

COMMISSION MINUTES, November 17, 2014

The Board of County Commission (BOCC) for Washington County met in regular session on Monday, November 17th, 2014 in the Commission room at the Washington County Courthouse. Members present: Alison Mueller, 1st District Commissioner, Chairman; Roger Otott, Vice Chairman, 2nd District Commissioner; and Gary Ouellette, 3rd District Commissioner. Denae Jueneman, County Clerk, was present to record meeting minutes.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, November 24th, 2014 at 8:30 A.M.

Chairman Mueller called the meeting to order.

The Board served as the Board of County Canvassers in order to break ties for three Township Clerk positions. Following is a list of local election results for Township Clerks: David Wiechman, Barnes Township; Tony VanCampen, Brantford Township; Ronold E. Nutsch, Charleston Township; Carol Alexander, Clifton Township; Larry Durst, Coleman Township; Mickey Walter, Farmington Township; Richard L. Samland, Franklin Township; Jack Allen, Grant Township; James Mueller, Greenleaf Township; Charles C. Hardenburger Jr., Haddam Township; Pat Mueller, Hanover Township; Daniel Meyer, Independence Township; Jim Klozenbucher, Kimeo Township; Joe Wiechman, Lincoln Township; David Voelker, Linn Township; Leslie Bruna, Little Blue Township; Benjamin With, Logan Township; Dean Lovgren, Lowe Township; Tony Fencil, Mill Creek Township; Phil Olson, Sheridan Township; Ronald Ohlde, Sherman Township; Douglas Beikman, Strawberry Township; Doug Lambert, Union Township; Joanne M. Dague, Washington Township.

The Commissioners and Jueneman began acting as the Public Building Commissioner (PBC) when Lou Kern, PBC Project Manager/Coordinator, presented a change order to issue payment to Hutton Construction for the hospital project. There will be a PBC meeting on Monday, November 24th, at 11:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Room in the Courthouse.

Jueneman presented an overview of the Kansas Assn. of Counties meeting she attended last week in Wichita. Jueneman submitted 2014 Washington County levy sheets and the final 2014 budget for Highland Township.

The Board approved and signed official minutes for the month of October 2014.

The Board signed Change Orders 2014-3, 2014-4, 2014-14, 2014-15, 2014-18.

Chairman Mueller said she visited with Sheriff Justin Cordry regarding maintenance work at the Law Enforcement Center. Cordry indicated they have a maintenance contract with Central Mechanical to handle plumbing and electrical problems in the Law Enforcement Center.

Duane Bruna, Environmental Science Director, presented a cost analysis on the disposal of pesticides. Bruna indicated the Landfill is in need of a new track loader and they are looking at splitting the cost with Public Works. Commissioner Otott said he doesn't believe Public Works needs a track loader when they have two excavators. Bruna questioned whether money from Noxious Weed could be transferred to County General for the purchase. Jueneman said she would double check with the County's CPA but the Noxious Weed fund is a separate taxing district from County General and she didn't believe the monies could be co-mingled. Bruna asked permission to close the Landfill on December 27th due to County offices being closed December 25th and 26th for Christmas. The Board approved the closure on the 27th.

Commissioner Ouellette said there are 54 vehicles in Washington County that need commercial vehicle tags and asked Ann Hawk, County Treasurer, when the Treasurer's office would be taking the classes to handle commercial vehicle tags in the Washington County office. Hawk said that 22 of those vehicles must be tagged in Marshall County but the other 32 could be handled in Washington County when someone in her office receives training. There will be a training offered in both January and February. Commissioner Ouellette said he would like to see the County handling commercial vehicle registrations in the near future. Hawk responded they will try to get the trainings completed in the near future. Hawk added that she has visited with Representative Sharon Schwartz regarding the regulations.

Don Alldredge, Janitor, gave an update on boiler problems in the Courthouse. Alldredge asked permission to use his ATV for snow removal at the Courthouse, County Health and the Law Enforcement Center. Chairman Mueller asked if the County didn't have a blade for the mowers. Alldredge said the County does have a blade

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for the John Deere but he doesn't like it because it doesn't have a trip blade and there is no blade for the Grasshopper. He indicated he would only use his ATV during heavy snows of 4 inches or more. Otherwise, the Grasshopper does have a broom attachment that could handle snow falls under 4 inches. The Board approved the use of Alldredge's personal ATV during heavy snow fall. Alldredge said the John Deere has some mechanical problems and asked to take it to Marysville for repair. Commissioner Otott suggested Alldredge contact Mike Kongs to see if he would be willing to pick up the machine and take it in for repairs.

Deb Ohlde, North Central Regional Planning Commission, conducted a public hearing and comment time on the CDBG bridge grant. No one chose to take the opportunity to attend the public hearing. Ohlde presented a packet of forms for the Board's signature. Once the signed forms are submitted to the Kansas Department of Commerce and there are no other findings, the bridge project will be complete.

Commissioner Ouellette asked Jueneman for job descriptions of Public Works staff and the Board discussed staffing requirements for Public Works.

Elizabeth Hiltgen, County Attorney, presented two Resolutions for approval and signature. The Board unanimously approved and signed Resolution 07-14 citing policy on voluntary insurance products offered by the County and Resolution 08-14 pertaining to a judicial foreclosure and sale of all real estate tax liens for the years up through 2009. Hiltgen presented, and the Board approved, a Request for Proposal for an Architect for the Health Department project with a budget of \$400,000. Chairman Mueller made a motion to enter into executive session for non-elected personnel. Commissioner Otott seconded. Motion passed. No decision was made upon return to regular session.

David Willbrant, Public Works Administrator, reported Hall Bros. is working on the airport runway and the airport will be closed until the project is complete. Hall Bros. will move to Hanover when the weather warms up later this week. Willbrant asked permission to purchase an additional 40 tons of salt. The Board approved the purchase. Willbrant traveled to Westmoreland last week to view a 2007 John Deere Trackloader being auctioned this week on Purple Wave. Commissioner Otott said he didn't feel comfortable with the purchase. The Board denied the purchase. Willbrant submitted a summary of expenses for Highland Township for 2013 and 2014. Willbrant received a call from a Highland Township landowner who would like the County to clear trees and brush on his property to install a fence along a Township road. The County's policy has been to assist in this manner but not all Townships have the same policy. Since Highland Township dissolved, the County has taken over road work on Highland Township roads and Willbrant questioned whether or not to use the same County policy for Township work especially in light of the fact that the Townships budget has been depleted. Commissioner Ouellette suggested using the policy the Township had in place before it dissolved but no one knew what that policy was. Jueneman suggested calling Jerry Miller who was a former Highland Township Board Member.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 P.M.

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(SEAL)

Alison Mueller, Chairman, 1st District Commissioner

Roger Otott, Vice Chairman, 2nd District Commissioner

Attest:

Dena Jueneman, County Clerk

Gary Ouellette, 3rd District Commissioner