

COMMISSION MINUTES, September 8, 2014

The Board of County Commission (BOCC) for Washington County met in regular session on Monday, September 8, 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, September 15th, 2014 at 8:30 A.M.

Chairman Mueller called the meeting to order.

Janice Kearns, County Health Administrator, discussed plans and needs for the County Health Department. The Board agreed to pay all expenses on the newly purchased building until construction begins on the remodeling project. The Board asked Jueneman to place calls and make arrangements for utility hookups on the building.

The Board discussed boot purchases for law enforcement. Commissioner Ouellette made a motion to pay up to \$120/year for standard issue boots for the Sheriff's department as part of the required uniform. He further stated that if the boots were not standard issue by the Sheriff, then the deputy would need to buy their own boots and be eligible for a reimbursement up to \$90/year. Commissioner Otott seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Jueneman requested executive session for non-elected personnel. Commissioner Otott made a motion to enter into executive session for non-elected personnel. Commissioner Ouellette seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. No action was taken after resuming regular session.

Norma Hennerberg, Hollenberg, asked the Board to have something done with trees west and south of Hollenberg that are creating a blind corner.

Chairman Mueller asked Don Alldredge, Janitor, to join the meeting to discuss restrictions on his return to duty. The Board asked Alldredge to get a revised restrictions and return it before he could return to work.

The Board received a letter from Duane Bruna, Environmental Sciences Director, reminding them that there will be a meeting of the Solid Waste Committee on September 15th at 9:30 a.m. in the Commission Chambers of the Courthouse. A notice was received from KDHE indicating a swine facility located in section 14 of Brantford 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 October 4, 2014. A notice to employees who work less than 30 hours a week regarding changes to health insurance eligibility effective January 1, 2015 was signed by the Board.

Anita Bott, Washington County Board of Directors with Pawnee Mental Health Services, presented a proclamation to the Board. Commissioner Otott made a motion to proclaim September as Recovery Month. Commissioner Ouellette seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Allredge returned with a revised return to work order. The Board told Allredge that due to the nature of his position, he would need to take off the duration of the work restrictions.

Chairman Mueller signed payroll change notice for Antonio Perez for completion of training period.

Ryan Kern, First National Bank, asked permission to use the Courthouse lawn and bathrooms for the upcoming Fall Fest. The Board approved the use.

David Willbrant, Public Works Administrator, informed the Board that Joe Meier submitted his resignation for the end of September and asked permission to publish help wanted ads. The Board and Willbrant discussed various bridges. The County will be closing a bridge ½ mile west of Heritage Rd. on 7th Rd. Willbrant is applying for a local bridge improvement program through KDOT to replace a bridge ½ mile south of 21st Rd. on Fox Rd. Commissioner Otott received a call about a sink hole on St. John's Rd. and asked Willbrant to check the road. Commissioner Ouellette said the blacktop south of Greenleaf is rough and the County road for the first three miles out of Mahaska is very soggy after rain. Commissioner Ouellette also asked about the resurfacing project on the blacktop road leading into Mahaska. Willbrant said Hall Brothers was to begin work on it last Thursday but due to a breakdown in Republic County and the rain they didn't start the project.

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Willbrant said Hall Brothers indicated they would start on it in 2-3 weeks. The Board asked Willbrant to check into the blind spot near Hollenberg that was brought to their attention earlier in the meeting.

Elizabeth Hiltgen, County Attorney, informed the Board of the status on the personnel handbook and indicated that in the future a resolution needs to be done to amend personnel policies so the handbook would stay current. The Board asked Hiltgen to draw up a new contract for Marlene Stamm, County Sanitarian, whose contract expires on October 1st.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 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