

Commission Minutes July 10, 2017

The Board of Washington County Commission met in regular session on Monday July 10, 2017 in the commission room at the Washington County Courthouse. Members present: Tim Mueller, 1st District Commissioner, David Willbrant, 2nd District Commissioner, Gary Ouellette, 3rd District Commissioner, and Diana Svanda, County Clerk to record minutes.

Consent Agenda items:

Quarterly Financial Statement

Tim Mueller will meet with Shawn Harold the County's Insurance adjuster about hail damage.

Gary Ouellette reported he talked to Kim Knox about the Meyer project and putting in culverts.

David Willbrant made the motion to sign Highland Twp Budget, Gary Ouellette seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Duane Bruna, Environmental Science – Talked to the commissioners about attending an Sericea Lespedeza meeting in Manhattan on July 26, 2017, Duane was given permission to go. Duane also talked to the commissioners about the thistle problem around the county, there was discussion as what should be done, Tim Mueller suggested that Duane send letters first to all Townships Board members.

District Judge Kim Cudney – Talked to the board about the importance of fiber optic internet for her office. The board told Judge Cudney they are in the processes of getting fiber optic internet in the building, they are checking options and by the end of October will make a decision.

Justin Novak, Road & Bridge Supervisor – Justin presented the commissioners an agreement between Cook, Flatt & Strobel and the County for bridge project number 101C-4879-01, after some discussion David Willbrant suggested that Elizabeth Hiltgen, County Attorney look at it before they signed. Justin reported they will start patching the North Washington Road and the Clifton Oil Road this week and also putting in drain tile. They will also be doing pot hole patching in Barnes.

Gloria Moore, Tourism Director – reported that she received information from Kansas Department of Commerce, they are currently taking nominations for the MED week Awards. Every county in Kansas is to nominate an exceptional business in the area that highlight Minority and Woman owned businesses within their county.

Tiffany Hayman, County Health Director – Reported she has training in Junction City for Home Health. Tiffany has also set up nurses meeting in her office once a week. Gary Ouellette made the motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes under non-elected personal, David Willbrant seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried. After returning to regular session no action was taken.

David Roblez, custodian – reported on his department he let the commissioners know that he has a gas powered trimmer that does not work, commissioners gave him permission to purchase a new one.

Bev Finlayson, Interim Appraiser – Reported on her department.

Justin Cordry, Sheriff and Sheila Ouellette Communication Director – reported that there main server went down and the cost to fix temporarily was \$6,000.00. They need to purchase a new one that will cost about \$18,000.00, but did not budget for it this year, commissioner told them to pay for it out of there budget and at the end of the year if they would run short they would help them with other funds.

David Willbrant talked about the budget and the pay increase that was suggested at 2% David voiced his concerns and thinks they need to increase that to at least 3%, he also thinks they need to put money away for more land to be used for C&D.

Gary Ouellette made the motion to adjourn at 12:10 PM, David Willbrant seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Commissioners will meet on July 12, 2017 with the County Auditor to go over the final budget.

Next regular meeting will be July 17, 2017

Tim Mueller, Chairman 1st District

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David Willbrant, 2nd District

Attest:

Diana L Svanda, County Clerk

Gary Ouellette, Vice Chairman 3rd District