COMMISSION MINUTES, September 12, 2016

The Board of County Commission (BOCC) for Washington County met in regular session on September 12, 2016 in the Commission room at the Washington County Courthouse. Members present: Gary Ouellette, Chairman, 3rd District Commissioner; Tim Mueller, Vice-Chairman, 1st District Commissioner; and Roger Otott, 2nd District Commissioner. Denae Jueneman, County Clerk, was present to record meeting minutes.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, September 19th, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.

Chairman Ouellette called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Otott made a motion to approve the consent agenda which included bills and payroll totaling \$379,219.02 and official minutes. Commissioner Mueller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Jueneman discussed changes to the tax rebate flyer. Once corrections are made, the BOCC asked Jueneman to send the flyer to local banks and lumber yards.

Jueneman stated employee time cards will start being pulled from the new time clock system on the first pay period in October and training is being scheduled for supervisors this week.

Linn Public Schools requested \$200 toward Red Ribbon Week. Commissioner Mueller made a motion to contribute \$200 with funds to be taken from a special alcohol and drug fund which receives tax money from the sales of alcohol within Washington County. Commissioner Otott seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Otott added he would like to encourage other schools within the County submit requests for the same purpose.

Randy Hubbard, Emergency Management Coordinator, received a call last Wednesday evening regarding a wastewater spill from J-Six near Upland Road. Hubbard reported on work done to contain and repair roads due to the spill and stated a contact list of after-hour emergency phone numbers is needed from facilities.

Duane Bruna, Environmental Science Director, submitted bids on 180 gallons of the chemical Remedy. Commissioner Mueller made a motion to accept the bid from Sims as low bidder. Commissioner Otott seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Justin Novak, Road & Bridge Supervisor, stated the bid from Welborn Sales opened last week slightly increased but remained the low bidder. There will be a bid letting on the Tegethoff bridge in October with work to begin in late fall or winter. Novak offered quotes for steel from Husker Steel and construction work by Norfolk Contracting for three other bridges. Commissioner Mueller made a motion to accept the quotes. Commissioner Otott seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Jim Stark stated a group of people wants to block off the street near the Law Enforcement Center to hold an appreciation dinner for Law Enforcement employees. The BOCC said they appreciate the gesture but permission to block off the street would need to come from the City Council.

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Russ Behrends, Hanover, asked permission to add an entrance on a County road to his farm property located in Independence Township. Novak returned to the meeting to discuss the entrance.

Elizabeth Hiltgen, County Attorney, clarified the Resolution passed last week on concealed weapons. Hiltgen stated the County still prohibits open carrying of weapons.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.