

COMMISSION MINUTES, September 30, 2013

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

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The Board of County Commission for Washington County met in regular session on Monday, September 30, 2013 in the commission room at the Washington County Courthouse. Members present: Alison Mueller, 1st District Commissioner, Chairman; Roger Otott, Vice Chairman, 2nd District Commissioner; Gary Ouellette, 3rd District Commissioner; and Denae Dimler, County Clerk.

Next regular meeting will be Monday, October 7, 2013 at 8:30 A.M.

Chairman Mueller called the meeting to order.

Denae Dimler, County Clerk, presented bills and payroll totaling \$382,465.79. The Board approved and signed official minutes from September 23, 2013.

Duane Bruna, Environmental Science Director, gave his departments weekly work report and told the Board that all permits for composting, construction/demolition, and the transfer station have been approved and renewed by KDHE for one year. Daniel Kurtz submitted his resignation.

The Board received a call from Rusty Dummermuth, Lincoln Township Trustee, asking about the townships right of way when grading roads. The Board told Rusty to contact the Public Works Department to check the actual width of the road. Rusty also inquired about expenses incurred when extending a tube or culvert for a landowner. The Board told Rusty that policies regarding costs or cost sharing need to be set by resolution and in writing by each township board.

Kyle Applegarth, Undersheriff, reported there are 4 Washington County and 1 Republic County inmates in the jail. He also reported that the roof on the jail has started buckling. It appears that the underlayment is buckling under the shingles. The Sheriff's office will contact the contractor who built the building in 2008.

Janice Kearn, County Health Administrator, joined the meeting where she and the Board began acting as the Public Building Commission. The PBC members discussed costs submitted by Hutton Construction for changes to the hospital project. Commissioner Otott made a motion to accept the changes submitted by Hutton Construction. Commissioner Ouellette seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Barbara Donovan, Hanover and Tuttle Creek Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy (WRAPS) Coordinator, presented information on an upcoming project tour on October 8th and discussed current projects in the WRAPS program.

Bids for the Washington County 2013 county bridge replacement project were opened at 11:00 a.m. Joining the meeting were David Willbrant, Washington County Public Works; Deb Ohlde, North Central Regional Planning Commission; Bob Chambers, Cook, Flatt & Strobel Engineers; Travis Rose, Bridges Inc.; and Chris Adelman, Husker Steel. Three sealed bids were opened along with an engineer's estimate. Bob Chambers took the bids after they were opened to review bonding and addendums and indicated he would have a recommendation ready for review by tomorrow.

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David Willbrant gave his weekly work report. He said that Alfred Benesch Company, who was at the meeting last week, did submit a grant application for improvements at the airport totaling \$206,000. If the grant is awarded and the County decides to accept the grant, the county's cost share would be \$20,600. Nathan Schuessler submitted his resignation.

Ed Henry, Twin Valley Developmental Services Inc., returned to the Board with cost estimates on continuing to provide medical transportation for Washington County residents. Twin Valley will be discontinuing public transportation service on October 31st. However, the Board said they would like to see Twin Valley continue to offer transportation for medically necessary trips and said the County could financially support Twin Valley in an effort to keep that portion of the transportation system open to residents. Ed provided the Board with a spreadsheet of Medicaid rates and fees that Twin Valley charges each customer. The spreadsheet showed a loss of \$12,000 on a yearly basis. Commissioner Ouellette made a motion to enter into an agreement with Twin Valley for 6 months beginning October 31st. The fee for the agreement will be based on a per trip basis and it will be evaluated each month. Ed agreed to provide a monthly billing to the County. Commissioner Otott seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 P.M.