Commission Minutes February 22, 2022

The Board of Washington County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, February 22nd, in the commission room at the Washington County Courthouse. Members present were Scott Zabokrtsky, 1st District Commissioner, David Willbrant, 2nd District Commissioner, and Raleigh Ordoyne, 3rd District Commissioner. Diana Svanda, County Clerk recorded minutes.

Scott called the meeting to order at 8:16 AM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda:

Payroll & Bills Totaling $528,825.77

Raleigh made the motion to approve the consent agenda, David seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Commissioners received an email from Austin Taylor, General Manager at JBN. He is requesting a letter of support/recommendation from the county to apply for a grant geared towards funding broadband expansion to rural Barnes. Traci will prepare a letter for commissioners to approve at next week’s meeting.

At the November 1st meeting, the commissioners decided that an employee could use PTO or take leave without pay for COVID. Today they clarified that was for an employee testing positive or a child/spouse.

Randy Hubbard, Emergency Management Coordinator, met with the commissioners to update them on events happening within his department. Randy reported that Marshall County is hosting a class for local fire departments to help them prepare for setting up an incident command post. Randy reported on several other issues happening throughout the county. March 7-11 is severe weather awareness week with March 8th being the statewide fire drill. The commissioners agreed that this is a good time for county offices to practice what they would do during severe weather.

Justin Novak, Road & Bridge Supervisor, called in by phone. He updated the commissioners on FEMA money for Highland Township. The annual township meeting has been set for March 17th, more information to come.

Lance Leis, Appraiser, reported the average value of property has increased 5% for Washington County. He also reported that does not mean every property went up 5%, it is the average throughout the county. Valuations will be mailed to taxpayers March 1st.

Raleigh moved, and David seconded to go into executive session for 15 minutes with Lance to discuss employee performance. No action was taken.

David moved; Raleigh seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:32AM.

The next regular meeting will be Monday February 28, 2022.

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Scott Zabokrtsky, Chairman 1st District

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David Willbrant, 2nd District

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Diana L Svanda, County Clerk Raleigh Ordoyne, 3rd District