

## COMMISSION MINUTES, March 23, 2015

The Board of County Commission (BOCC) for Washington County met in regular session on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 in the Commission room at the Washington County Courthouse. Members present: Tim Mueller, 1<sup>st</sup> District Commissioner; Roger Otott, Chairman, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Commissioner; and Gary Ouellette, Vice-Chairman, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Commissioner. Denae Jueneman, County Clerk, was present to record meeting minutes.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 8:30 A.M.

Chairman Otott called the meeting to order.

Pursant to K.S.A. 48-932, the Board of County Commissioners signed Resolution 03-15 on Friday March 20<sup>th</sup>, declaring a state of disaster emergency; therefore, a burn ban is in effect immediately for a period of 7 days and may be extended an additional 7 days if needed.

Deborah Swoboda, Emergency Preparedness Director, presented the above resolution to Jueneman and discussed burn permit procedures.

Chairman Otott signed change order 2014-55. Commissioner Ouellette made a motion to contribute \$100 toward Hanover High School After Prom party. Commissioner Mueller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Diana Svanda, Payroll Clerk, submitted an extra compensation worksheet for County Treasurer, Ann Hawk, for the months of January through December 2014 in the amount of \$4,750.95. Per K.S.A. 8-145, the county treasurer shall receive additional compensation for administering the motor vehicle title and registration laws and fees.

Duane Bruna, Environmental Science Director, submitted a payroll change notice for Kathie Otney due to her retirement.

Sheila Ouellette, Communications Director; Theresa Herra, Deputy Communications Director; Justin Cordry, Sheriff; and Swoboda joined the meeting to discuss burn bans. S. Ouellette said the public is responsible for getting a burn permit from the fire chief in the district in which they live and then they are to call dispatch prior to the burn. Dispatch receives daily notice from the National Weather Service indicating the fire index. If the fire index is high, residents are advised against burning and are informed that if they choose to disregard the recommendation, then they may be held liable for any damages and the expenses of the fire department to respond. The Board asked S. Ouellette to put the policy in the newspapers this week.

Cordry reported he is in receipt of a draft contract from the Kansas Department of Corrections to house inmates and that Roxanne Schottel, Washington County Hospital CEO, has agreed to have hospital staff perform the once a week welfare check required by KDOC. Pawnee Mental Health services agreed to perform mental health services on an as-needed basis. Cordry was asked what the welfare check would require. Cordry said it was a short checklist that needs to be performed once a week. No on-call or evening situations would arise because jail staff would do the assessment and if KDOC inmates needed to be seen during non-business hours the inmates would be taken to the hospital just as current inmates are treated.

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Ron Elsasser, Deputy Sheriff and DARE Instructor, joined Cordry to request funds to take DARE Students to the Royals game on May 7<sup>th</sup> to experience “Kids Day at the K” as he has done in the past. Commissioner Ouellette made a motion to pay for the expenses for the trip which would be approximately \$1800. Commissioner Mueller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Hiltgen, County Attorney, discussed the burn ban with the Board.

Commissioner Ouellette made a motion to enter into executive session for non-elected personnel and to include Jim Finlayson. Commissioner Mueller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. No action was taken upon returning to regular session.

Jim Finlayson, Interim Road & Bridge Superintendent, submitted bids for fuel. Commissioner Mueller made a motion to go with Leizler Oil as the lowest bid. Commissioner Ouellette seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The Board approved an ad for summer help.

David Willbrant, Hollenberg, approached the Board and asked Finlayson to stay. Willbrant began going over a list of items that he felt needed to be addressed because he was working on them when he was dismissed. Commissioner Ouellette interrupted Willbrant and told him that Finlayson is running Public Works and didn't need Willbrant telling him how to do his job. Willbrant asked Finlayson if he felt the same way to which Finlayson replied “yes”. Willbrant continued talking about permits and record keeping issues. Shortly after Willbrant left the meeting, he phoned the Board to tell them that a bridge barricade is facing the wrong direction and the flag at the airport is tattered. The Board said they would check into the issues.

Chairman Otott made a motion at 12:35 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Ouellette seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.