

COMMISSION MINUTES, July 25, 2016

The Board of County Commission (BOCC) for Washington County met in regular session on July 25th, 2016 in the Commission room at the Washington County Courthouse. Members present: Gary Ouellette, Chairman, 3rd District Commissioner; Tim Mueller, Vice-Chairman, 1st District Commissioner; and Roger Otott, 2nd District Commissioner. Denae Jueneman, County Clerk, was present to record meeting minutes.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, August 1st, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.

Chairman Ouellette called the meeting to order.

Sheila Ouellette, Communications Director, and Kyle Applegarth, Undersheriff, on behalf of Sheriff Cordry, asked the BOCC to clarify changes made by the BOCC to the Sheriff's budget. The BOCC instructed Jueneman to increase the Sheriff's budget for salaries by \$37,040.

Chairman Ouellette signed a transfer of earned time and a step increase for employees. The BOCC signed the proposed Highland Township 2017 budget. The Highland Township budget hearing is set for 8:30 a.m. on August 1, 2016. The BOCC received notice from KDHE regarding registration for a proposed confined feeding facility located in Section 8 of Lowe Township. Comments are due August 20, 2016. A copy of the public notice is on file in the County Clerk's office.

The BOCC instructed Duane Bruna, Environmental Science Director, to set chemical prices pursuant to K.S.A. 2-1319.

Dick Powell called to report a tree on County property is falling and may destroy his property if the tree falls on his shed. The BOCC asked Justin Novak, Road & Bridge Supervisor, to remove the tree.

Ralph Rogge asked about County trucks using the scale at the landfill when the County truck is loaded with materials from Rogge Sand and Gravel. The BOCC approved the use of the scale for County vehicles.

The BOCC placed a call to Mark Uhlik, Midwest Land & Home, about auctioning the old County Health building. Uhlik was placed on the agenda for next Monday to discuss the auction.

Elizabeth Hiltgen, County Attorney, joined the meeting. Commissioner Mueller made a motion to enter into executive session under attorney-client privilege. Commissioner Otott seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. No action was taken upon returning to regular session.

Melissa Gross, Richard Hinkle, and Dean Lovgren, Washington County Airport Commission, met with the BOCC and received comments from the public regarding hangar space rental. Hiltgen stated the Airport Commission is an advisory commission and the BOCC has asked the commission to devise recommendations on procedures for hangar space rental and return to the BOCC with those recommendations.

The BOCC reviewed the 2017 budget and made two changes before approving the final budget. For the second year in a row, the mill levy will be decreasing. In 2016, the mill levy decreased 2.482 mills. In 2017, the mill levy is set to decrease 3.418 mills for a total decrease of 5.9 mills in two years. The budget will be published in the official County newspaper which is the Linn Palmer Record this week and the hearing will be held at noon on August 8th.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

BOARD OF WASHINGTON COUNTY
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(SEAL)

Tim Mueller, Vice-Chairman, 1st District Commissioner

Roger Otott, 2nd District Commissioner

Attest:

Denae Jueneman, County Clerk

Gary Ouellette, Chairman, 3rd District Commissioner