

## COMMISSION MINUTES, November 10, 2014

The Board of County Commission (BOCC) for Washington County met in regular session on Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in the Commission room at the Washington County Courthouse. Members present: Alison Mueller, 1<sup>st</sup> District Commissioner, Chairman; Roger Otott, Vice Chairman, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Commissioner; and Gary Ouellette, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Commissioner. Denae Jueneman, County Clerk, was present to record meeting minutes.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 8:30 A.M.

Chairman Mueller called the meeting to order.

The Board served as the Board of County Canvassers until 10:50 a.m.

John Denney, CPA with Lindburg Vogel Pierce Faris, introduced his replacement as the auditor for Washington County.

Elizabeth Hiltgen, County Attorney, told Jueneman that bids for audit services for the year 2015 need to be out by December 1<sup>st</sup>. Hiltgen said her office is working on bids packets for Architects for the Health Department project.

Dan Thalmann, Washington County News, asked for additional information on what was reported in last weeks minutes regarding the hiring of an economic development position in the County. Thalmann said he was not in favor of hiring someone full time to fill the position. He was interested in getting programs in place to help new and existing businesses expand. He reported Republic County contracts with an outside firm to handle their incentive programs. Chairman Mueller said she thought that would be a good option and said the County would look into that option. On a separate matter, Thalmann asked what the County was doing about meal sites for seniors, jail inmates and hospital patients because it seems redundant to have three government subsidized facilities all providing the same service within 2 blocks of each other. The Board said they have looked at many options for consolidation but nothing has worked out to date. Thalmann congratulated Commissioner Ouellette on becoming Chairman of North Central Regional Planning Commission.

David Willbrant, Public Works Administrator, presented weekly work report and a new airport directory. Commissioner Otott told Willbrant that a load of road had been dumped two weeks ago south and west of Washington but had never been graded and it needed to be done right away. Willbrant submitted a bill for Highland Township for \$8753.66. Jueneman said there was only \$6520.49 left in the budget for Highland Township. Chairman Mueller said to pay \$6520.49 and Public Works would have to cover the remainder of the bill. Willbrant reported Hall Bros. was ready to start crack and joint seal at the airport and when that work is completed they will go to Hanover. Last week, Willbrant stated that Hall Bros. planned to start work on the Mahaska Road but the experimental process to seal a road in Marshall County was not working properly so Willbrant told Hall Bros. not to do the work at Mahaska. Commissioner Ouellette expressed confusion over why the project wasn't getting done when it has been talked about for over one year and should have been on Public Works' schedule. Willbrant said the Board agreed to have Hall Bros. do an experimental overlay. Commissioner Ouellette asked why Public Works didn't get the project done themselves if Hall Bros. was unable to do the project. Willbrant said cold mix is ordered in March to get the product in June and at that time he didn't know Hall Bros. would be unable to get the project done. Commissioner Ouellette then asked if the County needed to schedule projects out two years in order to get projects done. Willbrant responded he didn't know what else to say.

There will be a final hearing on the completed bridge grant next week in the Commission Room in the Courthouse at 10:30 a.m.

Jueneman submitted bills and payroll totaling \$155,699.37.

The weekly jail report showed there are currently 6 Washington County inmates in the jail.

It was noted that Saline County voted down a bond to build a new jail. The Board questioned if the Sheriff is still seeking outside inmates to be housed in the Washington County jail.

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The Board signed a letter of support to Twin Valley Developmental Services in an application of Section 5310 Transportation Grant.

Commissioner Otott was approached by Don Alldredge, Janitor, outside regular session, asking to use his 4-wheeler to push snow this winter. The Board discussed the request and tabled the discussion.

Commissioner Ouellette asked Jueneman to get Ann Hawk, County Treasurer, on the agenda next week.

The Board signed Change Orders 2014-8, 2014-10, 2014-11, and 2014-12.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 P.M.

BOARD OF WASHINGTON COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS

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Alison Mueller, Chairman, 1<sup>st</sup> District Commissioner

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

Attest:

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Dena Jueneman, County Clerk

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