

COMMISSION MINUTES, September 29, 2014

The Board of County Commission (BOCC) for Washington County met in regular session on Monday, September 29, 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, October 6th, 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. Schottel said the hospital signed a contract with Kellan Sherlock to become a physician and employee of the hospital in August 2015. Schottel also said the hospital is raising their rates on meals and long term care room rates.

Lou Kern, Washington County Hospital Board Member, said the hospital would like to apply for the USDA Rural Economic Development Loan & Grant Program which is a zero percent interest loan program to be used for equipment at the hospital. Kern asked the Board to consider writing a letter of credit in the amount of \$500,000 to be included with the application. The Board will consider the letter at a later date.

Jueneman presented information she was asked to gather information after last weeks' meeting regarding part-time employees insurance and work hours. Jueneman reported that Deputy Elsasser has worked an average of 12 hours per week and Deputy Owen has worked an average of 15 hours per week over the past nine months. When asked how much the Deputy's pay for their health insurance above the single rate plan, Jueneman reported that Elsasser pays 18% while Owens pays 33%. Jueneman has contacted the County's insurance consultants who are gathering information from Blue Cross and their attorney to see if it is possible to grandfather the Deputies on the County's health plan.

Jueneman presented bills and payroll totaling \$324,979.06.

Duane Bruna, Environmental Science Director, asked for clarification on the motion made last week to give cities a reduced rate of 20% on construction and demolition items at the Landfill for disposal of city-owned, condemned, and/or abandoned properties for the next year. Bruna had been questioned if the discount was available to individuals or just city-owned properties. Mueller said the policy was only meant for city owned buildings or buildings that the city had condemned and was not meant for individuals.

Gloria Moore, Tourism Director, gave the September monthly tourism report.

Janice Kearn, County Health Administrator, asked for signatures on Medicare revalidation paperwork. The Board and Kearn discussed a possible date for a public information meeting on the future of the health department facility. The meeting will be held on October 13th. The building that was purchased for the new health department will open at 6:00 p.m. An information meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. in the Commission room at the Courthouse. Kearn asked if asbestos and demolition would be a part of the bid package for the new County Health facility. Chairman Mueller said Elizabeth Hiltgen, County Attorney, should be familiar with the bid process and Kearn should visit with Hiltgen about the bid package. Kearn said the County Health Department contracted with Pam Brabec, ARPN, for family planning services. Kearn requested executive session for non-elected personnel. Commissioner Otott made a motion to enter into executive session. Commissioner Ouellette seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously. No action was taken upon returning to regular session.

David Willbrant, Public Works Administrator, presented a weekly work report. Willbrant indicated bids for the lease-purchase of a chip spreader have been sent out to area banks and will be opened October 13th at 11:00 a.m. in the Commission room of the Courthouse.

Hiltgen said the County is required by law to have a public bidding process and have the bids published in the paper for the County Health facility project.

At 11:35 the Board began acting as the Public Building Commission (PBC). The PBC adjourned at 12:05.

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The Board reconvened as the BOCC at 12:05 P.M. and Commissioner Otott made a motion to renew and sign a contract with Marlene Stamm as County Sanitarian. Commissioner Ouellette seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 P.M.

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Roger Otott, Vice Chairman, 2nd District Commissioner

Attest:

Dena Jueneman, County Clerk

Gary Ouellette, 3rd District Commissioner