. The discussion was tabled.

Yearly reorganization was conducted. Commissioner Ouellette was elected Chair of the BOCC for 2016 while Commissioner Mueller was elected Vice-Chair. Chairman Ouellette abstained from conversation and appointments of the Washington County Hospital Board members.

Abatement programs and options were discussed. All three BOCC members agreed to pursue an abatement program. Program specifics will be discussed and developed with the County Attorney.

Deb Swoboda, Emergency Management Director, asked permission to pay for expenses associated with the Storm Spotters meeting to be held on April 5<sup>th</sup>. The expenses were approved. Chairman Ouellette asked Mendy Kellogg, Appraiser's Office, questions regarding truck values. Kellogg reporting she is conducting research on values and seeking guidance from the State of Kansas on a few specific truck valuations.

Justin Novak, Road & Bridge Supervisor, requested executive session for non-elected personnel. Commissioner Mueller made a motion to enter into executive session. Commissioner Otott seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. No action was taken upon returning to regular session. Commissioner Mueller made a motion to accept a fuel bid from Kramer Oil as low bidder. Commissioner Otott seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Bill Simms, McPherson Contractors, submitted pay application 3 in the amount of \$183,600 for the County Health Department remodel project. Commissioner Mueller made a motion to pay the bill. Commissioner Otott seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The session moved to the County Health project to conduct a walk-through of the facility which is nearing completion. After touring the facility, the BOCC and Health Department staff discussed

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moving needs and dates. As a result, the County Health Department will be closed this Thursday and Friday, January 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, to move to the new facility.

Upon returning to the Commission room, Commissioner Otott recused himself from the meeting. Mary Oelschlager, Interim County Health Administrator, discussed progress on reports and needs in the departments. Commissioner Mueller made a motion to enter into executive session for non-elected personnel and to include Oelschlager and Eireson Pralle. Chairman Ouellette seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. No action was taken upon returning to regular session.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30.

BOARD OF WASHINGTON COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS

(SEAL)

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Tim Mueller, Vice-Chairman, 1<sup>st</sup> District Commissioner

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Roger Otott, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Commissioner

Attest:

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Dena Jueneman, County Clerk

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Gary Ouellette, Chairman, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Commissioner