

COMMISSION MINUTES, October 27, 2014

The Board of County Commission (BOCC) for Washington County met in regular session on Monday, October 27th, 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 3rd, 2014 at 8:30 A.M.

Chairman Mueller called the meeting to order.

Roxanne Schottel, Washington County Hospital CEO, gave an update on the renovations at the hospital.

Don Alldredge, Janitor, asked permission to move cement blocks around the building purchased for the health department to accommodate snow removal in order to comply with Washington City's snow removal policy. The Board approved the moving of the blocks.

Jueneman presented bills and payroll totaling \$287,624.20. Jueneman reported Professional Insurance Consultants would not be attending the meeting as scheduled as they have not received all insurance bids to present. The consultants will try to make it to the meeting next week.

Duane Bruna, Environmental Science Director, said the Fall newsletter will be going out with taxes this year. Bruna reported the training he attended last Friday went well and that he and Justin Hill will be out tomorrow to tour a recycling facility between Topeka and Lawrence.

Commissioner Otott asked Jueneman to get a weekly jail count because it is not being reported. After the meeting, Jueneman phoned the Sheriff's office and there are currently 3 Marshall County and 7 Washington County inmates in the jail.

Ann Hawk, County Treasurer, presented the annual Treasurer's report showing taxes collected through September.

David Willbrant, Public Works Administrator, presented weekly work report. Willbrant presented an agreement between Cook, Flatt & Strobel Engineers for design surveys and plan preparation for bridge and road work on a bridge South of Hwy. 36 on Osage and 17th Rd. in the amount of \$28,000. Willbrant presented a quote from Murphy Tractor & Equipment to trade in a 2010 motor grader for a 2015 John Deere 770G Motor Grader for \$27,000. The 2010 Motor Grader has had many problems, including replacing the transmission, and even though it is under warranty, the grader is not reliable. Willbrant requested executive session for non-elected personnel. No action was taken upon returning to regular session. Commissioner Ouellette asked Willbrant to check on the status of the overlay near Mahaska because it was reported in the October 6th meeting that work would begin the following week and it has not yet started. Eight loads of ravel and five loads of rock were hauled to Highland Township roads.

Elizabeth Hiltgen, County Attorney, discussed a fence viewing and will draft an order to present to the BOCC.

At 11:40 the Board began acting as the Public Building Commission (PBC). The PBC adjourned at 11:45.

The Board reconvened as the BOCC at 11:45 A.M. and the Commissioners discussed the Health Department project with Larry Bruna, Hutton Construction. After discussion about hiring an architect for the project, Chairman Mueller said that since Hutton Construction may be interested in being a part of this project, she believes Larry Bruna should be removed from future discussions and she will make a phone call to Hiltgen about the process of hiring an architect.

The Board unanimously approved the following actions:

- To sign the agreement with Cook, Flatt & Strobel
- To purchase a shoulder machine on Purple Wave for parts.
- To purchase a 2015 John Deere 770G Motor Grader for \$27,000.
- To enter into executive session.

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The meeting adjourned at 12:25 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