

COMMISSION MINUTES, APRIL 14, 2014

The Board of County Commission for Washington County met in regular session on Monday, April 14, 2014 in the commission room at the Washington County Courthouse. Members present: Alison Mueller, 1st District Commissioner, Chairman; Roger Otott, Vice Chairman, 2nd District Commissioner; and Gary Ouellette, 3rd District Commissioner. Kathy Fritz, Deputy County Clerk, was present to record meeting minutes.

Next regular meeting will be Monday, April 21, 2014 at 8:30 A.M.

Chairman Mueller called the meeting to order.

Payroll and bills in the amount of \$222,770.87 were presented.

Kyle Applegarth, Undersheriff, called in to report there are currently 6 Washington County inmates in the jail. The commissioners discussed the research conducted by Elizabeth Hiltgen, County Attorney, about the closing of the county jail. Hiltgen indicated that a review of applicable statutes, case law, and attorney general opinions would dictate that the County has a duty to maintain the County Jail, with the Sheriff being the individual responsible for the manner in which it is kept. While there are statutory provisions that would provide that a County can house inmates in a neighboring county’s jail, and a District Court can commit a prisoner to the jail of the nearest county having a jail; this is done upon a court order endorsed with a statement that there is no sufficient jail in the county from whence the order was issued.

Duane Bruna, Environmental Science Director reported on a recycling trailer that he and Justin Hill had looked at.

The Board signed change order 2013-48.

David Willbrant, Public Works Administrator, gave his weekly work report. The asphalt bids will be opened on April 21st. After contacting local vendors the tires that were discussed last week were purchased from M & M Tire. David has contacted Purple Wave to sell Jeeps and a Grasshopper. Ads will be placed in the local newspapers for these. David reported that he had visited with Carl Chalfant, Washington City Administrator, and the council has decided to use the funds that had been set aside for the B Street repairs for this year will be used for other projects. The board and David will do a bridge tour on May 5th & 12th in the afternoon. David will discuss with Elizabeth Hiltgen, County Attorney, about a county policy for connecting road maintenance.

Larry Bruna, Hutton Construction, gave an update on the hospital project.

The Board discussed various matters with Elizabeth Hiltgen, County Attorney.

The commissioners unanimously approved the following action:

- . To increase the starting wage for new hires not including seasonal and temporary to \$9.50/hr effective today.
- . To purchase a recycling trailer to replace the one in Linn.
- . To purchase a molboard from Murphy Tractor.
- . To purchase a computer and 2 notebooks from Dague Computers & Engraving LLC for the Road & Bridge Department.
- . To deny a request to use the county airport runway to test a drag bike.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 P.M.

BOARD OF WASHINGTON COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

(SEAL)

Alison Mueller, Chairman, 1st District Commissioner

Roger Otott, Vice Chairman, 2nd District Commissioner

Attest:

Dena Dimler, County Clerk

Gary Ouellette, 3rd District Commissioner