

COMMISSION MINUTES, November 21, 2016

The Board of County Commission (BOCC) for Washington County met in regular session on November 21, 2016 in the Commission room at the Washington County Courthouse. Members present: Gary Ouellette, Chairman, 3rd District Commissioner; Roger Otott, 2nd District Commissioner; and Tim Mueller, Vice-Chairman, 1st District Commissioner. Dena Jueneman, County Clerk, was present to record meeting minutes.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, November 28th, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.

Chairman Ouellette called the meeting to order.

Commissioner-Elect David Willbrant was in attendance.

It was noted Ouellette and Mueller met with department heads on Wednesday, November 15th, to discuss 2017 changes to the personnel handbook.

A coin was flipped for tie votes in the General Election for the Farmington and Independence Treasurer positions. Calvin Roop won the coin flip for Farmington Treasurer. Daniel Meyer won the coin flip for Independence Treasurer.

Commissioner Otott made a motion to approve the consent agenda which included bills and payroll totaling \$152,187.38 and official minutes. Commissioner Mueller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The Commissioners received the October financial statement and November meeting minutes for the Washington County Senior Citizens.

Jueneman reported that the re-appointment of Mary Tate as a Pawnee Mental Health representative was made in error during the November 7th meeting. The position Anita Bott holds was the position that needs to be filled for 2017. Commissioner Mueller moved to rescind the re-appointment of Mary Tate and instead re-appoint Anita Bott as one of two Washington County representatives to Pawnee Mental Health. Commissioner Otott seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Mueller made a motion to decline renewal of a term life, AD&D, and short term disability policy provided by Advance Insurance. Commissioner Otott seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Ouellette asked Francine Crome, County Appraiser, to ensure all appraiser office employees are using the time clock and not using their desktop computer to clock in to ensure all employees are consistent and problems can be fixed with time clock issues.

Justin Novak, Road & Bridge Supervisor, stated Cook Flatt and Strobel will be completing the cost analysis on the asphalt project south of Barnes. Novak presented a proposal for bridge materials for bridge #73 south of Haddam. Commissioner Mueller made a motion to accept the proposal from Husker Steel. Commissioner Otott seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Novak requested executive session.

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Commissioner Otott made a motion to enter into executive session under personnel exception to discuss potential new employees for a period of 10 minutes and to include Novak. Commissioner Mueller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. No action was taken upon returning to regular session.

Commissioner Mueller made a motion to enter into executive session under personnel exception to conduct an interview for a period of 15 minutes and to include applicant. Commissioner Otott seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. No action was taken upon returning to regular session.

Commissioner Mueller made a motion to enter into executive session under personnel exception to discuss department head concerns for a period of 10 minutes and to include Tiffany Hayman, County Health Administrator. Commissioner Otott seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. No action was taken upon returning to regular session.

Justin Dragastin, Dragastin Insurance, discussed hail damage to sky lights at the Weed Office. No decision was made.

Sheila Ouellette, Communications Director, submitted dispatch statistics for the month of October.

At 11:00 a.m., the Commissioners and Jueneman began acting as the Public Building Commission (PBC). Justin Cordry was absent. Elizabeth Hiltgen, County Attorney, presented Resolution 01-16 authorizing the offering for sale of its revenue bonds for the purpose of refinancing the hospital portion of the Series 2013 Revenue Bonds. Mueller made a motion to approve the resolution. Otott seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting returned to regular session.

Rob Peschel, CES Group P.A. Engineers and Surveyors, discussed services CES could provide for Washington County.

Carl Chalfant, City of Washington, requested a reduction in landfill fees for homes in the City of Washington that are being demolished. Duane Bruna, Environmental Science Director, said the discount has not been honored since 2014 and the landfill cannot afford to take on additional free materials due to the large amount of debris from summer storms. The Commissioners agreed that other cities in the County have not been given the discounted rates so it could not be offered to Washington City. Bruna suggested keeping rocks and dirt from the loads brought to the landfill which would lower the rates charged.

The meeting moved to the Law Enforcement Center where Sheriff Justin Cordry presented a demonstration of software for emergency communications. The software is free through a grant for one year and then the cost will be \$15 per month per user after October 2017. Cordry requested a stipend for officers to use of their personal cell phones because the new software runs on an app which uses data on smartphones. The officers would discontinue the use of the County basic phones provided to the officers. No decision was made on a stipend. Cordry presented a law enforcement contract with the City of Washington for the Commission signatures and a personnel status reporting form.

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Commissioner Mueller excused himself from the afternoon session. The Commission broke for lunch.

At 1:30, representatives from Nextera Energy discussed the wind turbine project being proposed for Washington and Republic Counties. A public hearing will be held at 8:30 a.m. on December 5th during the BOCC regular meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.