

Greene County Commission Minutes
Thursday, February 15, 2018, 9:30 AM
1443 North Robberson, 10th Floor

Present: Harold Bengsch, John Housley, Chris Coulter, Chris Mericle, Jeff Scott, Kate Morris, Shane Schoeller, Kevin Barnes, Cindy Stein, Tina Phillips, Rick Artman, Crystal Richards; and Michael Short and Rick McConnel by phone. Commissioner Bob Cirtin absent.

Commissioner Bengsch opened the meeting.

Highway Director Rick Artman presented a surplus property sale request. Commissioner Hough made the motion to approve the request. Commissioner Bengsch seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Aye: Bengsch, Hough. Nay: None. Absent: Cirtin. Abstain: None.

Artman also informed the Commission that his department has \$4,000 budgeted for iPads, but, in doing more research, they've decided tough pads would be a better purchase. This is about \$7,000 more, but the expense would still be more than \$22,000 below what is budgeted in their capital. The Commissioners agreed with Artman's decision.

Next on the agenda was An Order Authorizing the County to Enter into an Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement with U.S. Bancorp Government Leasing and Finance, Inc., and Authorizing and Approving Certain Actions and Documents in Connection therewith. Jeff Scott asked that this item be tabled but requested that a discussion be had. Commissioner Bengsch moved to discussion. There was a discussion that involved Rick McConnel and Michael Short on the phone. The Commissioners were concerned as to whether the bidding process was compliant with advertising requirements. While McConnel felt that the statutes causing concern were not applicable, County Counselor John Housley felt that they do apply. Commissioner Bengsch explained that the Commission wanted to be as transparent as possible and use an abundance of caution. Because of this, the county's representatives will go back to US Bank, ask them to rebid and include requested changes as part of their response. McConnel said there was still adequate time to go back and do what is necessary to ensure that the bidding process is done in compliance. Michael Short agreed that the timetable was doable. Since the agenda action item was no longer needed, as it was specific to US Bank, action would no longer be needed until the next wave of final bids come in. It was restated that Rick McConnel would represent the county and Michael Short would facilitate and gather bids. They are not functioning as a broker, but rather a consultant. Jeff Scott asked them if they were still agreeable to the \$1,500 fee each. McConnel and Short said yes. Phone call ended.

Kevin Barnes gave an update on the Resource Management Department.

With no other items, the meeting was adjourned.

