

## COMMISSION MINUTES, January 4, 2016

The Board of County Commission (BOCC) for Washington County met in regular session on Monday, January 4<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 Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.

Chairman Otott called the meeting to order.

It was noted the BOCC met on December 30<sup>th</sup> in the Commission room with Dr. Roger Warren, Hanover Hospital Administrator; Roxanne Schottel, Washington County Hospital Administrator; Brittni Oehmke, Hanover Hospital Assistant Administrator; and Mary Oelschlager, Deputy County Health Administrator, to discuss the needs and possible solutions in assisting the County Health Department during an administrative vacancy. Both Schottel and Oehmke agreed to assist Oelschlager in any way needed.

Commissioner Ouellette made a motion to approve the consent agenda which included transfers of leave time, 2015 annual report for Highland Township, 2016 contract for services with Pawnee Mental Health Services, to purchase an amplifier and other materials needed from Pugh Communications for the phone and speaker system in the new County Health facility, and to pay bills and payroll totaling \$468,981.53. Commissioner Mueller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Sonya Hiltgen, Register of Deeds, presented an annual abstract showing fees collected and the number of recordings processed in 2015.

Oelschlager asked approval to receive help from Clay County Health Department Administrator and to compensate for the service. The BOCC agreed to allow the service and to compensate the Administrator for her time.

Jueneman informed the BOCC the auditor has requested a hold on year-end transfers until sometime in April when the auditors have had an opportunity to review the 2015 financial reports.

The BOCC placed a call to the Marshall County BOCC to ask their permission in seeking help for Oelschlager from the Marshall County Health Department Administrator. Marshall County shared concerns about their Administrator's available time to assist. Both parties agreed that Marshall County could not assist at this time.

Duane Bruna, Environmental Science Director, stated Marion County wants to join the Big Lakes Regional Household and Hazardous Waste Program but admittance requires approval of the BOCC. Commissioner Mueller made a motion to approve Marion County's admittance into the program. Commissioner Ouellette seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Bruna submitted a travel request. The BOCC allowed the request.

Gloria Moore, Tourism Director, submitted travel requests. The Board approve the requests. Moore asked to use funds toward the refurbishment and repair of the 6<sup>th</sup> PM monument and its historical markers. Commissioner Mueller made a motion to allow \$150 toward the project. Commissioner Ouellette seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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At noon, a group of concerned residents filled the Commission Room to discuss the recent termination of the County Health Administrator and various other topics. The BOCC was asked if they would change their mind on their termination decision. All Commissioners stated they stand by their decision.

The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

BOARD OF WASHINGTON COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS

(SEAL)

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Tim Mueller, 1<sup>st</sup> District Commissioner

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Attest:

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Dena Jueneman, County Clerk

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