

COMMISSION MINUTES, November 24, 2014

The Board of County Commission (BOCC) for Washington County met in regular session on Monday, November 24th, 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, December 1st, 2014 at 8:30 A.M.

Chairman Mueller called the meeting to order.

Sheila Ouellette, Communications Director, asked the Board to approve Holiday pay for those who work on Christmas Eve. In the past, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day were both County Holidays but it was changed this year to Christmas Day and the day after Christmas since Christmas falls on a Thursday. The Board will take it under consideration.

Jueneman presented a letter to the Board and asked that Professional Insurance Consultants be named the agent for County AFLAC products. Chairman Mueller signed the letter.

The Board received a notice from KDHE indicating a swine facility located in section 13 of Mill Creek Township has applied for a permit renewal. The notice will be on file in the Clerk's office for public viewing. Comments are due by December 20, 2014.

The Board signed Change Orders 2014-20, 2014-21, 2014-22.

Jueneman presented an affidavit from Undersheriff Applegarth regarding a missing credit card receipt. The Board stated that County policy requires original receipts be submitted as proof of purchase with each County credit card purchase and agreed not to allow the use of affidavits for missing receipts.

Jueneman advised the Board that a County citizen wants to abolish the intangibles tax in the County and has asked her office how to bring it to a vote in the April election. Jueneman was in contact with the County Attorney regarding the process for abolishing the tax.

Jueneman offered a nomination for Trustee to the Farmington Township Board. Todd Hughes resigned from the Township Board in August and the remaining Board members nominated Alex Goeckel as Trustee. Commissioner Otott moved to appoint Alex Goeckel as Farmington Township Board Trustee. Commissioner Ouellette seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Duane Bruna, Environmental Science Director, indicated KDHE performed an inspection at the Landfill last week and KDHE found a few minor violations. All violations have been addressed.

The Board and Jueneman broke to attend County Government Day and address County High School Seniors.

Jueneman presented bills and payroll totaling \$273,259.30.

Elizabeth Hiltgen, County Attorney, discussed employee Holiday pay and the intangibles tax.

Roxanne Schottel, Washington County Hospital CEO, gave an update on the hospital project. Schottel also discussed upcoming fund raisers and pledges for hospital equipment. Schottel reminded the Board that the term for three hospital board members will end in 2015 and she is searching for replacements. Schottel was informed that nominations are appointed when the County performs their annual reorganization in January. The hospital will have a Christmas Open House on Tuesday, December 16th from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The Commissioners and Jueneman began acting as the Public Building Commissioner (PBC) at 11:15 a.m. They returned to regular session at 11:25 a.m.

David Willbrant, Public Works Administrator, reported Hall Bros. has run into some unforeseen problems while crack sealing the airport runway and they have billed the County an additional \$9,400. Commissioners Otott and Ouellette agreed the project was bid and that most contractors pad the bid to cover unforeseen expenses and

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the County should not have to pay the additional expense. A call was placed to Hall Bros. to discuss the issues but the Board was unable to make contact. After discussion, the Board agreed to meet Hall Bros. half way on the expenses but if Hall Bros. is unwilling to meet the County half way, then the project should stop. Willbrant contacted former Highland Township Board members to discuss their policy on fence and tree removal from right-of-ways. Willbrant was informed that the former township paid 100% of the dozer work for landowners wishing to install new fences. The Board agreed to continue Highlands policy but told Willbrant that he would not be able to perform any work for landowners for the remainder of fiscal year 2014 since the Highland Township budget has been depleted. The County's snow policy was discussed. The current policy allows for overtime on snow removal when snow totals exceed three inches. If snow fall is less than three inches, then snow removal is performed during normal business hours. Commissioner Ouellette commented that less than three inches can be hazardous so he wants Public Works out checking road conditions when snow fall totals are below three inches. Chairman Mueller placed a moratorium on white lime stone rock on County roads due to complaints and hazards. Chairman Mueller further stated that Public Works should be using more gravel to create a crust and that if Public Works needs to travel further or spend more money to get quality rock then they should do so.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 P.M.

BOARD OF WASHINGTON COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

(SEAL)

Alison Mueller, Chairman, 1st District Commissioner

Roger Otott, Vice Chairman, 2nd District Commissioner

Attest:

Dena Jueneman, County Clerk

Gary Ouellette, 3rd District Commissioner