

Douglas County manager's contract extended

On a 3-2 vote on Sept. 7, Douglas County Manager Larry Werner's contract was extended to Dec. 31, 2019.

Commissioners Larry Walsh and Dave Nelson were the dissenters. Walsh wanted the term to go through Dec. 31, 2018. Nelson wants to hire a permanent county manager.

Werner has been at the helm of the county since February 2016 when Jim Nichols and the commissioners parted company. Werner's stint was originally supposed to be an interim appointment and never expected to be what is now semi-permanent.

The county does have an out, as does Werner. Both may end the contract with 30 days notice.

The contract adjustment did not come with a salary increase. Werner makes \$14,333 a month (\$171,966/year).

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